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NOTICE AND AGENDA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

*Steering
Committee
Members*

Thursday, May 19, 2011 – **3:00 p.m.**

Ron Sullivan
SAWPA (EMWD)

SAWPA, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA, 92503

George Aguilar
SAWPA (SBVMWD)

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions/Public Comments

Members of the public may address the Committee on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Committee; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

Bill Campbell
Orange County

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

Presenter: Celeste Cantú

- Open Public Hearing
- Accept Candidate Nominations
- Close Public Hearing

Recommendation: Appoint representatives to fill the business and the environmental community seats on the OWOW Steering Committee.

Marion Ashley
Riverside County

Josie Gonzales
San Bernardino
County

Beth Krom
City of Irvine

3. OWOW Conference Update

Presenter: Jeff Beehler

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Ron Loveridge
City of Riverside

Pat Morris
City of San Bernardino

4. OWOW Plan 2.0

Presenter: Mark Norton

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Ali Sahabi
SE Corporation

5. Proposition 1 E – Stormwater Projects

Presenter: Jeff Beehler

Recommendation: Approve the updated OWOW Project List to include five additional projects that maximize regional project benefits.

Garry Brown
Orange County
CoastKeeper

6. Harvard Innovation in Government Award

Presenter: Celeste Cantú

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Steve PonTell
Regional Water Quality
Control Board



7. Special Presentation – Merging Stormwater Regulation with Water Supply
Presenter: Omar Dandashi, Vice President - Engineering, Lewis Operating Corporation
Recommendation: Receive and file.

8. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of 3-17-11
Recommendation: Approve as mailed.

9. Announcements
NEXT MEETING: July 21, 2011 - 3 p.m.

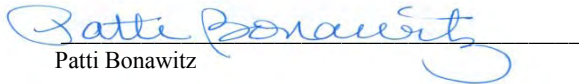
10. Adjournment

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Patti Bonawitz

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS FOR THE BUSINESS AND
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the OWOW Steering Committee has scheduled a public hearing to accept nominations for the business and environmental community representatives on the Steering Committee.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that said public hearing will be held at the following time and place for the purpose of hearing any and all public testimony on the above-stated issue.

DATE: Thursday, May 19, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: SAWPA
11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and provide comments. Oral statements will be heard, but for the accuracy of the record all important testimony should be submitted in writing.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Beehler at jbeehler@sawpa.org or 951.354.4239.

Published: May 11, 2011

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 0007

DATE: May 19, 2011

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: OWOW Project Portfolio: Project List Update

PREPARED BY: Jeffrey Beehler, Program Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Steering Committee approving the updated OWOW Project List to include five additional projects that maximize regional project benefits.

DISCUSSION

In April 2011, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will solicit proposals to fund \$212 M in projects under Proposition 1E. These projects are intended to reduce flood damage. However, projects providing additional benefits such as: 1) groundwater recharge; 2) water quality improvements; 3) ecosystem restoration; and 4) reduce erosion and sedimentation, are favored in this competitive process. Individual agencies seeking funding in this competitive process are required to be part of a regional integrated planning process where the multiple and regional benefits of a project are considered. Most project proponents applying to DWR for funding already have included their projects in the most recent OWOW Plan.

Based on Steering Committee direction, staff reopened the OWOW project proposal application process so that projects not included in the OWOW Plan could be vetted and considered for inclusion on the OWOW list. At the March 17 Steering Committee meeting, the Steering Committee recommended adding six projects to the OWOW Project List based on input received from project proponents. They also recommended that the City of Costa Mesa be allowed to submit information for a low-impact development street project. Acceptance of these projects on to the OWOW Project List was contingent upon the project proponents providing information to the Steering Committee on inter-agency cooperation and collaboration.

