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COMMISSION WORKSHOP/MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 – 9:30 A.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Terry Catlin, Chair)
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.

3. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA

- A. LESJWA UPDATE

Workshop discussion regarding the accomplishments to date of LESJWA and of the LE/CL TMDL Task Force.

1. LAKE-WATERSHED CONNECTIONS, LAKE CHALLENGES, AND LESJWA

Presenter: Mark Norton, LESJWA Administrator

2. NUTRIENT TMDLS, TASK FORCE, AND COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Presenter: Hope Smythe, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

3. MS4 PERMIT AND TMDL COMPLIANCE COSTS

Presenter: Jason Uhley, RCFCWCD

4. LAKE LEVEL STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS FOR LAKE ELSINORE AND CANYON LAKE

Presenter: Ron Young, EVMWD

Recommendation: Receive and file.

- B. 2012 OWOW CONFERENCE

Presenter: Celeste Cantú

Recommendation: Receive and file.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Committee by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Committee votes, unless any Committee members, staff, or the public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 4-17-12

Recommendation: Approve as mailed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Any person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should telephone Commission Secretary Patti Bonawitz at (951) 354-4230, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation.

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Patti Bonawitz

2012 - Upcoming Meetings/Events

<u>May</u>			<u>August</u>		
5-1-12	9:30 am	Commission Workshop	DARK(?)		
5-3-12	10:30 am	PA 21 Committee Meeting			
5-15-12	9:30 am	Commission Meeting	<u>October</u>		
<u>June</u>			10-2-12	9:30 am	Commission Workshop
6-5-12	9:30 am	Commission Workshop	10-4-12	10:30 am	PA 21 Committee Meeting
6-7-12	10:30 am	PA 21 Committee Meeting	10-16-12	9:30 am	Commission Meeting
6-19-12	9:30 am	Commission Meeting	<u>November</u>		
<u>July</u>			11-6-12	9:30 am	Commission Workshop
7-3-12(?)	9:30 am	Commission Workshop	11-8-12	10:30 am	PA 21 Committee Meeting
7-5-12(?)	10:30 am	PA 21 Committee Meeting	11-20-12	9:30 am	Commission Meeting
7-17-12	9:30 am	Commission Meeting	<u>December</u>		
			DARK(?)		

SAWPA Commission

Workshop or Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2012

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Catlin, Chair
Phil Anthony
Don Galleano
Ron Sullivan
George Aguilar

REPRESENTING

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Josie Gonzales
Tom Evans
Angel Santiago
Tom Love
Pari Dezham
Craig Proctor
Eric Grubb
Viet Pham
Shelley Zmija
Joe Zoba
Bobby Young
Danny Leveasciano
Don Lee
Fred Knifes
Ken Vecchiarelli
Michael Markus
Robert Ennis
Steve Johnson
Eliseo Ochua
Garry Brown
Russ Miller
Eileen Takata
Peer Swan
Paul Jones
Paul Schoenberger
Celeste Cantú
Rich Haller
Larry McKenney
Karen Williams
Mark Norton
Dean Unger
Jeff Beehler
David Ruhl
Carlos Quintero
Patti Bonawitz

Supervisor, County of San Bernardino
Western Municipal Water District
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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Cucamonga Valley Water District
Mission Linen Supply
City of Corona, DWP
Yucaipa Valley Water District
RMC
IPC
Tetra Tech
K Pure Waterworks
Yorba Linda Water District
Orange County Water District
Orange County Water District
SCE
Elsinore Valley Water District
Orange County Coastkeeper
EnerTech, Inc.
US ACOE
Irvine Ranch Water District
Eastern Municipal Water District
Mesa Consolidated Water District
SAWPA, General Manager
SAWPA, Executive Manager of Engineering and Operations
SAWPA, Executive Counsel
SAWPA, Chief Financial Officer
SAWPA, Manager of Water Resources and Planning
SAWPA, Manager of Information Services and Technology
SAWPA, Program Manager
SAWPA, Program Manager
SAWPA, Project Manager
SAWPA, Clerk of the Board

NEW BUSINESS - WATERSHED-WIDE CONCEPTS' ENDORSEMENT (CM#8618)

Celeste Cantú reviewed the 13 watershed-wide concepts that are key examples of watershed-based water resource concepts, and when implemented throughout the watershed as a single project or series of projects, can provide tangible, measureable benefits to multiple stakeholders. Today's review is of the project framework and not the weighting of the 13 project concepts. She discussed the project timeline and project criteria selection (Item 3B). Prior to receiving public comments, discussion ensued regarding both Items 3A

and 3B, the Round 1 projects list, the “gates” and watershed-wide concepts, specifically the “sustainable water rates” gate, and the timeline and schedule of additional public workshops. Commissioner/OWOW Convener Ron Sullivan encouraged SAWPA Chair Catlin to call upon OWOW Steering Committee members, Supervisor Josie Gonzales and Garry Brown.

