



...A United Voice for the Santa Ana Watershed

**NOTICE AND AGENDA
STEERING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP/MEETING**

Thursday, July 21, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

At SAWPA, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

*Steering
Committee
Members*

Ron Sullivan
SAWPA

George Aguilar
SAWPA

AGENDA

Bill Campbell
Orange County

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Ron Sullivan

2. **Public Comments**

Members of the public may address the Commission on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Commission; 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.

Marion Ashley
Riverside County

Josie Gonzales
San Bernardino
County

CONVENE INTO WORKSHOP

Beth Krom
City of Irvine

3. **OWOW 2.0 Workshop**

Celeste Cantú

- **Review of OWOW 1.0**
- **Changing Conditions and Next Steps**
- **Discussion with Master Craftsmen on Next Steps**

Recommendation: Receive and file staff’s presentation and provide direction to the Master Craftsmen.

Ron Loveridge
City of Riverside

Pat Morris
City of San Bernardino

ADJOURN WORKSHOP; RECONVENE MEETING

Ali Sahabi
SE Corporation

4. **“FOREST FIRST” Presentation**

Jeff Beehler

Recommendation: Receive and file information on Forest First Program under MOU between SAWPA and the USFWS.

Garry Brown
Orange County
CoastKeeper

5. **Governance Document (SC #0008)**

Celeste Cantú

Recommendation: That the SAWPA Commission approve the revised Governance Document (Revised 7-21-11).

Steve PonTell
Regional Water Quality
Control Board



6. **Appointment of Pillars for OWOW 2.0**

Celeste Cantú

Recommendation: Confirm the appointments of the OWOW 2.0. Pillars/Co-Chairs.

PILLAR	CO-CHAIRS	
Water Resource Optimization	Robert Tincher, SBVMWD	Mark Tettermer, IRWD
Beneficial Use Assurance	Greg Woodside, OCWD	Mark Adelson, Regional Board
Water Use Efficiency	Pam Pavela, WMWD	Gail Covey, SB County Farm Bureau
Low-Impact Development Planning	Susan Lien-Longville, CSU SB	Jerry Blum, City of Ontario
Multi-Hazard Preparation	Maryanne Skorpanich, OC	Stewart McKibben, RCFCWCD
Natural Resources Stewardship	Lee Reeder, SAWA	Nancy Gardner, OC
Operational Efficiency and Water Transfers	Behrooz Mortazavi, EMWD	Craig Miller, IEUA
Disadvantaged and Tribal Community Resources	Maria Elena Kennedy	Leslie Cleveland, BOR
Government Partnerships	Eileen Takata, ACOE	Jack Simes, BOR
Energy and Environmental Impact Response	TBD	Roy Herndon, OCWD

7. **Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of 5-19-11**

Celeste Cantú

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes as mailed.

8. **Announcements**

Celeste Cantú

NEXT MEETING: September 22, 2011 - 3:00 p.m. at SAWPA

9. **Adjournment**

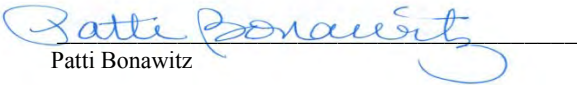
Ron Sullivan

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Declaration of Posting

I, Patti Bonawitz, Clerk of the Board of the Steering Committee/Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted in the Agency's office at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011.


Patti Bonawitz



The Santa Ana River Watershed provides most of the drinking water for over 5 million of the Watershed's residents. In the era of uncertainty about reliable water imports, these local supplies become even more crucial to the region's future.

Rainfall in and around the San Bernardino, San Geronio, San Jacinto, and Cleveland National Forest areas provides surface flows and groundwater recharge throughout the region via the Santa Ana River and its tributaries. The quantity and quality of this water supply for the region is directly dependent on management practices within the forest. A healthy ecosystem supporting natural hydrologic processes attenuates flood flows, enhances surface and groundwater quality and provides enormous water supply benefits.

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) convened and administers a planning process known as One Water One Watershed (OWOW) that takes a systems approach to resource management. Through OWOW, the "Forest First" concept linking resource stewardship in our headwaters and the local water supply for 5 million residents was envisioned.

