

## FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 2, 2020

The Finance and Personnel Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Sotelo-Solis called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

### 1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Directors Present: José F. Cerda, Jose Preciado, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

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, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, and Director of Finance Rich Stevenson.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda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

Consideration of Input on Strategic Plan Detailed Work Plan Objective CS5.002.00 – Engage Services of a Landscape Architecture Firm to Design Conceptual Improvements for Various Well Sites and Implement Improvements

**Upon a motion by Director Preciado, seconded by Director Sotelo-Solis, the Finance and Personnel Committee recommends that 1) The firm be selected by the Consultant Selection Committee; 2) The scope of work be expanded to include all wells for potential beautification; 3) The selected firm confer with the appropriate land use agency on any design review standards/requirements with regard to whether the land use agency would allow encroachment outside of the Authority's easement; 4) the firm consider collaboration with local artist communities; and 5) the Authority conduct a good faith effort to seek proposals from local and small landscape architect firms. **The motion carried unanimously.****

**5. Directors' Comments**

Director Cerda commented that he noticed a homeless encampment along Sweetwater River near the Willow Street bridge.

Director Sotelo-Solis commented that the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) made a presentation to the City of National City Council regarding their "Take Back the Tap Initiative."; and noted that September is Emergency Preparedness Month with a focus on earthquake preparedness; and suggested a potential partnership with SDCWA to distribute five-gallon jugs with branding for people to store water in preparation for an emergency.

**6. Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business before the Committee, Director Sotelo-Solis adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.