

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

September 2, 2020

The Operations 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 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 Nicholas Norvell. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Reservoir Operations Specialist Victor Gaus, Administrative Assistant Michael Garcia, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Director of Operations Greg Snyder, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, and Engineering Manager Mike Wallace.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda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. Update on FY 2020-21 Pipeline Replacement Program and Douglas Street Interconnection Improvements Schedule

No action was required by the Operations Committee.

B. Information Regarding Potential Revisions to the Preferential Purchasing for Local Businesses Section of the Policy for the Procurement of Services (including Construction), Supplies, and Equipment

The Operations Committee requests staff and legal counsel return with sample policy language allowing advantages for local, small, new, and/or disadvantaged businesses as allowable by law; and provide two scenarios: one where only one qualifying advantage is allowed and another where a business can receive more than one qualifying advantage.

C. Status Report - Sweetwater and Loveland Fishing Programs – Operations pursuant to COVID-19 Pandemic

Upon a motion by Director Martinez, seconded by Director Cano, the Operations Committee recommends that the Governing Board direct staff to open both fishing program

from Friday through Monday; to consider opening the fishing program on holidays; to consider assigning a two-person crew to close the fishing programs; and to present associated cost impacts to the Board at its September 23, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Directors' Comments

Director Cano gave a shout out to all employees, especially to employees who are working in high heat conditions; and reminded employees to stay safe.

Director Martinez stated that employees reflect well on the Authority and told them to keep up the good work.

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

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Director Martinez adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.