It is in the best interest of water resource managers to work collaboratively with the Forest Service to ensure:

- That water issues and concerns are communicated with Forest Service staff;
- That we work cooperatively to ensure that the Forest Service has the resources needed for ecosystem management within the forest, and;
- We identify and implement projects that implement mutually beneficial goals.

The response to the 2003 fires, where 185 square miles of Forest Service and adjacent lands were burned, was an example of such cooperation. Water agency representatives were invited to participate in BAER (Burn Area Emergency Response) Team briefings. With the help of the Forest Service, SAWPA was able to estimate downstream impacts from the fires on water quality, supply and riparian habitat. Together with the service, SAWPA sought both State and Federal funding to mitigate impacts in the burn area and downstream. Together our voices were more effective.

A Forest First Memorandum of Understanding between the Forest Service and SAWPA would institutionalize this cooperative arrangement and ensure that future water managers work cooperatively with forest managers in implementing an improved system of resources management.

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 0008

DATE: July 21, 2011
TO: OWOW Steering Committee
SUBJECT: Governance Document Revisions
PREPARED BY: Celeste Cantú, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Steering Committee recommends that the SAWPA Commission approve the OWOW Governance Document (Revised 7-21-11) incorporating new Pillar areas and shared leadership of Co-Chairs for each Pillar group.

DISCUSSION

In launching OWOW 2.0, some of the “specific water resources management areas” for the Pillars have been changed to more accurately reflect the needs in the next phase of implementation of the Plan. These new Pillar areas are as follows:

OWOW 2.0 PILLARS
Water Resource Optimization
Beneficial Use Assurance
Water Use Efficiency
Low-Impact Development Planning
Multi-Hazard Preparation
Natural Resources Stewardship
Operational Efficiency and Water Transfers
Disadvantaged and Tribal Community Resources
Government Partnerships
Energy and Environmental Impact Response

Also, two leaders, a chair and vice chair, have been added to share the leadership role in each of the Pillar groups. The Pillar Groups are intended to advise SAWPA staff when making recommendations to the Steering Committee.

These changes have been incorporated in redline format updating the attached governance document. Changes in the document are intended to allow the Steering Committee more flexibility in recommending Groups and leaders to reflect changing conditions and the direction of the Steering Committee.

CC:JB:pb
Attachment: Governance Document (redline format)

SC 0008 Governance Document

Santa Ana IRWMP “One Water One Watershed” Governance

Revised: ~~January 20, 2011~~ July 21, 2011

In developing the One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) plan for the Santa Ana River, unlike other IRWM planning approaches, every effort has been made to allow the key discussions of major water resource issues, concerns, problems, goals and objectives and potential solutions to originate and be first fully vetted at the stakeholder level – the stakeholders being the local agencies, organizations and other interested parties within the Santa Ana River Watershed Region. By expanding the involvement and collaboration to the on-the-ground level, greater buy-in and support were expected and realized for this planning development process. Consequently, if one were to ask where the governance originates for the Santa Ana River Watershed Region OWOW process, we believe the identification of issues starts from the grass-roots level, the foundation of a decentralized and collaborative “big tent” approach.

SAWPA Commission

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission (the Commission) and SAWPA staff shall be responsible for all administrative oversight for the Plan, and for coordinating all on-going administrative responsibilities associated with its implementation including arranging for meetings of the OWOW Steering Committee, preparing agendas, taking and distributing minutes of the meetings and when directed by the SAWPA General Manager, preparing staff reports, and other related duties. The Commission shall review the Plan for compliance with applicable laws and guidelines. In the event that no issues or inconsistencies with the Plan or project selection process are detected, the Commission shall approve the Plan and the Project Prioritization as submitted by the Steering Committee. Should the Commission determine that the Plan or a specific selected portfolio of projects fails to meet applicable laws and guidelines, it will refer the Plan back to the Steering Committee for further revision and subsequent re-submittal to the Commission for reconsideration and ratification.

