

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

July 29, 2020

The Operations Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Special meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 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 6:30 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, and Legal Counsel Nicholaus Norvell. Staff Members: Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia and Director of Engineering Ron Mosher

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda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

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

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Operations Committee reconsider this item in six weeks after staff and legal have had the opportunity to research the Committee's questions and proposed revisions to the Preferential Purchasing for Local Businesses section of the Policy for the Procurement of Services (including Construction), Supplies, and Equipment to address the following:

- 1) Use of proposal rating criteria that provides a weighted advantage to businesses that have not previously worked with the Authority, local and disadvantaged businesses, and evidence of strong OSHA compliance;
- 2) Whether the Authority can establish a Disadvantaged Business Program (similar to Caltrans or in conjunction with Caltrans);
- 3) Reducing the 10 percent advantage to local businesses to a level that is more consistent with other agencies and that also expands the program to disadvantaged businesses outside of the Authority's service area.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Directors' Comments

There were none.

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 7:35 p.m.