



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Donald D. Galleano, Chair, Western Municipal Water District
Ed Killgore, Vice Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ron Sullivan, Secretary-Treasurer, Eastern Municipal Water District
Phil Anthony, Orange County Water District
Terry Catlin, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None.

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Thomas P. Evans, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District
Steve Copelan, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Celeste Cantú, Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Mark Norton, Karen Williams,
Dean Unger, Kelly Berry, David Ruhl, Carlos Quintero, Ian Achimore

OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Boccadoro, President, Dolphin Group/West Coast Advisors

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Donald D. Galleano at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Galleano noted he is honored to follow Phil Anthony as Chair of the SAWPA Commission, and voiced his appreciation for Commissioner Anthony's leadership during his term as Chair. Michael Boccadoro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was duly noted and recorded by the Clerk of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Galleano called for public comments. There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 20, 2015

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

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| Result: | Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0) |
| Motion/Second: | Catlin/Sullivan |
| Ayes | Anthony, Catlin, Galleano, Killgore, Sullivan |
| Nays: | None |
| Abstentions: | None |
| Absent: | None |

5. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Michael Boccadoro, President, Dolphin Group/West Coast Advisors provided a PowerPoint presentation with a recap of 2014 and an overview of the 2015-2016 legislative session.

Among the five most important issues facing California, water is number four based on a statewide survey by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) released January 2015. The PPIC survey also noted that of those polled, 59% believe water issues in California are a significant problem and 65% do not believe the government is doing enough to deal with the drought impacts. The state remains under a drought emergency declaration; into 2015 curtailments are looming and there will continue to be significant attention to urban water conservation. Delta water quality requirements have been loosened to provide more water in the system this year for the salmon. 2014 concluded as the driest period on record, and January 2015 was the driest January on record. Major water supply reservoirs remain at historically low levels. The Sierra snowpack is 25% of normal, with areas around Sacramento reduced to 8% of normal snowpack. Key issues moving into the 2015-2016 legislative session include continued emergency drought response, groundwater sustainability, drinking water quality, Water Bond funding oversight, and GHG regulation. Mr. Boccadoro encouraged continued engagement in the capital in order to maximize Water Bond funding while educating newly elected members and appointed committee members on water issues.

Mr. Boccadoro briefly discussed the California's Cap-and-Trade Program. Currently, if a company's pollutants exceed 10,000 tons per year they are required to monitor. Exceeding 25,000 tons requires participation in the program – which allows three options: reduce emissions, buy credits, or buy allowances from the state. Transportation fuels were recently included in the program, with the first auction occurring in February. The auction is anticipated to bring \$1.3 billion into state funding for utilization toward the reduction of GHG emissions. State efforts moving forward will concentrate on the capture of methane gas at dairies, wastewater and landfill sites, as well as leaks within the natural gas system. There are continuing efforts to utilize methane gas as a transportation fuel locally or as bio-methane placed into the pipeline. There could be additional requirements relating to methane gas moving forward.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if desalters would qualify for Water Bond groundwater cleanup funding. Mr. Boccadoro noted desalters qualify for both groundwater contamination and water recycling funding.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE, TIME EXTENSION FOR THE TEMPORARY DISCHARGE OF DOMESTIC WASTEWATER FROM THE CHINO PRESERVE (IEUA) (CM#2015.8)

Rich Haller provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the extension requested by IEUA to allow for additional time for the permitting and construction of the Pine Avenue Sewer, including the Preserve Lift Station and force main. Commissioner Sullivan voiced concern this may give the appearance of SAWPA providing a supplement to the developer, and a discussion ensued. Celeste Cantú noted staff would conduct a rate analysis, given this additional time extension, and provide a report to the Commission at a future meeting. Commissioner Catlin supported IEUA's need for the amendment, noting until the pump station is built, there is no alternative than to discharge into the Brine Line.

MOVED, approve Amendment No. 4 to the “SARI System Treatment and Disposal Capacity and Pipeline Capacity Agreements” between SAWPA and the IEUA, extending the end date for the Chino Preserve Development temporary domestic connection from March 2015 to March 2017 (2 years).