San Bernardino County Supervisor and OWOW Steering Committee member Josie Gonzales addressed the Commission. She acknowledged that this topic is attracting good and much-needed attention. As an OWOW Steering Committee advisor, she stated that we have very important decisions to make regarding water and the power we have over change; a refinement that moves us closer to achieving the vision of the living document, *the OWOW Plan*. She stressed the importance of a holistic systematic approach to watershed management. It is certainly a paradigm change from water supply to water resources management. In establishing a new water ethic, we need to apply it to everything we do. We must think of our future in an entirely different view – a system-wide, watershed-wide approach versus our own footprint that we represent or serve. We must look at the entire region and how best to enable, over the long-term, benefits for all in obtaining good drinking water quality. We must think in the 22nd and 23rd centuries and become “partners” in our watershed’s water delivery system, rather than the competition that has existed in the past.

Orange County Coastkeeper Executive Director and OWOW Steering Committee member Garry Brown addressed the Commission. He serves as the environmental member on the Steering Committee. He stated that we, in Southern California, have developed the most innovative water projects in the State, and we need to continue that innovation. OWOW is innovative and it is working. We must look at the watershed as a whole, not in silos. He encouraged the Commission to move forward with the OWOW 2.0 process framework.

After some discussion, Chair Catlin read a modified recommendation for the Commission’s consideration, as follows:

1. *A retail agency is eligible for grant funding if it can demonstrate that its rate structure is “as effective as” an allocation-based rate structure in achieving water conservation;*
2. *That an agency is still eligible to receive funding if it is in the process of switching to an allocation-based or other equally effective conservation rate structure, or is anticipating converting within a certain period of time;*

and in addition, that staff develop and bring back recommendations for:

3. *SAWPA to provide contract technical expertise that can be made available to assist retail agencies wishing to convert to an allocation-based rate structure; and*
4. *A specific set-aside amount of the Proposition 84, Round 2, subject to Commission approval, for modest grants to assist agencies with implementation costs associated with an allocation-based rate structure.*

Discussion further ensued regarding the terminology of the three words “allocated” versus “water budget” versus “tiered” rate structures, and that all three words encourage water conservation. Chair Catlin then called for public comments.

Yorba Linda Water District General Manager, Ken Vecchiarelli addressed the Commission. He said that all the work that has been done is incredible. However, he is concerned with the proposed “sustainable water rates” gate and questioned whether or not this gate refers to retail agencies. Celeste Cantú replied that at this point, it refers to retailers. He also stated that there is a lot of benefit in using the proper terminology, i.e., conservation and water-use efficiency are two words, yet the same results occur. He urged the Commission to consider appropriate terminology, and further stated that the selection criteria also should be revised so that all water rate structures endorsed by the California Urban Water Conservation Council shall be able to qualify for OWOW funding.

Mesa Consolidated Water District General Manager, Paul Schoenberger addressed the Commission. He stated that his Board is in favor of the 13 watershed-wide concepts, with the one exception that the “sustainable water rates” be modified to embrace the statewide effort and best management practices allowed by the California Urban Water Conservation Council. This Council endorses four water rate structures: uniform rates, seasonal

rates, tiered rates, and allocation-based rates. He then presented a chart that was reflective of several water agencies using other rate structures, and concluded that going with just one rate structure is very restrictive. He is not sure that was the intent of the Commission.

Wearing two hats as Director on the Orange County Water District Board and on the Mesa Consolidated Water District Board, Shawn Dewane addressed the Commission. In the spirit of diplomatic relations, he encouraged the Commission’s consideration to modify the “sustainable water rates” gate. He then suggested that this topic be discussed at the next WACO meeting. He also offered to present their rate structure that works as well, as an opportunity to prove these facts. By limiting the gate to just one rate structure, it would discourage opportunities among the water monopolies to apply for Round 2 funding.

