SAWPA COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2015

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Thomas P. Evans, Chair, Western Municipal Water District
Phil Anthony, Orange County Water District
Terry Catlin, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Dave Slawson, Alternate, Eastern Municipal Water District [9:38 a.m.]

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT
Ed Killgore, Vice Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ronald W. Sullivan, Secretary-Treasurer, Eastern Municipal Water District

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: NON-VOTING
Jasmin Hall, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency [9:46 a.m.]

STAFF PRESENT
Celeste Cantú, Rich Haller, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Thomas P. Evans at the Mission Linen Supply facility, 5400 Alton Street, Chino, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Evans called the meeting to order.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Chair Evans called for public comments. There were no public comments.

4. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION AND TOUR – MISSION LINEN SUPPLY, CHINO, CALIFORNIA
Recommendation: Receive for information.

A. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION
Ben Strashefer, District Manager for Mission Linen Supply provided an oral history on the company and a fact sheet specific to the Chino facility. Mission Linen, a family-owned business, currently has over fifty locations in five states – California, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Oregon. Operations began at its eleven-acre Chino facility in June 1994, consolidating operations of six Southern California plants. Consisting of 200,000 square feet under one roof, the facility employs over 430 people and currently services 6,000 customers by processing 1.2 million pounds of laundry per week. Water conservation remains at the forefront of its business model – 70% of all final clean rinse water is reused in heavy-soiled laundry and 65% of water utilized onsite is recycled for reuse. There is an 8,000 square foot waste water treatment system at the facility. Notwithstanding its successful water conservation efforts, the facility maintains the highest accredited laundry standards of the Healthcare Laundry
Accreditation Council (HLAC) and the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) food safety management system.

Marten Hebert with Dean Water Technologies, LLC provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the chemical engineering aspect of operations at the facility and meeting the challenge of a reduced water supply. Once utilizing three gallons of water to process 10 pounds of laundry, the facility currently uses .6 gallons of water per 10 pounds of laundry. Strasshofer emphasized the facility successfully operates at that water-to-laundry ratio in large part due to its connection to the Brine Line, which provides them with a distinct economic advantage.

Chair Evans asked if Mission Linen utilizes recycled water as an incoming water source at this facility. Strasshofer responded the facility currently does not; ordinarily, facilities serving only industrial clients utilize recycled water as an incoming water source. Commissioner Anthony asked what SAWPA could do as operator of the Brine Line to provide improved service to Mission Linen. Strasshofer replied they would greatly benefit by an increased customer base utilizing the Brine Line.

B. FACILITY TOUR

At the conclusion of the informational presentation, a tour of the facility was conducted. Tour highlights included an army of washers, twelve having a 450-pound capacity and two “continuous batch” washers with ten 250-pound capacity packets. Dryers numbered close to twenty, including ten with a 400-pound capacity. Finishing equipment included high capacity ironers as well as garment sorting, pressing and folding machines. The company’s commitment to energy conservation was evidenced by stack economizers recovering heat from broiler stacks and a system reclaiming heat from waste water through a “plate & frame” unit.

C. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

At the conclusion of the tour, Ben Strasshofer thanked the Commissioners for their interest in Mission Linen Supply and in operations at the Chino facility. He voiced his appreciation of SAWPA staff, noting this facility simply could not operate without the Brine Line.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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

Thomas P. Evans, Chair

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board