

**SWEETWATER AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

**October 13, 2020**

The Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority held a Special meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and 33-20, this meeting was held via teleconference. Chair Castaneda called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

*(\*Note: After calling the meeting to order, Chair Castaneda established for the record that all Directors were able to hear the proceedings, that all members of the Board were able to hear the Directors participating by teleconference clearly, and that all votes would be taken by a roll call vote pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act. Chair Castaneda further established for the record the process by which public comments would be received by the Board, which process was also described in the Agenda for the meeting.)*

- **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Jerry Cano, Steve Castaneda, José F. Cerda, Hector Martinez, \*Jose Preciado (4:53 p.m.), and Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

Directors Absent: None

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Tish Berge, Assistant General Manager Jennifer Sabine, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa, and Board Secretary Ligia Perez. Staff Members: Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Director of Engineering Ron Mosher, Engineering Manager Erick del Bosque, Director of Finance Rich Stevenson. Other present: Jennifer Duffy of HDR Inc., Doug Gillingham of Gillingham Water, Imad Hannoun of Water Quality Solutions, Inc, Don MacFarlane of DLM Engineering, and Kirstin Skadberg of Skadberg Consulting.

- **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

- **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Government Code Section 54954.3)

There were none.

**ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA**

- **Fine Screening Project Evaluation from the Feasibility Study for Maximizing Reservoir Assets and Expanding the Local Water Supply**

No action was required by the Governing Board.

- **Directors' Comments**

Director Martinez thanked for the consultant for their work and presentation.

Director Calderon-Scott thanked the consultant for their thorough presentation.

Director Cerda reminded the Board of a virtual meeting with Olivewood Gardens and commended the Garden's conservation efforts.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 6:01 p.m., Chair Castaneda called for a short recess. At 6:05 p.m. the Board convened in closed session with Legal Counsel for:

➤ **Public Employee Appointment pursuant to Government Code Section 56957:**

**Title: Special Labor Counsel**

There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. At 6:19 p.m., General Manager Berge declared the meeting to be in open session. No reportable action was taken by the Governing Board.

- **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Board, and on behalf of the Chair, General Manager Berge adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.



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Steve Castaneda, Chair

Attest:



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Ligia Perez, Board Secretary