Peer Swan, Board Member of Irvine Ranch Water District, addressed the Commission. He supports the 13-watershed-wide concepts. It is a cooperative program and unfortunately, one size doesn’t fit all. He encouraged that we look at what the domestic users (referencing residential) are using per capita. As an OWOW Pillar, he referenced Section 5.1 in the OWOW Plan that contains a number of recommendations/goals. And those goals are missing targets. He challenged the Commission that before they go into the selection process, that they come up with targets in the judging/ranking of the projects that are based on how well they are to achieve the goals in the Plan. Commissioner Sullivan asked if we could come up with something that does fit all.

Commissioner Aguilar suggested that the Commission approve all 13 watershed-wide concepts, except the sustainable water rates, and made a motion.

Upon motion by Commissioner Aguilar,

12-04-02
MOVED, approval of all the watershed-wide concepts, with the exception of the “sustainable water rates” gate.

The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Aguilar stated that everybody must have buy-in. Discussion ensued regarding combining the actions of Items 3A and 3B, and whether or not these items had urgency, or could they simply be continued, or referred back to the Steering Committee. It was the consensus of the Commission to take action on the two items separately. The Commission asked if these issues have been vetted with the stakeholders. Staff replied yes, and that there are more workshops regarding the process and schedule prior to the June 19 Commission meeting.

Larry McKenney reminded the Commission that they had delegated and tasked the Steering Committee to develop the ranking material, and that the Commission was to ratify the actions of the Steering Committee. If the Commission wished to modify the Steering Committee’s recommendation, the Commission needs to refer the alternative language back to the Steering Committee for their consideration and revision. Then, the Steering Committee would bring their revised recommendation back to the Commission for ratification.

Upon motion by Commissioner Aguilar, and seconded by Commissioner Anthony, the motion unanimously carried:

12-04-03
MOVED, approval and endorsed the “watershed-wide concepts” as defined in the Master Craftsmen White Paper entitled, *OWOW – Santa Ana River Watershed Planning Framework* as examples of projects to be implemented to “raise the bar” in OWOW 2.0, Proposition 84 IRWM, Round 2.

Regarding Item 3B (Proposition 84, Round 2 Selection Criteria and Timeline CM#8620), Commissioner Aguilar moved the following motion:

Upon motion by Commissioner Aguilar, and seconded by Commissioner Anthony, the motion unanimously carried:

12-04-04

MOVED, approval to refer back to the Steering Committee for further consideration, modified language regarding the “sustainable water rates” gate as follows:

1. *A retail agency is eligible for grant funding if it can demonstrate that its rate structure is “as effective as” an allocation-based rate structure in achieving water conservation;*
2. *That an agency is still eligible to receive funding if it is in the process of switching to an allocation-based or other equally effective conservation rate structure, or is anticipating converting within a certain period of time;*

and in addition, that staff develop and bring back recommendations for:

3. *SAWPA to provide contract technical expertise that can be made available to assist retail agencies wishing to convert to an allocation-based rate structure; and*
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There are more public workshops scheduled and Chair Catlin encouraged the public to participate at the “front-end” by attending these public workshops to vet their concerns.

PROPOSITION 84, ROUND 2 SELECTION CRITERIA AND TIMELINE (CM#8617)

Discussion and action were rolled into the above item.

SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED AWARDS (CM#8620)

Celeste Cantú briefly reviewed the proposed recipients for the 2012 SAWPA Watershed Awards.

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

12-04-05

MOVED, approval of the following three recipients for the 2012 SAWPA Watershed Awards:

1. Congressman Jerry Lewis – Lifetime Achievement Award
2. Brian Moore, Deputy District Engineer, ACOE – Collaborative Vision Award
3. Ali Sahabi, CEO, SE Corporation – Environmental Business Leadership Award

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN SAWPA AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LOS ANGELES DISTRICT FOR WATERSHED PLANNING AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT (CM#8612)

Jeff Beehler asked for authorization to initiate a MOU with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District for watershed planning and project development.

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

12-04-06

MOVED, approval and authorized staff to initiate a MOU with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District to further collaborate in the planning and development of projects within the Santa Ana River Watershed.

INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE ORDINANCE NO. 6 – PUBLIC HEARING (CM#8609)

Rich Haller discussed the minor administrative amendments to Ordinance No. 6, which allows the use of alternate collection stations, use of electronic reporting, where applicable, updates requirements to match OCSO requirements, updates definitions and requirements to match the Code of Federal Regulations, and changes the word “SARI” to “Inland Empire Brine Line”. Chair Catlin opened the public hearing at 11:05 a.m. There were no public comments. He then requested that the Commission continue the public hearing to May 15, 2012, in order to allow sufficient time for the Regional Water Quality Control Board to complete their review.

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

12-04-07
MOVED, approval to continue the public hearing regarding the Inland Empire Brine Line Ordinance No. 6 to May 15, 2012.

Commissioner Galleano left the meeting room, and Alternate Commissioner Tom Evans assumed Western Municipal Water District’s seat at 11:12 a.m.

BRINE LINE ON-CALL SERVICES (CM#8614)

Carlos Quintero reviewed the proposed scope of project work to be completed, and then requested Commission authorization for staff to prepare and issue a RFP for brine line on-call services. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not there is a need for the Commission to review a RFP before staff releases it. Commissioners Aguilar and Anthony requested that staff provide a RFP for their review prior to releasing, while Chair Catlin and Commissioner Sullivan did not believe it was policy-related or necessary.

Upon motion by Chair Catlin, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, and Commissioners Aguilar and Anthony voting in the negative, the motion carried (3-2);

12-04-08
MOVED, approval and authorized the General Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for Brine Line on-call services.

APPROVAL OF FYE 2013 AMENDED BUDGET (SECOND YEAR OF A TWO-YEAR BUDGET) (CM#8613)

Karen Williams stated that the amended budget includes a \$50,000 allocation for accounting software. Discussion briefly ensued.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony, seconded by Chair Catlin, the motion unanimously carried:

12-04-09
MOVED, approval and adopted the FYE 2013 Amended Budget and directed each member agency to:

1. Notice the consideration of the FYE 2013 Amended SAWPA Budget on their next Board of Directors Meeting agenda; and
2. Approve by Board resolution, pursuant to the Joint Powers Authority Agreement, the FYE 2013 Amended SAWPA Budget.

GENERAL MANAGER TO TRAVEL TO PRESENT KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR THE UNIVERSITIES COUNCIL ON WATER RESOURCES (UCOWR) ON JULY 18, 2012 IN SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO (CM#8621)

Celeste Cantu stated that she has been invited to present the keynote conference address for the Universities Council on Water Resources on July 18.

Upon motion by Chair Catlin, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, the motion unanimously carried:

12-04-10

MOVED, Approve travel for the General Manager to present the keynote address before the Universities Council of Water Resources on July 18, 2012 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

OLD BUSINESS - INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE TSS FORMATION BILLING FORMULA (CM#8611)

Rich Haller reviewed the proposed changes to the TSS formation billing formula (20% organics, 80% inorganics, and 447,000 lbs/month). The next workshop is scheduled for May 15 at 1:00 p.m. The reason to change the formula is to reduce the formation magnitude. Discussion briefly ensued regarding brine disposal costs. Commissioner Sullivan recommended that the SAWPA General Managers should get together and discuss further. He also stressed the importance of combining “all of our arms” when talking to the Bureau or other agencies.

Upon motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Aguilar, the motion unanimously carried:

12-04-11

MOVED, approval of a revision to the Inland Empire Brine Line TSS Formation Billing Formula, and to establish a revised monthly target imbalance, effective with the March 2012 invoices.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony, seconded by Chair Catlin, the motion unanimously carried:

12-04-12

MOVED, approval of the Consent Calendar.

1. The Commission approved the Minutes from the meeting held on 4-3-12.
2. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.
3. The Commission adopted Resolution No. 2012-05, approving membership in the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CM#8610).

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-05

RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE ACWA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY, CONSENTING TO JOIN THE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM OF THE ACWA JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY, RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE ACWA HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO TERMINATE THE HEALTH BENEFITS AUTHORITY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS (For full text, see Resolution Book).

4. The Commission received and filed the disposal of surplus property (CM#8619).

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

The following oral/written reports/updates were received and filed.

- A. Cash Transactions Report – February 2012
- B. Inter-Fund Borrowing – February 2012 (CM#8615)
- C. Performance Indicators And Financial Reporting – February 2012 (CM#8616)
- D. General Manager’s Report
- E. Chair’s Comments/Report
- F. Commissioners’ Comments

There being no further business for review, Chair Catlin adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

APPROVED:
May 1, 2012

Terry Catlin, Chair

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