

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
OF THE
SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY

APRIL 15, 2008

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Ron Sullivan, Chair
John L. Anderson (for Wyatt Troxel)
Don Galleano
Phil Anthony
Mark Bulot

REPRESENTING

Eastern Municipal Water District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Western Municipal Water District
Orange County Water District
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Slawson	Eastern Municipal Water District
Tom Evans	Western Municipal Water District
Ed Killgore	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Randy Van Gelder	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Michael Markus	Orange County Water District
Irv Pickler	Orange County Water District
Cordell Chavez	City of Corona
Bob Stein	City of Newport Beach
Celeste Cantú	SAWPA General Manager
David Wysocki	SAWPA General Counsel
Rich Haller	SAWPA Ex. Mgr. of Engr. & Operations
Mark Norton	SAWPA Water Resources & Planning Mgr.
David Ruhl	SAWPA Program Manager
Jeff Beehler	SAWPA Senior Environmental Project Mgr.
Dean Unger	SAWPA Manager of IS/Technology
Rick Whetsel	SAWPA Watershed Planner
Regina Patterson	SAWPA Senior Administrative Assistant
Alice Duecker	SAWPA Accounting Technician
Alex Pohlman	SAWPA Intern
Patti Bonawitz	SAWPA Recording Secretary

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Sullivan at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Office, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503.

Members of the public were invited to address the Committee on matters within its jurisdiction. Hearing none, Chair Sullivan presented Agenda Item No. 3, Featured Presentation – City of Newport Beach – IRWMP.

FEATURED PRESENTATION – CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH – IRWMP

City of Newport Beach Principal City Engineer Bob Stein provided an overview of the City's draft IRWMP. He highlighted the primary drivers that have motivated the way that the plan will be implemented (systems approach); discussed the background and geography of the watershed basin; discussed several projects that the City has been developing and implementing to address issues in their

region; and briefly discussed the principles, process, vision, and mission goals of the plan. He emphasized the importance of being proactive and working with their neighbors as a means to build stronger working relationships.

SERVICE PIN RECOGNITION

Chair Sullivan presented Commissioner Killgore with his ten-year service pin and congratulated him.

AWARD RECOGNITION

Water Resources and Planning Manager Mark Norton reported that on February 19, 2008, the American Society of Civil Engineers Region 9 held their awards ceremony, which recognizes all the prominent civil engineering projects, as well as engineers throughout the State of California. The Hemet Water Filtration Plant, which is owned and operated by EMWD, received the "Honorable Mention Award" for the outstanding civil engineering project of the year. Mr. Norton congratulated EMWD and presented the award to Chair Sullivan.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

GRANT ADMINISTRATOR – NEW PART-TIME POSITION AT SAWPA (CM#7045)

Executive Manager of Engineering and Operations Rich Haller requested authorization to create a new part-time position, develop a job description, advertise for, and hire a new part-time Grant Administrator in lieu of hiring a consultant to administer the Proposition 50 grant. He noted that the five SAWPA General Managers met and supported staff's recommendation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, the motion unanimously carried:

08-04-01

MOVED, approval and authorized the creation of a new part-time position of Grant Administrator, and authorized staff to develop a job description, advertise for, and hire a new part-time Grant Administrator.

SOUTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA GIS COUNCIL INITIATIVE CHANGE ORDER (CM#7046)

Manager of IS/Technology Dean Unger reported that the GIS Council Initiative has been a successful program. He requested that the Commission approve a change order to include three additional cities to the 2008 flyover. This year, the City of Riverside is not only extending their black and white editions, but their color photos as well, which is a first for this project.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony, seconded by Commissioner Bulot, the motion unanimously carried:

08-04-02

MOVED, approval of Change Order No. 5 to Task Order No. DMI291-01 with Digital Mapping, Inc. in the amount of \$270,354.

SANTA ANA SUCKER TASK FORCE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (CM#7048)

Senior Environmental Project Manager Jeff Beehler reported that this task order implements technical services provided by San Marino Environmental Associates in support of the Santa Ana sucker Conservation Team. It is funded by the stakeholders of the group and serves as mitigation for routine

maintenance activities (e.g., population monitoring, Santa Ana sucker population studies) undertaken along the river by the group. The goal of this group is to develop a regional maintenance permit that everyone shares in. A permit application is being reviewed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who do not allow multiple permit applications. Thus, SAWPA would have to become the lead on that permit, which would require indemnification by all the participants in the program. In other words, any permit application would be subject to review and approval by the Commission. The group is trying to develop a vehicle to allow participants to share in the mitigation, which would be substantially more expensive if done individually. Commissioner Anthony requested clarification on how and why San Marino Environmental Associates was selected for the work. Jeff Beehler stated that they were selected a long time ago because, in order to perform population monitoring, a permit to handle Santa Ana suckers is required. At the time, there were only three biologists that were permitted to handle Santa Ana suckers. One did not live in the area and the other two worked for San Marino Environmental Associates. As the task order nears the end and the group goes into a permit, an RFP will be done.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony, seconded by Commissioner Galleano, the motion unanimously carried:

08-04-03

MOVED, approval and authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. SMEA381-07 to San Marino Environmental Associates for an amount not-to-exceed \$122,000.

STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Celeste Cantú provided a brief overview of the following bills:

AB 2882 (Wolk) - Allocated Based Conservation Water Pricing

This bill is co-sponsored by SAWPA and IRWD. It successfully passed out of the Assembly floor vote with a 64-1 strong bipartisan vote. It now moves onto the Senate. This bill gives the rest of the State a template on how they can do this process, and sends a profound message that Southern Californians are serious about conservation and are developing economic incentives to help people achieve those goals. It is being well embraced in Sacramento.

