

**SWEETWATER AUTHORITY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

July 15, 2020

The Operations Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Jerry Cano, and Hector Martinez

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge and Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Reservoir Operations Specialist Victor Gaus, Environmental Project Manager Israel Marquez, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Director of Distribution Greg Snyder, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, Engineering Manager Mike Wallace, and Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba.

2. Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda

There were none.

3. Public Comment (Government Code Section 54954.3)

There were none.

4. Action Agenda

A. Consideration to Award a Time and Materials Contract for Professional Geotechnical Services

Director Calderon-Scott made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez, that the Committee recommend the Governing Board award an On-call Time and Materials contract for professional geotechnical services to Ninyo & Moore, San Diego, CA for one year, with an option to renew for one additional year. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Sweetwater and Loveland Fishing Programs – Operations pursuant to COVID-19 Pandemic

Russell Walsh submitted written comments regarding the reopening of Authority's Fishing Programs, which were read onto the record by the Board Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

Director Martinez made motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Committee recommend the Governing Board direct staff to prepare and implement a Safe Reopening Plan and implement measures in compliance with the applicable State COVID-19 Industry Guidance, for both of the Fishing Programs utilizing current resources (may result in a reduced level of service such as hours/days of operation). The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Strategic Plan Reporting – Year-end Detailed Work Plan Status Report (Information Item)

There was no action required by the Committee.

- D. Description of Criteria Recently Used for Evaluating Proposals (Item Requested by Director Martinez)

The Committee requested that this item be continued to a Special Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for July 29, subject to Legal Counsel availability.

5. Directors' Comments

Director Cano thanked the General Manager for being proactive to provide services to the Community; these are uncertain times and he's glad the Authority is moving forward to provide services to the ratepayers.

Director Calderon-Scott commented that she feels the Authority is making progress especially in light of the pandemic; she likes that the Authority is focusing on what we can do under the circumstances and that everyone is doing the right thing.

Director Martinez commented that he feels privileged to be working for a public agency providing an essential service to the community and it feels good.

- 6. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Chair Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.