

SWEETWATER AUTHORITY

Governing Board

April 9, 2025



Summary of Community Advisory Work Group (CAWG) Meetings and Consideration of New CAWG Topics

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the list of additional topics for future Community Advisory Work Group discussion.

OVERVIEW

At its August 9, 2023 meeting, the Board established the Community Advisory Work Group (CAWG) to allow members of the community to meet and discuss a variety of topics and make recommendations to the Board.

At its January 8, 2025 meeting, the Board approved the topics Advanced Metering Infrastructure and Understanding PFAS. These topics were discussed during the January, February, and March CAWG meetings (summaries included as Attachments 1, 2, and 3). Meetings take place at 5 pm at the Hydrostation Facility adjacent to the Richard A. Reynolds Groundwater Desalination Plant on the fourth Tuesday of the month, with the exception of November and December due to a conflict with holidays. The next meeting is scheduled on April 22, 2025.

Staff is recommending the additional set of topics as follows:

- PFAS Updates (as required)
- Sweetwater Authority Project Implementation Permitting Requirements
- Water Transfers from Loveland Reservoir to Sweetwater Reservoir
- Replacement of Single Check Valves on Private Fire Laterals
- Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Overview

A summary of the CAWG discussion is kept in the Authority's webpage:

<https://www.sweetwater.org/467/Community-Advisory-Work-Group>

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2024-25 Budget Operating Expense line item 10-10-120-5610 – Public Affairs Salaries includes funding for Authority staff time associated with this effort; supplies and refreshments expenditure funding is included in Operating Expense line item 10-10-120-5620 – Public Affairs Program Supplies. The majority of staff time is utilized to conduct outreach efforts to encourage participation, prepare for and facilitate meetings, and complete follow-up activities, including meeting summaries. Supplies and refreshment costs are minimal.

NEXT STEPS

1. Approve the additional topics for future CAWG discussion.
2. Provide alternative topics for future CAWG discussion.
3. Other direction as determined by the Governing Board.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Attachments

1. Summary from the January 28, 2025 meeting
2. Summary from the February 25, 2025 meeting
3. Summary from the March 25, 2025 meeting

Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan Goal 4 - Customer Service, Citizen Engagement and Community Relations

- Objective CS7 - Promote citizen engagement and operational improvements/efficiencies through the use of a Citizens Advisory Committee

Past Board Actions

Date	Action
January 8, 2025	The Governing Board approved a set of topics for discussion at upcoming Community Advisory Work Group meetings.
June 12, 2024	Staff presented a Summary of Feedback from the Community Advisory Work Group on Water Conservation Rebates to the Governing Board.
April 10, 2024	Staff presented a Summary of Feedback from the Community Advisory Work Group on Recreational Opportunities at Sweetwater Reservoir to the Governing Board.
March 27, 2024	Staff presented a Summary of Feedback from the Community Advisory Work Group on the Floating Solar Project at Sweetwater Reservoir to the Governing Board.
August 9, 2023	The Governing Board established a Community Advisory Work Group and selected the list of potential topics for the Group to discuss.