AB 2222 (Caballero) - Groundwater Quality Monitoring

This bill is the next step of AB 885. WMWD John Rossi is on the Committee that is reviewing the bill. Commissioner Troxel currently is in Sacramento testifying on the bill.

AB 2501 (Wolk) - Water Planning

This bill is looking for a process to require DWR to do a variety of studies to try to better understand the climate change impacts on water supply and water quality in the State of California. Most of the legislation is directed to DWR, but some of it requires water districts to be responsive to DWR and possibly make operational changes in response to what DWR develops.

SB 1391 (Padilla) - Water Conservation Policy

This bill, sponsored by MWD, may require the State of California to perform additional analysis on Proposition 84, which could delay fund distributions.

AB 1684 (Huffman) - Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act

This bill has value; need to watch.

SB 2270 (Laird) - Recycled Water

This bill gives direction to the Department of Health Services and the State Board. SAWPA hopes this bill will energize the State Board to proceed with their recycled water policy.

Proposition 1A Update

The attorney working group has been aggressively looking at the LAO’s proposal to shift funds at the local level to fund an increased parole program that would be run by the counties (would take \$181 million of special district funds). A legal team has been assembled to craft a legal strategy. The working group’s first report is that there is nothing concrete that the shift is unconstitutional or illegal; there is confidence that a case could be made that the shift has substantial flaws.

AB 2501 (Wolk) - Water: Planning Climate Change and Water Resources

This bill requires DWR to include an analysis of the potential effects of climate change in its reports or plans. Commissioner Bulot expressed his concerns that this bill could force local agencies to perform a substantial amount of work that may not be scientific-based, and it may be premature. Chair Sullivan noted that EMWD supports the bill and stated his reasons. Discussion briefly ensued regarding the pros and cons of this legislation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Bulot, seconded by Commissioner Anthony, the motion unanimously carried:

08-04-04
MOVED, approval and received and filed the State Legislative Report; authorized the change in position from support to “watch” on AB 2501 (Wolk) – Water: Planning Climate Change and Water Resources; and took the following positions:

Bill	Author	Summary	Position
AB 2222	Caballero	Groundwater Quality Monitoring	Watch
AB 2501	Wolk	Water: Planning Climate Change/Water Resources	Watch
SB 1391	Padilla	Water Conservation Policy (Recycled Water)	Watch
AB 2270	Laird	Recycled Water	Watch
AB 1684	Huffman	Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act	Watch
AB 1127	Carter	Drinking Water Standards	Watch

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Commissioner Galleano, seconded by Commissioner Bulot, the motion unanimously carried:

- 08-04-05**
MOVED, approval of the Consent Calendar.
- A. The Commission approved the Minutes from the Meeting held 3-18-08.
 - B. The Commission received and filed the Treasurer’s Report for March 2008.
 - C. The Commission approved the SARI FY2008-09 Work Orders and Task Orders (CM#7044):
 - o Annual Work Order with WMWD for O&M of the SARI for \$609,500;
 - o Annual Work Order with IEUA for O&M of SARI Reach IV-A for \$10,000; and
 - o Task Order No. G&GE240-06 with G&G Environmental Compliance, Inc. for \$50,600 to conduct SAWPA’s Permitting and Pre-treatment Programs.

08-04-05, Continued...

- D. The Commission adopted Resolution No. 497, determining contract completion for the Perris Desalter Project and authorizing release of retention to EMWD (CM#7047).

RESOLUTION NO. 497

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY DETERMINING CONTRACT COMPLETION FOR THE PERRIS DESALTER PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF RETENTION (For full text, see Resolution Book).

- E. The Commission adopted Resolution No. 498, appointing representatives to the Board of Directors and to the Executive Committee of the Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (CM#7049).

RESOLUTION NO. 498

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY (For full text, see Resolution Book).

- F. The Commission adopted Resolution No. 499, endorsing the San Jacinto Integrated Planning Process (CM#7050).

RESOLUTION NO. 499

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY ENDORSING THE SAN JACINTO INTEGRATED PLANNING PROCESS (For full text, see Resolution Book).

- G. The Commission received and filed the following Informational Reports:

From the Administrative Committee

- SARI SSO (CM#7043);
- Cash Transactions Report – February 2008;
- Inter-Fund Borrowing – January 2008 (CM#7040); and
- Performance Indicators and Financial Reporting (CM#7038).

REPORTS

The following reports were received and filed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Celeste Cantú distributed a flyer for the Fifth Annual Riverside County Water Symposium, which will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa. Also Orange County will be hosting a similar event (the Orange County Water Summit) on Friday, May 2, 2008, at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Sullivan reported that the next Commission Meeting will be held at WMWD at 10:00 a.m., with lunch served following the meeting. Commissioner Evans requested that Rich Haller provide the Commission the SARI presentation that he presented to WMWD's Board.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS

None.

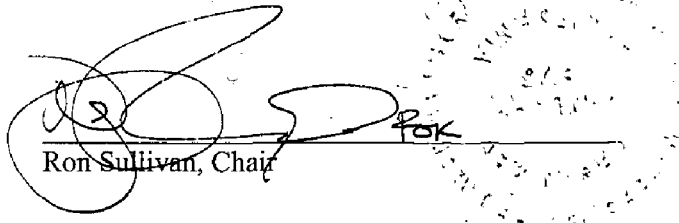
COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

SAWPA General Counsel David Wysocki reported that the eminent domain action was filed on March 21, 2008. A hearing on the application for *Prejudgment Order of Possession* is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2008. There has been no communication with Castle and Cooke, and there is no need for a Closed Session.

There being no further business for review, Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

**APPROVED:
May 20, 2008**



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