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Sweetwater School District and E2Manage Tech Agree to Mutual Release

On Thursday, September 4, 2014 the Sweetwater Union High School District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to enter into a mutual release and settlement agreement with E2 Manage Tech.

Both parties were interested in finding a resolution to a dispute regarding the future sale of the non-school site properties. Under the provisions of Participation Agreement from 2012, E2 Manage Tech was seeking 33% of the sale of the property - potentially an amount over \$5 million. The Sweetwater School District refused to pay this amount or any amount based on a percentage of the property sale.

The Sweetwater Union High School District went through its own independent analysis of the work performed by E2 Manage Tech and the amount paid for this work. After the results of the analysis, the district has agreed to pay E2 Manage Tech an amount commensurate with industry standards for the work performed.

In exchange for a complete resolution of the matter, the Sweetwater District agreed to pay E2 Manage Tech the sum of \$750,000 in addition to annual payments of \$82,500 previously made in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Also as part of the agreement, E2 Manage Tech agrees that within 15 days of payment of the settlement, they will deliver all internal and third party work products, studies and information produced over the course of any previous agreements.

This valuable work product, studies and other information will be used to support the district's future entitlement work for its non-school site properties. Currently, the district is in the "Request for Proposal" process to identify an independent, third-party evaluation of its Asset Utilization Plan. The results of the review will be shared at a future Board of Trustees meeting.

The Sweetwater Union High School District is the largest secondary district in California with over 41,000 students in grades 7-12 and over 22,000 adult learners. Since 1920, the Sweetwater District has served the students in the southern portion of San Diego County from National City to San Ysidro and throughout the entire City of Chula Vista.