

**ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**January 13, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Sweetwater Authority
505 Garrett Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910**

Directors Present: Steve Castaneda, Elizabeth Cox, and *Hector Martinez (*left at 6:05 p.m.*)

**Director Martinez provided a brief statement regarding his participation in the meeting remotely via videoconference in compliance with the provisions of Government Code section 54953, stating that his remote participation was for “just cause” for contagious illness that prevent him from participating in person. Director Martinez participated through audio and visual technology.*

Staff Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero, Assistant General Manager Roberto Yano, Board Secretary Ligia Hoffman, Director of Engineering and Operations Erick Bosque, Engineering Manager Kyehee Kim, and Director of Finance Rich Stevenson

Pursuant to the Brown Act Government Code Section 54953, this meeting was held in person and via teleconference.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

Director Castaneda called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ACTION CALENDAR AGENDA

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 Items to be Added, Withdrawn, or Reordered on the Agenda

There were none.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

There were none.

4. New Business

4.1 Consideration to Award a Contract for the Construction of the Bonita Valley Reservoir Control Building Roof Replacement to JNH Construction, Inc.

Motion by: Director Martinez

Seconded by: Director Castaneda

The Committee recommends that the Governing Board reject all bids; direct staff to look at other options, including monitoring construction pricing; and bring back to the Board at a later date.

Ayes (3): Director Castaneda, Director Cox, and Director Martinez

Motion Carried Unanimously (3 to 0)

4.2 Update on Capital Improvement Plan Program – First and Second Quarters of FY 2024-25

No action was required by the Committee.

4.3 Consideration to Authorize the General Manager to Execute On-call Emergency and General Construction Services Contracts with Basile Construction, Inc. and Palm Engineering, Inc.

(Note: Director Martinez left at 6:05 p.m.)

Motion by: Director Castaneda

Seconded by: Director Cox

The Committee recommends that the Governing Board authorize the General Manager to execute On-call Emergency and General Construction Services contracts with Basile Construction, Inc. and Palm Engineering, Inc., with each contract having a one-year duration and a not-to-exceed cost of \$100,000.

Ayes (2): Director Castaneda, and Director Cox

Absent (1): Director Martinez

Motion Carried (2 to 0)

4.4 Development Services Update – August 15, 2024 through December 31, 2024

No action was required by the Committee.

5. Directors' Comments

There were none.

6. Next Meeting Date: February 5, 2025

7. Adjournment

With no further business before the Committee, Director Castaneda adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.