MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST WATER COALITION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Water Coalition Joint Powers Authority was held on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vernon City Hall Council Chambers, 240 W. 4305 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Vernon, CA 90058. Teleconference information was available.

Chair Melissa Ybarra called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hector Sosa	City of Downey
Ana Valencia	City of Norwalk
Isabel Aguayo	City of Paramount
Joe Angel Zamora	City of Santa Fe Springs
Maria del Pilar Avalos	City of South Gate
Melissa Ybarra	City of Vernon
Octavio Martinez	City of Whittier

STAFF AND GUESTS ON SIGN-IN SHEET:

Dan Mueller	City of Downey - AE
Derek Nguyen	City of Lakewood – AE
Glen Kau	City of Norwalk – AE
Chris Castillo	City of South Gate – AE
Ray Cordero	City of Whitter – AE
Madeline Anderson	SEWC Staff
Nicholas Ghirelli	Richards Watson & Gershon

ITEM 2 – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM 3 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Valencia moved to approve the consent calendar.

The motion was seconded by Director Sosa and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: **Sosa, Valencia, Aguayo, Zamora, Ybarra, Martinez**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 4 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING FY 2024/2025 BUDGET APPROVAL

Mr. Kau highlighted the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25, which includes the Approved Budget for FY 2023-24, Total Projected Expenditures for FY 2023-24, and a Proposed Budget for FY 2024-25. He also noted that anticipated member agency dues for FY 2024-2025 are projected at $60,500, inclusive of credits to member agencies.

Director Martinez moved to approve the following:

a. Approve and adopt the FY 2024/2025 Budget, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Director Valencia and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: **Sosa, Valencia, Aguayo, Zamora, Ybarra, Martinez**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 5 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE LEAD AGENCY TRANSFER AND SCHEDULE RESOLUTION ADOPTION

Mr. Kau reminded that the City of Vernon's tenure as SEWC Lead Agency ends on June 30, 2024. He mentioned that as of July 1, 2024, the City of Nowalk begins its Lead Agency tenure, which runs for a two-year period, until June 30, 2026. While Norwalk is the SEWC Lead Agency, its Vice-Chair shall be the City of Cerritos. Mr. Kau stated that the meeting schedule will not change. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held, as necessary, on the first Thursday of every even-numbered month at 7:00 P.M.

The regular meetings of the Administrative Entity shall be held, as necessary, on the third Thursday of every odd numbered month at 12:00 P.M.

Director Valencia moved to approve the following:

a. Approve and adopt the Lead Agency Transfer and Schedule Resolution 2024-01, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Director Aguayo and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: **Sosa, Valencia, Aguayo, Zamora, Ybarra, Martinez**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 6 - DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING FY 2022/2023 FINALIZED AUDIT

Mr. Kau noted that the Pun Group, LLP audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Southeast Water Coalition as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. For the fiscal year 2022-2023, auditors affirmed the accuracy and compliance of the financial statements as of June 30, 2023, with US accounting principles.

Director Zamora moved to approve the following:

a. Receive and File the Annual Audited Financial Statement for FY 2022-2023, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Director Sosa and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: **Sosa, Valencia, Aguayo, Zamora, Ybarra, Martinez**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 7 - NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATION FOR SIX PFAS UPDATE

Mr. Kau provided an update on the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for six PFAS. He noted that EPA evaluated over 120,000 comments

submitted by the public on the rule proposal, as well as considered input received during multiple consultations and stakeholder engagement activities held both prior to and following the proposed rule.

Mr. Kau confirmed that EPA finalized a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) establishing legally enforceable levels, called Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), for six PFAS in drinking water. PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, PFNA, and HFPO-DA as contaminants with individual MCLs, and PFAS mixtures containing at least two or more of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS using a Hazard Index MCL to account for the combined and co-occurring levels of these PFAS in drinking water. EPA also finalized health-based, non-enforceable Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs) for these PFAS.

Director Sosa moved to approve the following:

a. Receive and file the update on the PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation.

The motion was seconded by Director Martinez and was approved by the following voice vote:

AYES: **Sosa, Valencia, Aguayo, Zamora, Ybarra, Martinez**

NOES: **None.**

ABSTAIN: **None.**

ITEM 8 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

With the Lead Agency Transfer completed, Director Ybarra thanked everyone for her time as Chair and Director Valencia welcomed everyone as the new SEWC Chair.

Director Avalos entered the meeting.

ITEM 9 – ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY CHAIR/LEAD AGENCY COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 10 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

The next regular Southeast Water Coalition Board Meeting will be on August 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, Sproul Room, 13000 Clarkdale Avenue, Norwalk CA 90650.

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Ana Valencia, Chair Date

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8/1/24

Date