



**Regular Meeting
Governing Board of Sweetwater Authority
AGENDA**

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

5:00 p.m.

**Sweetwater Authority
505 Garrett Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

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Opportunity for Public Comment Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items not appearing on the posted agenda, which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Governing Board (Government Code Section 54954.6)

Action Calendar Agenda Items on the Action Agenda call for discussion and action by the Board. All items are placed on the Agenda so that the Board may discuss and take action on the item if the Board is so inclined, including items listed for information.

Consent Calendar Items Items to be acted upon without discussion, unless a request is made by a member of the Board, the Staff, or the Public to discuss a particular item, including items listed for information. All consent calendar items are approved by a single motion.

Reports and Informational Items Items placed on the Agenda to allow the persons designated to provide information to the Board and the Public. There is no action called for in these items. The Board may engage in discussion on any report upon which specific subject matter is identified on the Agenda, but may not take any action other than to place the matter on a future Agenda.

Directors' Comments Directors' comments are comments by Directors concerning Authority business that may be of interest to the Board. Directors' comments are placed on the Agenda to enable individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the Public. There is no discussion or action taken on comments made by Board members.

Closed Session At any time during the regular session, the Governing Board may adjourn to closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to discuss with legal counsel matters within the attorney-client privilege. (Government Code Section 54954.5.)

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Employee Organization: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 47 | |
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| 20. | Adjournment | |

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