

# SWEETWATER AUTHORITY

Governing Board

May 22, 2024



## Consideration to Host the August 15, 2024 Women in Water Breakfast

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve hosting the August 15, 2024 Women in Water Breakfast at the Perdue Plant.

### OVERVIEW

The Authority received a request to host a San Diego Women in Water quarterly meeting (SDWW). The SDCWA is organized by the CA-NV AWWA Women's Leadership Committee that was formed with the goal to develop a supportive platform that cultivates relationships and ideas. Towards that goal, a San Diego Region volunteer subcommittee was established to coordinate regional events for Women in Water. The committee asks local municipalities to host quarterly meetings and the group has recently reached out to the Authority to host the Quarterly Women in Water Breakfast meeting on August 14, 2024 at the Perdue Plant. The attendees will be from water agencies and municipalities in San Diego County. The Authority previously hosted this event in 2018. The meeting format for the August 14, 2024 meeting is as follows:

- 7:30am – 9:00am
- The Park at Perdue Plant set to accommodate 50 – 100 people, seated
- Beverages and breakfast
- Key Note Speaker  
International Boundary and Water Commission (U.S. Section), Dr. Maria Elena Giner P.E. [Invited]
- Tour of the Perdue Plant

The Authority's hosting responsibilities will include providing seating, tent, audio, and food at the Park at the Perdue Plant. Staff is estimating that the cost to host would be approximately \$10,000. In addition, there would be staff time to prepare, setup/teardown, and provide tours of the Perdue Plant. Staff is approaching Otay Water District, Santa Fe Irrigation District, and Olivenhain Municipal Water District and various vendors to see if there is an interest to co-host and to assist with the host costs and responsibilities.

Hosting the San Diego Women in Water quarterly meeting will provide the Authority an excellent opportunity to showcase its facilities and operations, while fostering valuable relationships and sharing innovative ideas within the local water industry. Additionally, it will enhance the Authority's reputation and commitment to supporting women's leadership and professional development in the water sector.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The FY2023-24 Budget Administration Operating Expense has available funding for the hosting costs to be paid in FY 2023-24 and the proposed FY 2024-25 Budget Administrative Operating Expense contains funding for

hosting costs incurred in FY 2024-25. The cost to host the August 15, 2024 Women in Water Breakfast is estimated to be \$10,000.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

1. Approve hosting the August 15, 2024 Women in Water Breakfast at the Perdue Plant.
2. Other action as determined by the Governing Board.

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#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

##### **Strategic Plan**

GOAL #4 Customer Service, Citizen Engagement and Community Relations (CS) Provide high-quality customer service based on customer feedback and serve the community through education, outreach, and partnerships.

- AE4: Form strategic partnerships with other water and municipal agencies and community-based organization to collaborate and address various water issues throughout the region.