

MEETING MINUTES

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

MAY 19, 2011

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT

Ron Sullivan, Convener	SAWPA
George Aguilar	SAWPA
Bill Campbell	County of Orange, Supervisor
Beth Krom	City of Irvine
Steve PonTell	Santa Ana Regional Water Board
Ali Sahabi	SE Corporation
Ron Loveridge	City of Riverside

OTHERS PRESENT

Omar Dandashi	Lewis Operating Corporation
Salvador Lopez	Consultant
Matt Puttuero	Office of Supervisor Bill Campbell
Thaler Parker (via teleconference)	DWR
Jack Simes	U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
David Palumbo	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Celeste Cantú	SAWPA
Jeff Beehler	SAWPA
Mark Norton	SAWPA
Dean Unger	SAWPA
Patti Bonawitz	SAWPA

The Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m. by Convener Ron Sullivan at SAWPA, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. Convener Sullivan asked the members of the audience to introduce themselves (see above list).

Public Hearing - OWOW Steering Committee Appointments – Business and Environmental Community Representatives

Celeste Cantú noted that the two incumbents, Ali Sahabi and Garry Brown, desire to continue in their respective seats on the Steering Committee. Convener Sullivan opened the public hearing at 3:17 p.m. to accept additional nominations for the two open seats. There were no other nominations received. Convener Sullivan closed the public hearing at 3:18 p.m.

Upon motion by Ron Loveridge, seconded by George Aguilar, the motion unanimously carried:

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MOVED, approval of the appointment of Garry Brown to fill the Environmental Community seat and Ali Sahabi to fill the Business Community seat on the OWOW Steering Committee for another four-year term effective May 19, 2011.

OWOW Conference Update

Jeff Beehler provided a summary of the polling questions asked at the conference, as well as a pictorial presentation of the recent conference. The OWOW Conference was well attended. Next year, the conference will be held in San Bernardino County, perhaps at the San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino since we are seeking to fold in the tribal communities into OWOW 2.0.

OWOW Plan 2.0

Mark Norton announced that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation selected SAWPA to participate in a \$2 million dollar, 50/50 cost share match, basin study partnership to focus on the impacts of climate change in the watershed, increasing energy costs, expanded outreach to disadvantaged communities and Native American Tribes, and water

quality/water supply needs. This basin study partnership is a part of the U.S. Department of Interior's WaterSMART Program. We will build on the successes of OWOW 1.0, continuing with a big picture, watershed-wide perspective, and a bottoms-up approach. OWOW 2.0 Plan revisions are anticipated to be completed by June 2013.

Mark Norton also added that staff will bring a new slate of Pillars for OWOW 2.0 to the July Steering Committee meeting.

Steve PonTell briefly discussed his "dream" in which federal, state, and local agencies, as well as water, transportation, environmental, and education, etc. would all work together for the betterment of the whole (region). Celeste Cantú commented that SAWPA's "Forest First" program, which is creating a "model" partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, is doing exactly that!

Proposition 1 E – Stormwater Projects

At the direction of the Steering Committee, Jeff Beehler stated that the project application process was reopened. There were only 5 agencies that submitted projects to be added to the Project List. The City of Tustin decided not to proceed with their application; and the City of Costa Mesa (contacted at the request of Garry Brown) also reviewed the application and didn't proceed with an application. The five projects to be included on the OWOW Project List are as follows: 1) Ball Road Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain Improvements from Beach Boulevard to Knott Street/the Ball Road Channel from Carbon Creek Channel to Knott Street; 2) Pine Avenue/Meadow House Creek Storm Drain Crossing; 3) Irvine Boulevard Storm Drain Project; 4) New Model Colony Storm Drain Project; and 5) Low-Impact Development Street Project.

Upon motion by George Aguilar, seconded by Bill Campbell, the motion unanimously carried:

SC/11-05-02

MOVED, approval and directed staff to update OWOW Project List to include five additional projects that maximize regional project benefits.

Harvard Innovation in Government Award

Celeste Cantú reported that the OWOW process has been selected in the "Top 25" by Harvard's Kennedy School prestigious "Innovations in American Government" Award. The process continues through the fall, when they will select the top six and announce the winner. The winner will receive \$100,000, develop a case study, and Harvard will work with the entity to help to transfer their program nationwide. Celeste Cantú congratulated the Steering Committee members as only three programs in California were named in the "Top 25" - one in San Francisco, one in Santa Monica, and SAWPA's OWOW Program. Ron Loveridge stated that this is a big award and that SAWPA should toot their own horn and celebrate being selected. Jack Simes and Steve PonTell echoed a similar message as well.

Special Presentation – Merging Stormwater Regulation with Water Supply

Omar Dandashi, Vice President - Engineering, Lewis Operating Corporation discussed the possibilities of merging stormwater regulation with water supply, as well as how we manage existing urban development. Discussion briefly ensued regarding the need to push for region-specific solutions, rather than site-specific solutions.

Bill Campbell left the meeting room at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of 3-17-11

Upon motion by Steve PonTell, seconded by Ali Sahabi, the motion unanimously carried:

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MOVED, approval of the Minutes from the meeting of 3-17-11.

Announcements/Adjournment

Next Meeting: July 21, 2011 - 3 p.m.

There being no further business, Convener Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Sullivan", is written over a horizontal line.

Ron Sullivan, Convener

APPROVED:

July 21, 2011

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