

**ENGINEERING, CAPITAL, AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

October 4, 2021

The Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Preciado called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Directors Present: Steve Castaneda, *Hector Martinez (*left at 5:54 p.m.*), and Jose Preciado

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero and Acting Secretary Michael Garcia. Staff members: Engineering Manager Erick Del Bosque and Director of Engineering Ron Mosher. Others present: Bruce Steubing of Benchmark Resources; Seth Merewitz of Best, Best, & Krieger; Tom Keller of GEI, Inc.; and Crystal Howard.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda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. Consideration to Approve an Easement Quitclaim – 2830-2832 East 16th Street, National City

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee recommend that the Governing Board approve the quitclaim request of the Sweetwater Water Corporation easement, with the Owner paying all costs associated with processing the quitclaim. The motion carried unanimously.

Per Director Martinez’s request, the Committee concurred to reorder Agenda Item 4.B. to be heard after Agenda Item 4.D.

C. Consideration of Scope of Work from Benchmark Resources to Advise on Materials Dredging/Sand Mining at Sweetwater Reservoir

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee recommend that the Governing Board direct staff to execute a contract with Benchmark Resources, based on the proposed Phase I scope of work and a not-to-exceed amount of \$132,650, and to issue a Notice to Proceed to Benchmark Resources once the contract is executed. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Consideration of Proposal for Comprehensive Assessment of Sweetwater Dam

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee recommend that the Governing Board direct staff to submit the GEI Consultants, Inc. proposal dated September 20, 2021 to the Division of Safety of Dams by November 1, 2021, for performing Tasks 1 – 8 of the proposal for the comprehensive assessment of Sweetwater Dam; staff to issue a Notice to Proceed to GEI Consultants, Inc. for Tasks 1 – 8 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$753,800, once approval on the Scope of Work and tentative schedule is obtained from the Division of Safety of Dams; and direct staff to return to the Governing Board at a later time for potential approval of Tasks 9 and 10 of GEI Consultants, Inc.'s. proposal dated September 20, 2021 for the comprehensive assessment of Sweetwater Dam. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consideration to Approve Remote Services – Parcel 2 and Parcel 3 at 123 Minot Avenue, Chula Vista

Director Martinez recused himself from consideration of Agenda Item 4.B. due to personal conflict of interest, which Director Martinez disclosed on the record.

(Note: Director Martinez left the meeting at 5:54 p.m.)

Director Preciado made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee recommend that the Governing Board approve the Owner's request for remote services to serve the newly created parcels 2 and 3 at 123 Minot Avenue, Chula Vista, with the owner paying for all costs associated with the installation of water services. The motion carried unanimously, with Director Martinez recused.

5. Directors' Comments

Director Castaneda welcomed General Manager Quintero to the Authority and looks forward to working with him.

Director Preciado commented on the condition of the Authority's dams and looks forward to hearing more about them in the future.

6. Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Director Preciado adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.