

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

October 17, 2022

The Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee of Sweetwater Authority held a Regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. Director Castaneda called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Directors Present: Steve Castaneda, Hector Martinez, and Jose Preciado

Directors Absent: None.

Management, Staff, and Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero and Assistant Board Secretary Michael Garcia. Staff members: Engineering Manager Christopher Bauer, Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil, Director of Engineering and Operations Erick Del Bosque, and Director of Finance Rich Stevenson. Others present: Crystal Howard of Crystal Waters Consulting, and Andrew Heinemann and Bruce Steubing of Benchmark Resources.

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered in the Agenda

There were none.

3. Public Comment (Government Code Section 54954.3)

There was none.

4. Action Agenda

A. Consideration of Preliminary Economic Feasibility and Risk Analysis, Project Alternatives for Sweetwater Reservoir Enhancement Project, and Recommendation for Next Steps

Dave Schlesinger submitted written comments regarding his support for consultant memorandum Alternative 4 and its benefit to ratepayers, which were read onto the record by the Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

Mike Sampsel submitted written comments regarding the status of the Reservoir Enhancement project and to consider hearing more frequent updates regarding its progress, which were read onto the record by the Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee recommend that the Governing Board accept the findings of Task 5 – Develop Project Scenarios and Preliminary Economic Feasibility and Risk Analysis; direct staff to execute a contract amendment with the Benchmark Resources consulting team for an amount not to

exceed \$160,915 to proceed with the next tasks as presented in Attachment D of its memorandum dated October 7, 2022; and direct staff to use the Capital Contingency to fund the next tasks. **The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Engineering, Capital, and Development Services Committee Six-Month Look Ahead FY 2022-23 Q2 and Q3 (Information Item)

No action was required by the Committee.

5. Directors' Comments

There were none.

6. Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 31, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Director Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.