OWOW Steering Committee

The OWOW Steering Committee shall comprise eleven (11) members from the three counties (Orange County, Riverside and San Bernardino) that are within the Santa Ana River Watershed regional planning area. The Steering Committee members shall serve terms of four (4) years with staggered end dates, or may be replaced subsequent to the initial submittal of the Plan, as described below. The following describes the composition of the Steering Committee:

- One (1) Supervisor from Orange County;
- One (1) Supervisor from Riverside County;
- One (1) Supervisor from San Bernardino County;
- One (1) Mayor or City Council Member from a City within the Region within Orange County;
- One (1) Mayor or City Council Member from a City within the Region within Riverside County;
- One (1) Mayor or City Council Member from a City within the Region within San Bernardino County;
- Two (2) Water agency designees appointed by the SAWPA Commission;
- One (1) member of the business community,
- One (1) member of the environmental community, and;
- One (1) member of the Regional Water Quality Control Board

The SAWPA Commission has selected and convened the initial Steering Committee members in coordination with the governmental and non-governmental entities being represented on the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members may be appointed for multiple terms. Steering Committee representatives may be replaced as follows upon resignation of members, expiration of terms, or when governmental representatives no longer hold their elective office:

- SAWPA Commission representatives shall be selected by the SAWPA Commission
- County representatives shall be selected by their respective counties
- City representatives shall be selected by a majority vote of the Council of Government members in the respective county (Western Riverside County Council of Governments [WRCOG] – Riverside County; San Bernardino Association of Governments [SANBAG] – San Bernardino County; and Orange County Council of Governments [OCCOG] – Orange County).
- Business and environmental community representatives shall be selected by a majority vote of the eight (8) governmental entities represented on the Steering Committee based on an application process conducted during a public meeting

The Steering Committee shall be responsible for the development of the Plan. This includes receiving input from staff of their respective agencies as well as the SAWPA staff, providing direction for the development and long-term maintenance of the Plan, and development of a project prioritization process. The Steering Committee may make recommendations to the SAWPA Commission on proposed amendments to this governance document. Any such proposed amendments shall not take effect unless approved by the SAWPA Commission.

Meetings of the Steering Committee shall be scheduled at a regular time and place with an agenda posted prior to the meeting consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act. The Steering Committee shall meet as needed with a minimum of at least an annual meeting. Minutes of the meetings shall be kept by SAWPA staff and posted on the OWOW website. Special meetings may be called and are subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

In implementing the Steering Committee’s Goals and Objectives, the Steering Committee will:

- 1) acknowledge that water resources of the Santa Ana River Watershed Region should be put to maximum beneficial use and that water waste must be prevented;
- 2) acknowledge water as a public resource and respect existing agreements governing the water resources of the Santa Ana River Watershed Region;
- 3) seek regional solutions for regional problems;
- 4) encourage collaboration across boundaries and between multiple parties in project development, and;
- 5) considers sub-regional plans and planning efforts.

SAWPA Administration

The other arm to the governance of the OWOW process includes a management function conducted by the SAWPA staff. As the regional water agency for the Santa Ana River Watershed Region, SAWPA has had a long history of supporting regional collaborative efforts of this kind. As with previous IRWMP efforts for the Santa Ana River Watershed Region, SAWPA served as support in providing administrative and facilitative assistance to ~~all the pillar groups and~~ the Steering Committee for the

overall OWOW plan development. In addition, SAWPA provided computer tools to assist the Steering Committee ~~and pillars~~ in decision-making processes, ~~provided planning documents to allow pillars to build upon previous existing plans,~~ and performed significant public outreach and education about the integrated planning approach for the Santa Ana River Watershed Region.

As funding opportunities arise to implement the OWOW plan, the Steering Committee will provide to the Commission an updated Santa Ana River Watershed Region IRWM plan and programmatic portfolio of projects specific to the funding opportunity. As noted above, the Commission will review the Plan and programmatic project portfolio to ensure that these fulfill the intent and requirements of the specific funding mechanism, any legislative bill authorizing the funding, all legal requirements as defined by the funding administrative agency, and equitable application of the benefits of the project portfolio across the entire region. Review of these items will be conducted by the Commission in a public hearing open to all interested stakeholders. It is understood that the Steering Committee will be responsible for the development and implementation of the project selection criteria.

