

MEETING MINUTES

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

March 17, 2011

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

Ron Sullivan, Convener	SAWPA
George Aguilar	SAWPA
Garry Brown	Orange County Coastkeeper
Steve PonTell	Santa Ana Regional Water Board
Ali Sahabi	SE Corporation
Ron Loveridge	City of Riverside
Josie Gonzales	County of San Bernardino

OTHERS PRESENT

John Richard	County of San Bernardino, County Administrative Office
Celeste Cantu	SAWPA
Mark Norton	SAWPA
Jeff Beehler	SAWPA
Patti Bonawitz	SAWPA

The Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m. by Convener Ron Sullivan at SAWPA, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. He called for audience introductions; John Richard from the County of San Bernardino, County Administrative Office introduced himself. A quorum of six was noted as present.

OWOW Steering Committee Terms

Celeste Cantú provided an update on the Steering Committee reappointment process. WRCOG has appointed Mayor Ron Loveridge to continue his post as Riverside County's City representative; OC COG has two candidates that would like to be considered - incumbent Beth Krom and Nancy Gardner. However, OC COG must appoint one candidate for the Orange County City representative. SANBAG is a little behind in the process, but SAWPA should receive their appointment soon. In an interim basis, they have appointed Pat Morris to continue his post in the San Bernardino County City representative. All three County supervisors have been reappointed by their respective boards. There remain only two open seats (the business and environmental community seats) and a public hearing to accept nominations for these two seats will be noticed for the May 19, 2011 meeting. The SAWPA Commission has reappointed Ron Sullivan and appointed George Aguilar to serve as SAWPA's representatives.

Proposition 1 E – Stormwater Projects

Jeff Beehler reported that DWR will solicit proposals to fund \$212 M in projects under Proposition I E. These projects are intended to reduce flood damage and must be included in the most recent OWOW Plan. On February 3, at the direction of the Steering Committee, SAWPA staff reopened the project proposal application process so that any project submittals not included in the OWOW Plan could be vetted and considered for inclusion into the OWOW Project List. Six project proponents were received for inclusion into the Project List, and their respective agencies also must adopt the OWOW Plan, and go through a full DWR application submittal process. SAWPA staff received the project information from the project proponents, but did not go through an interview process. These six project proponents are listed below.

Project No.	Project Agency	Project Title	Total Cost	Funding Requested
1315	City of Tustin	Irvine Boulevard Storm Drain Project	\$4,200,000.00	\$2,100,000.00
1316	City of Ontario	New Model Colony Storm Drain – Unit A	\$19,000,000.00	\$9,500,000.00
1317	City of Chino	Pine Avenue/ Meadow House Creek Storm Drain Crossing	\$3,500,000.00	\$1,750,000.00
1318	City of Anaheim	Ball Road Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain Improvements from Beach Boulevard to Knott St.	\$26,300,000.00	\$13,150,000.00
1319	City of Anaheim	Ball Road Channel from Carbon Creek Channel to Knott Street	\$5,400,000.00	\$2,700,000.00
1320	City of Ontario	Frances Street Storm Drain –Unit B	\$10,000,000.00	\$5,000,000

Discussion ensued regarding the motion content, was it too late to add projects, and that these projects need to show a collaborative process was initiated. Garry Brown asked whether or not an Elmer Street Like Project could be added to the list.

Upon motion by Ron Loveridge, seconded by Garry Brown, the motion unanimously carried:

SC/11-03-01

MOVED, approval to update the OWOW Project List to include seven additional Proposition I E eligible projects including amending the list to add “Project No. 1321, Elmer Street Lake Project,” pending evidence of a collaborative process.

Minutes

Upon motion by Ron Loveridge, seconded by Garry Brown, the motion unanimously carried:

SC/11-03-02

MOVED, approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of 1-20-11.

Announcements

Celeste Cantú made the following announcements:

- Next meeting will be May 19, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.0
- OWOW Conference is on April 27, 2011 at the Riverside Convention Center0
- March 28, PPIC Report Rollout – *Managing California Waters: From Conflict to Reconciliation0*
- June 28 – The Environmental Justice Conference sponsored by the USC System at Cucamonga Valley Water District’s Frontier Project.

Steve PonTell asked for a status update on the MOU with the Forest Service. Celeste Cantú briefly reported that the U.S. Forest Service is looking for a watershed to partner with and enter into a MOU. They want to work with SAWPA. Another meeting is scheduled within a few weeks. The proposed MOU may call out for the development of mutual benefit projects, which are to be agreed by each partner and are to be incorporated into each other’s planning process, focusing on production of high quality/quantity water supplies. Discussion briefly ensued regarding the need to explore potential opportunities with the Forest Service. Garry Brown asked if Cleveland National Forest was to be included; Jeff Beehler replied affirmatively.

Discussion also ensued regarding the status of MS4 permits.

George Aguilar mentioned a new program that San Bernardino Valley Water District, Western Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and Eastern Municipal Water District are collaborating together entitled, “*Inland Empire Garden Friendly*” Program. This program promotes sustainable landscaping plants so that the homeowner can go to Home Depot and buy drought tolerant plants. This program is sponsored by Home Depot, in conjunction with Rainbird, Toro, and DIG Corporation. He presented a flyer.

There being no further business, Convener Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Ron Sullivan, Convener

APPROVED:
May 19, 2011