

**SAWPA Commission**  
**Workshop Meeting Minutes**

**November 1, 2011**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Anthony, Acting Chair  
Tom Evans  
Ron Sullivan  
George Aguilar

REPRESENTING

Orange County Water District  
Western Municipal Water District  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
San Bernardino Valley MWD

OTHERS PRESENT

P. "Ravi" Ravishanker  
Denis Bilodeau  
Mike Markus  
Mike Hammer  
Gus Bruner  
Jim Aanderud  
Bill Houser  
John Byerly  
Jared Himle  
Greg Snyder  
Greg Murray  
Mark Chamberlin  
Nelson Nelson  
John Contrado  
Ron Young  
Celeste Cantú  
Larry McKenney  
Rich Haller  
David Ruhl  
Carlos Quintero  
Dean Unger  
Karen Williams  
Jeff Beehler  
Patti Bonawitz

Eastern Municipal Water District  
Orange County Water District  
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HazMat Trans, Inc.  
Caliagua, Inc.  
Innerline Engineering  
Innerline Engineering  
John Byerly, Inc.  
WEKA, Inc.  
Western Municipal Water District  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
City of Corona  
City of Corona  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
SAWPA, General Manager  
SAWPA, Executive Counsel  
SAWPA, Executive Manager of Engineering & Operations  
SAWPA, Program Manager  
SAWPA, Project Manager  
SAWPA, Manager of Information Services & Technology  
SAWPA, Chief Financial Officer  
SAWPA, Program Manager  
SAWPA, Clerk of the Board

The Commission Workshop of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Acting Chair Phil Anthony at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Office, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. Chair Anthony led the flag salute, and then called for public comments; however, no comments were received.

NEW BUSINESS

INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE REACH V - TEMESCAL CANYON ROAD AT CABOT ROAD  
SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOW (CM#8548)

David Ruhl reported that on October 18, SAWPA was notified of a spill on Temescal Canyon Road at Cabot Road. The spill occurred in Reach V in the City of Corona, across from the Dos Lagos complex. He presented a DVD of the spill and photos of the clean-up efforts. The spill is estimated to be over 300,000 gallons; approximately 200,000 gallons went into the storm drain into Hahn Lake. The spill damaged 300 feet of asphalt, raising the asphalt by four to five inches. The asphalt has been removed and replaced, and all the flow was contained by early afternoon on October 18. David Ruhl reviewed each agency's and contractor's role in the spill efforts. The pipe was buried 17 feet deep. The cause of the failure remains unclear, but a gasket was blown out and hairline cracks were found. Staff still is reviewing the CCTV and continuing their investigation. The pipe was installed in 2001.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if the spill occurred in the center meridian; staff replied yes. Commissioner Sullivan also asked if that meridian was there when the pipe was installed; staff responded no. Approximately six feet of fill was added over the brine line when the Dos Lagos complex was built; however, the pipe was designed to withstand it. The estimated repair costs are \$275,000 to \$300,000, and these costs will be paid through the Brine Line Self-Insurance Fund.

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

**11-11-01**

**MOVED**, approval and:

1. Received and filed this Status Report;
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2011-14, recognizing the emergency status of the Temescal Canyon Road at Cabot Road sanitary sewer overflow (SSO), and granting the General Manager the authority to resolve such emergency (retroactive to 10-18-11);
3. Retroactively authorized the General Manager to issue task/work orders to contractors and consultants to be determined, for an amount to be determined, to contain the spill and make repairs due to the damage caused by the SSO (retroactive to 10-18-11);
4. Directed staff to pay all expenses from the Brine Line Self-Insurance Fund, to file a claim with SAWPA's insurance carriers, and to deposit any insurance payments received into the Self-Insurance Fund; and
5. Declared the end of the emergency status as of today, November 1, 2011.

Rich Haller recognized 11 public and private partners and presented each with a "Certificate of Appreciation" for their quick response and emergency team efforts:

- Mike Hammer, General Manager of HazMat Trans, Inc.
- Gus Bruner, President of Caliagua, Inc.
- Jim Aanderud, President, and Bill Houser, Vice President of Innerline Engineering
- Jared Himle, President, WEKA, Inc.
- Steve Schultz, Deputy Director of Operations, and Greg Snyder, Operations Supervisor of WMWD
- Mark Chamberlin, Wastewater Collection Manager, and Greg Murray, Source Control Manager of EMWD
- Nelson Nelson, Assistant Public Works Director of Engineering, and John Contrado, Inspection Superintendent for the City of Corona
- Ron Young, General Manager of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Nelson Nelson complimented SAWPA staff, noting that they are a great team and were very professional and proactive. The City of Corona received no complaints from businesses or the community.

John Byerly, President of John E. Byerly, Inc. was in route, so the Commission tabled his certificate presentation until his arrival later in the meeting.

Celeste Cantú commended the entire Engineering and Operations team for having such a good emergency response plan. She stated that Rich's military background provided the basis for his strong, sound judgment in making some difficult calls. She thanked Rich for his tremendous leadership, and again commended the entire team.

Chair Anthony stated that this was a very good team effort and expressed his thanks to everyone.

**WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA**

Chair Anthony called for a brief recess at 10:00 a.m. to empty the meeting room. The meeting reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SALINITY MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE - A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SALINITY COALITION**

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Southern California Salinity Coalition. He discussed SAWPA's role as Coalition Chair. The challenge in this study is the assurance that salt impacts and their costs are addressed. The "end goal" is to gain a better understanding of salt costs and appropriate water quality goals. He then reviewed the funding, objectives, and a timeline to accomplish the objectives. The report was received and filed.

**IEUA'S AUTOMATIC WATER SOFTENER ORDINANCE**

Tom Love spoke regarding IEUA's ordinance restricting self-regenerating water softeners, including the legal basis and the unique approval process for the ordinance, and the outreach efforts to cities and retail water agencies, consumers, and the water softener industry. Discussion briefly ensued as to how SAWPA could help in their efforts. Tom Love suggested that the Commission Chair and General Manager send letters of support to the specific cities. He also handed out copies of his PowerPoint presentation.

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

**11-11-02**

**MOVED**, approval and authorized the Chair and General Manager to send letters of support to the various mayors/cities within our watershed in support of IEUA's efforts regarding the implementation and adoption of a water softener ordinance.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**11-11-03**

**MOVED**, approval of the Consent Calendar.

A. The Commission approved the Minutes from the Meeting held 10-18-11.

Rich Haller then presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to John Byerly. Mr. Byerly commented that the SAWPA team was professional, responded timely, and was very proactive. Mr. Byerly noted that his firm dropped their schedules and did everything they could to help out.

Commissioner Aguilar commended staff for their hard work, strong leadership, and for building good relationships with both the public and private sectors. Chair Anthony noted that this was a tremendous team effort; Commissioners Sullivan and Galleano concurred.

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

**APPROVED:**  
December 6, 2011

  
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Phil Anthony, Acting Chair