Of the six additional projects, five proceeded with a Proposition 1E application. Their input on inter-agency collaboration and outreach are included on the attached document. All project proponents providing information actively engaged other agencies and stakeholders in developing their projects. The Cities of Costa Mesa and Tustin did not proceed with an application and did not provide additional project information. In addition, the City of Big Bear also was considering applying for Proposition 1E funding. Staff provided information and database forms, but the City decided not to proceed at this time.

JB:pb

Attachment: Additional information on Outreach and Collaboration - Projects for Consideration for Addition to the OWOW Project List

				<u>Additions to the Prop 1E Project List</u>	
Name	City		Project		Response
1	Tiberius Rosu	Anaheim	1 Ball Road Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain Improvements from Beach Boulevard to Knott Street		Received Response 3/28/2011 "Collaboration efforts with other stakeholders and agencies: We are coordinating with different agencies, including the flood control, water and school districts. The construction of the projects will result in the elimination of flooding and in the same time will provide groundwater recharge, water quality improvement, a reduction of erosion and sedimentation, will address the immediate public health and safety needs to meet immediate water quality needs and prevent sewage discharge to State waters."
			2 Ball Road Channel from Carbon Creek Channel to Knott Street		
2	Jesus Plasencia	Chino	1 Pine Avenue / Meadow House Creek Storm Drain Crossing		Received Response 4/11/2011 "The Pine Avenue Storm Drain Project is a critical component of the City of Chino Master Plan of Drainage because it improves flood risk management and flow conveyance to downstream facilities located in Prado Basin. The Project also provides a regional approach to address stormwater quality treatment by connecting the Chino Preserve drainage areas tributary to the New Model Colony, Chino Airport, and the Preserve Sub-Watershed in the former agricultural preserve. Project stakeholder outreach was solicited through direct contact, agency one-on-one meetings, technical work groups (e.g. The First Thursday Meeting Group), and through local City Council contact. Project stakeholders include City of Chino Planning, Engineering, Public Works, Police & Fire Departments, San Bernardino Flood Control District, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, City of Ontario, Chino Airport, and the California Department of Fish & Game. In addition, private entities such as local businesses and local business associations were provided information about the Project. The stormwater needs associated with the Project have been and continue to be coordinated with public facility maintenance staff, emergency response teams, San Bernardino County Flood Control District staff, Regional Board staff (water quality aspects), and other supporting regulatory agencies."
3	Alex Waite	Tustin	1 Irvine Boulevard Storm Drain Project		Received Response 4/15/2011 "We have decided at this time not to proceed with filing a grant application. After careful consideration we do not think we would be able to meet the matching requirements at this time."
4	Christina Leach	Ontario	1 New Model Colony Storm Drain Project		Received Response 4/18/2011 " The New Model Colony Storm Drain Project is an integrated part of the City of Ontario storm water and storm water quality treatment approach, connecting the New Model Colony drainage areas tributary to the Cucamonga Creek Watershed in the former agricultural preserve. Storm water conveyance is critical to the overall improvement of storm drain risk management and flow conveyance to flood control facilities and through a water quality treatment train in the Prado Basin. Detailed coordination for each aspect of addressing the storm water needs has been and continues to be required for inter-department coordination with public facility maintenance, emergency response teams, county flood control conveyance, Regional Board staff (water quality aspects), and supporting regulatory agencies, as well as the US Army Corps for the final steps in stormwater management. Project stakeholders include City of Ontario Planning, Engineering, Public Works, Police & Fire Departments, San Bernardino Flood Control District, San Bernardino County Parks Department, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Orange County Water District, Inland Empire Utility Agency, City of Chino, US Fish & Game, CA Fish & Wildlife, and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Stakeholder outreach and management of the overall program was addressed through direct contact, agency one on one meetings, technical groups such as the First Thursday Meeting Group, and through local Council and Board of Supervisors contact. Private entities such as nonprofit environmental groups and local business associations provided additional supporting information."
5	Jeff Beehler	Costa Mesa	1 Low Impact Development Street Project		Received Response 4/26/2011 "Did not proceed with project at this time" -Jeff Beehler (Elmer Street Type Project)

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