

SWEETWATER AUTHORITY GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

December 12, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Sweetwater Authority
505 Garrett Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Directors Present: Steve Castaneda, Elizabeth Cox, Manny Delgado,
Hector Martinez, Paulina Martinez-Perez, and
*Ditas Yamane (5:06 p.m.)

Directors Absent: Ron Morrison

Staff Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero, Assistant General Manager
Roberto Yano, Legal Counsel Paula de Sousa, Assistant Board
Secretary Michael Garcia, Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil,
Director of Engineering and Operations Erick Del Bosque, and
Director of Finance Rich Stevenson

Others Present: Larry Emerson and Sharmane Estolano

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Director Martinez-Perez called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

(Note: Director Yamane arrived at 5:06 p.m.)

Action and Discussion

3. New Business

3.1 Sweetwater Reservoir PFAS Workshop (Information Item)

Director of Water Quality Justin Brazil provided a presentation and noted that the Authority is committed to engaging community and stakeholders throughout the process, including Community Advisory Work Group updates on January 28, 2025, and three workshops in February 2025 in Bonita, Chula Vista, and National City.

Larry Emerson inquired about other products in our daily activities that contain PFAS; and noted the positive impacts of electric vehicles.

Sharmene Estolano inquired about the meaning of 9.4 parts per trillion and how close the Authority is to the mandated response level of 10 parts per trillion, and also inquired of staff about the Authority's action to reduce the levels.

No action was required by the Governing Board.

4. Closed Session

At 5:31 p.m. the Board convened in closed session for item 4.1 as stated on the agenda.

4.1 Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Agency Negotiators: General Manager Carlos Quintero, Assistant General Manager Roberto Yano, and Special Legal Counsel Mark Bresee

Employee Organization: Sweetwater Authority Employee's Committee

The Board came out of Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. There was no reportable action taken by the Governing Board. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:02 p.m.

Action and Discussion (Continued)

5. New Business (Continued)

5.1 Consideration to Adopt Resolution 24-21 Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Sweetwater Authority and the Sweetwater Authority Employees Committee, Effective July 1, 2024, and Adopt Resolution 24-22, Updating the Salary Schedule for Certain Authority Employees

Motion by: Director Castaneda

Seconded by: Director Martinez-Perez

that the Governing Board adopt Resolution 24-21, Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Sweetwater Authority and the Sweetwater Authority Employees Committee, Effective July 1, 2024, and adopt Resolution 24-22, Updating the Salary Schedule for Certain Authority; and direct staff to correct the Resolution to state the Resolution was adopted at a Special meeting, the salary schedule to reference effective date July 1, 2024, and change the gym membership amount to \$240.

Ayes (6): Director Castaneda, Director Cox, Director Delgado, Director Martinez, Director Martinez-Perez, and Director Yamane

Absent (1): Director Morrison

Motion Carried (6 to 0)

6. Closed Session (Continued)

At 6:07 p.m. the Board convened in closed session for item 6.1 as stated on the agenda. There was no need for closed session on item 6.2.

6.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1):

Karin Saunders, James Tooma, and Steve Tooma v. City of San Diego, County of San Diego, Sweetwater Authority and Does 1-100 SDSC Case No. 24CU026759C

6.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:

Title: General Manager

The Board came out of Closed Session at 6:14 p.m. There were no minutes taken, and the session was not audio-recorded. There was no reportable action taken by the Governing Board.

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, Director Martinez-Perez adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

Paulina Martinez-Perez, Chair

Michael Garcia, Assistant Board Secretary