Pillars

In order to manage the technical and planning work, the stakeholders are organized into ~~ten~~ separate workgroups or pillars centered around specific water resource management areas, issues, or concepts. They are identified and named by, and may be dissolved by, the Steering Committee. The Pillars support and assist SAWPA staff by, for example, offering creative ideas, conducting brainstorming, vetting ideas, assisting with regional coordination, assisting with outreach efforts, gathering or reviewing data or information, or developing or reviewing analysis. Each pillars consists of approximately 10 to 60 volunteers, depending on the topic and interest level. The volunteers include participants from local agencies, special districts, non-profit organizations, university officials, Native American Tribes, and private citizens.

~~The~~ Each pillars' ~~groups~~ are led by a volunteer ~~chair, or Co-Co-Chairs~~ with expertise in that specific aspect of water resources. The Pillar Co-Chairs ~~are~~ responsible for working with their pillar group in organizing, leading, and facilitating the workgroup process. The Pillar Co-Chairs ~~are~~ appointed as ~~needed~~ elected by the Steering Committee. ~~N-and~~ no limits are placed on the duration someone may hold the position. ~~-~~ A Pillar Co-Chair may only hold one chair position at a time.

Another role of the ~~P~~pillars Co-Chairs is to provide support and input for SAWPA staff as they make recommendations to the Steering Committee about the Steering Committee OWOW goals and objectives. As technical experts in various water resource fields, the ~~pillars~~ Pillar Co-Chairs provided important feedback to the Steering Committee ~~on draft goals and objectives that the Steering Committee developed~~. The Pillar Co-Chairs periodically meet and act, in collaboration with SAWPA staff, as a technical management committee for reviewing and making recommendations to the Steering Committee and to the Commission relative to implementation of the Plan and development of specific proposals for funding. The Pillar Co-Chairs also will support SAWPA staff as a technical management committee to provide oversight for OWOW projects.

~~The Steering Committee shall approve the pillar specific water resource management areas, and make appropriate changes as deemed necessary. The pillars cover the following areas: The Steering Committee shall also approve any structural changes to the Pillar groups.~~

- ~~1) Climate Change~~
- ~~2) Land Use and Water~~
- ~~3) Water Supply Reliability~~
- ~~4) Water Recycling~~
- ~~5) Water Use Efficiency~~
- ~~6) Water Quality~~
- ~~7) Environmental and Habitat Restoration~~
- ~~8) Stormwater Risk Assessment~~
- ~~9) Environmental Justice~~
- ~~10) Parks and Open Space~~

~~Pillars are comprised of stakeholders from the Plan area.~~ Pillar work product development is a consensus process. Where there is disagreement on specific recommendations, the Steering Committee will provide guidance. Pillar groups will be added or subtracted based on the goals and objectives of the Steering Committee.

Pillar ~~Co-Chairs~~ Vice Chairs, with assistance from SAWPA staff, are responsible for maintaining a notification list of interested stakeholders and notifying them of meetings. SAWPA staff will provide lists of interested stakeholders to Pillar ~~Co-Chairs~~ Vice Chairs; however, Pillar ~~Co-Chairs~~ will post notifications. Pillar committee meetings shall be open to all interested parties.

Project Prioritization Development and Modification

Project prioritization for specific grant applications shall be established and maintained by the Steering Committee in coordination and with support from SAWPA staff. Stakeholders shall be allowed to comment on the development and maintenance of the project prioritization process. In addition, the Steering Committee’s role in project prioritization development and modification is to integrate regional water management goals and objectives for the region, ~~and~~ to act as the oversight body that performs strategic decision making, crafts and adopts programmatic suites of project recommendations, and provides program advocacy necessary to optimize water resource protection for all.

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 Putturo	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:

SC/11-05-01

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:

SC/11-05-03

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.

Ron Sullivan, Convener

APPROVED:

July 21, 2011

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