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| Result: | Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0) |
| Motion/Second: | Catlin/Sullivan |
| Ayes | Anthony, Catlin, Galleano, Killgore, Sullivan |
| Nays: | None |
| Abstentions: | None |
| Absent: | None |

7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive and file the following oral/written reports/updates.

A. OWOW UPDATE – PA 22 COMMITTEE (CM#2015.9)

Larry McKenney briefly reviewed action taken by the PA 22 Committee at its January 22, 2015 inaugural meeting. The Committee considered and approved a detailed work plan, implementation schedule, and grant agreement budget. Execution of the agreement with DWR is anticipated to occur in March 2015. Further evaluation and option development with possible action on policy statements relating to funding distribution for the turf removal program and conservation based rate structure will be considered at the next meeting.

B. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Celeste Cantú referenced the General Manager’s report providing information on the inaugural meeting of the OWOW 2015 Pillar Integration Workshop, noting the Pillars’ emphasis on the importance of focusing Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water grant funding on projects based on a multi-benefit, multi-jurisdictional system-wide approach. In addition, there were two verbal updates regarding the Brine Line.

Rich Haller advised that SAWPA has been invited to make a presentation before the City of Corona Infrastructure Committee regarding the Reach 5 repair project; David Ruhl will be meeting with them.

Rich Haller provided an update on continuing negotiations with RTCT and SCE regarding construction at the CA-91 and I-15 interchange and the proposed relocation of the SCE line. In recent discussions, SCE has advised the standard separation is a twelve-inch space; with their proposed relocation the separation will be thirteen inches. Commissioner Sullivan voiced concern that SCE is not providing some degree of liability protection; at some point in time we may need to say no and ask RCTC to support the position they will not agree on relocation of the line without SAWPA’s sign-off on the separation. Larry McKenney noted since RCTC is paying for the relocation, SCE’s position has been they will agree to what RCTC will agree to pay. Commissioner Sullivan requested staff contact Supervisor Ashley, who sits on the RCTC Board. SAWPA staff will again meet with SCE representatives on Friday, February 6, 2015; proposed relocation is slated to begin on Monday, February 9, 2015. Larry McKenney has spoken with outside legal counsel Doug Evertz who can be brought in if necessary. There are a few options on the table, including the relocation of SCE’s line or relocation of the Brine Line. Staff will know more after the February 6th meeting and provide a future report to the Commission.

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation on Brine Line Reach 4B Upper Line cleaning. Extremely hard scale buildup has been encountered in this four-mile pipe section located near Sampson/Buchanan/Magnolia. The cleaning process begins with a 15% hydrochloric acid solution, neutralized with sodium hydroxide and discharged into the Brine Line after filtration. SAWPA field staff has been utilized exclusively for confined space entries. Approximately 90 cubic yards of material have been removed from this four-mile section of pipe, which is an increase since the last cleaning at this location in March of 2014.

The increase in scale is believed to be a result of the desalters. Celeste Cantú noted that when the brine comes out of the Arlington desalter, it free falls into the Brine Line and at that exit point there is air mixing with the brine and then flowing into the pipe – which is a safeguard in place to stop any backflow into the drinking water system. There is thought that this aeration precipitates the scale buildup; however, current Health Code requires aeration. The annual allocation for this project is \$375,000; as of this week, approximately \$290,000 had been spent. Staff will continue to seek alternative solutions, including possible chemical additives. Commissioner Catlin asked about incorporating a precipitation tank; Carlos noted this four-mile section of pipe is basically acting as a precipitation tank. Commissioner Evans recommended pumping inert CO₂ into the pipeline. Chair Galleano requested staff bring back a report for the Commission during the April workshop.

Celeste Cantú presented outgoing Chair Phil Anthony with a plaque of appreciation for his service as Chair of the SAWPA Commission from January 2013 to January 2015.

C. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES

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D. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Galleano recognized Steve Copelan, who was in the audience. Mr. Copelan was recently appointed Alternate Commissioner to SAWPA from the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.

E. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

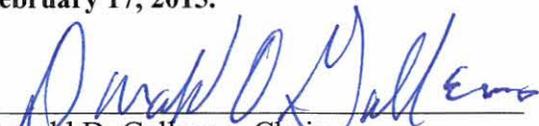
9. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Galleano adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.



Donald D. Galleano, Chair