

**SWEETWATER AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

August 28, 2019

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at the Sweetwater Authority Administrative Office, 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, California. Chair Castaneda called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Jerry Cano, Steve Castaneda, José F. Cerda, Hector Martinez, Jose Preciado, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa Mills, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil and Director of Engineering Ron Mosher. Others present: Mike Sampsel and Dave Schlesinger

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

- **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Government Code Section 54954.3)

Mike Sampsel commented on his public records request experiences.

- **Chair's Presentation**

There was none.

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA

1. Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda

There were none.

2. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of August 14, 2019

Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019 Regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar Items

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, that the Governing Board approve consent items 3 and 4. Director Preciado pulled item 5 for

discussion. **Director Castaneda recused himself from consideration of warrant number 151790 due to his contract with Sempra Energy, parent company of SDG&E, which Director Castaneda disclosed on the record. The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Approval of Demands and Warrants – Check numbers 151747 through 151829 and electronic fund transfers 29352 through 29588
4. Request for Remote Service – George Single Family Dwelling, 18 Loualta Way, Chula Vista, APN 569-320-25-00, (Operations Committee Meeting of 8/21/19, Item 4. A.)
Recommendation: Approve the request for remote service with the owner paying all costs associated with the installation of the new water service.

Item Pulled from Consent Calendar for Discussion

5. Consideration to Approve the Water Supply Assessment for the National City Bayfront Projects (Operations Committee Meeting of 8/21/19, Item 4. B.)
Recommendation: Approve the Water Supply Assessment.

Mike Sampsel commented on potential conservation requirements in multiple dry year periods.

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez, that the Governing Board approve the Water Supply Assessment for the National City Bayfront Projects. The motion carried unanimously.

Action and Discussion Items

6. Overview of Management of Sweetwater Authority Water Treatment Facilities and Update on City of San Diego Transfer Facility (Operations Committee Meeting of 8/21/19, Item 4. C.) (Item Requested by Operations Committee) (Information Item)
Recommendation: No action was required by the Governing Board.

No action was required by the Governing Board.

7. Consideration of the Request for Qualifications for Professional Services to Prepare a Feasibility Study on Maximizing Reservoir Assets and Expand Local Water Supply (Operations Committee Meeting of 8/21/19, Item 4. D.)
Recommendation: Provide comments or approve draft RFQ and convene the Operations Committee to review qualifications and make a recommendation to the Governing Board.

Mike Sampsel commented on the use of a contractor for the study.

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board approve the Request for Qualifications as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business

- A. Consideration to Form a Working Group with Otay Water District (Item Requested by Chair Castaneda)

Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Governing Board approve forming a working group with Otay Water District; and directed that additional clarification regarding the meetings, transparency, and the scope of roles within the working group be brought back for Board review and approval. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consideration of FY 2019-20 Strategic Plan Work Plan Objective FV5 – Task 002.00: Conduct an Exploratory Market Analysis to Determine the Feasibility and Interest in Material Dredging/Sand Mining Opportunities in and around Authority Reservoirs – Completion Date: June 2020 (Item Requested by Chair Castaneda) (No Enclosure)

Dave Schlesinger commented on the use of public-private partnerships.

Director Sotelo-Solis made a motion, seconded by Director Cano, that the Governing Board direct staff to propose an accelerated completion date for Strategic Plan Work Plan Objective FV5 – Task 002.00 and any impacts on the remainder of the Strategic Plan Work Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Nomination for President and Vice-President to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and Possible Adoption of Resolutions
- Sarah Palmer, Zone 7 Water Agency
 - Pam Tobin, San Juan Water District

Upon a motion made by Director Cano, seconded by Director Castaneda, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 19-16

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF HECTOR MARTINEZ AS A CANDIDATE
FOR THE POSITION OF ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES
(ACWA) VICE PRESIDENT**

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes:	Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, Castaneda, Cerda, and Martinez
Noes:	Directors Preciado and Sotelo-Solis
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Upon a motion made by Director Cano, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 19-17

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF SWEETWATER AUTHORITY

**IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF HECTOR MARTINEZ
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) PRESIDENT**

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, Castaneda, Cerda, Martinez,
Preciado and Sotelo-Solis
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

9. Approval of Directors' Attendance at Meetings and Future Agenda Items
Water Education Foundation's 2019 Water Summit, Sacramento – October 30, 2019
No action was required by the Governing Board.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Financial Reports
- June 2019 Financials
 - FY 2018-19 Capital & Expense Projects for the Quarter Ending June 30, 2019
11. Management Report
- A. Report of Assistant General Manager
- There was none.
- Mike Sampsel commented on the monthly report regarding zero incidents of main leaks caused by natural aging.
- B. Report of General Manager
- General Manager Berge reminded the Board members to submit their nominees for the Citizens Advisory Committee; noted the provided CSDA Board Member Handbook; shared the upcoming customer newsletter; and noted the quick response by Authority staff and media coverage of a down fire hydrant in National City.
12. Report of the South Bay Irrigation District Representative and the City of National City Representative to the San Diego County Water Authority
- Director Preciado reported on state water policy issues including the Governors' use of the portfolio concept; status of the potential de-annexation of two water districts from SDCWA; Pipeline 4 will be offline for approximately 10 days; and that the reported resolution with Metropolitan Water District is going back to litigation.

13. Reports by Directors on Events Attended

A. Urban Water Institute (UWI) Annual Water Conference – August 14-16, 2019

Director Calderon-Scott provided a report.

B. Hydro Station Grand Opening – August 15, 2019

Mike Sampsel commented on his perception of the General Manger's role at the Hydro Station event.

Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, Castaneda, Cerda, Martinez, Preciado, and Sotelo-Solis provided a report.

C. Chula Vista HarborFest – August 17, 2019

Directors Calderon-Scott, Cano, Castaneda, Cerda, Martinez and Sotelo-Solis provided a report.

14. Directors' Comments

Director Cano commented on his love for the water tanker and that he would like to see it available at more events.

Director Preciado commented on the General Manager's engagement with the professional community in the water industry to encourage and build careers; he is impressed by the engagement of diverse populations as they address the tidal wave of retirements expected within the next few years; and that he spoke with the Cuyamaca College educator who was complimentary of the engagement of Sweetwater Authority.

Director Martinez commented on increased positive media coverage and his hopes that future technical projects get great media coverage as well.

Director Calderon-Scott commented on the prominent presence of police officers and their weapons at HarborFest; and suggested promoting employment and business/contracting opportunities at Authority event booths.

Director Cerda commented on the passing of former Director Jess Van Deventer.

Director Sotelo-Solis provided a eulogy of former Director Jess Van Deventer; the 132nd birthday of the City of National City celebration will be held Sunday, September 15th at Pepper Park; and the Census launch in the City of National City and the importance of being counted.

Director Cano commented that the presence of police officers at HarborFest gave a sense of security and provided logistical suggestions.

Director Castaneda called for a moment of silence on the passing of former Director Jess Van Deventer.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., the Board convened to meet in closed session with legal counsel for:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4): One Case


There was no need for a closed session on item:

- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1):
United States, et al. ex rel John Hendrix v. J-M Manufacturing Company Inc., and Formosa Plastics Corporation, U.S.A., Case No. ED CV06-00055-GW

There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. At 9:16 p.m., Chair Castaneda declared the meeting to be in open session. No reportable action was taken by the Governing Board.

15. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Chair Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.



Steve Castaneda, Chair

Attest:



Ligia Perez, Board Secretary