

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

September 13, 2022

The Legislative Affairs and Communications Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Pursuant to provisions provided for under Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Sotelo-Solis called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Paulina Martinez-Perez, and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero, and Assistant Board Secretary Michael Garcia. Staff members: Information Systems Manager Kevin Kasner, Public Affairs Manager Leslie Payne, and Director of Finance Rich Stevenson. Others present: Gabriela Dow of Ardurra.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda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. "Communications Update", Presentation by Gabriela Dow, Ardurra (Information Item)

No action was required by the Committee.

B. Emergency Communication Outreach, (Information Item)

No action was required by the Committee.

C. Drought Outreach Update (Information Item)

No action was required by the Committee.

D. Consideration of Award of Contracts for Federal and State Lobbying and Legislative Advocacy Services (Action Item)

Director Martinez-Perez made a motion, seconded by Director Calderon-Scott, that the Legislative Affairs and Communications Committee approve a one-year contract with GF Advocacy and Thomas Walters and Associated with the scope of work and rates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Review of Board Polices 511 and 519 (Action Item)

No action was taken by the Committee.

5. Directors' Comments

Director Martinez-Perez expressed appreciation for the development of the outage map.

6. Next Meeting Date: To be determined.

7. Adjournment

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