

**WATER QUALITY AND DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

September 7, 2022

The Water Quality and Distribution Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Pursuant to provisions provided for in Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Rios called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, *Paulina Martinez-Perez (6:38 p.m.), and Mona Rios.

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero and Assistant Board Secretary Michael Garcia. Staff members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil and Biologist Pete Famolaro. Others Present: John Earl.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda

There were none.

3. Public Comment (Government Code Section 54954.3)

John Earl commented on virtual public meetings, and requested for the Authority to hold public meetings in-person.

4. Action Agenda

A. Consideration to Award a Contract to Empire Erector for Installation of a Metal Canopy Cover for the Pallet Rack System at the Operations Center

(Note: Director Martinez-Perez entered the meeting at 6:38 p.m.)

Director Calderon-Scott made a motion, seconded by Director Martinez-Perez, that the Water Quality and Distribution Committee recommend that the Governing Board award a contract to Empire Erector, in the amount of \$51,436.00 for the pallet rack system metal canopy cover fabrication and installation at the Operations Center; and direct staff to use the Capital Contingency Fund to cover the funding gap of \$25,909. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration of Request for Qualifications for On-call Environmental Consulting Services

John Earl commented on public access to work logs and invoices of contractors, and inquired if the consultant chosen for this RFP will have their work log and invoices publicly accessible.

Director Martinez-Perez made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Water Quality and Distribution Committee recommend that the Governing Board direct staff to issue the Request for Qualifications, as presented, for On-call Environmental Consulting Services. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Directors' Comments

There was none.

6. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Director Rios adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.