



...A United Voice for the Santa Ana River Watershed

**OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2017**

Committee Members	
<u>Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Representatives</u>	
Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener, Eastern Municipal Water District	Present
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District	Present
<u>County Supervisor Representatives</u>	
Marion Ashley, Riverside County Board of Supervisors	Absent
Shawn Nelson, Orange County Board of Supervisors	Absent
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors	Present
<u>County Mayor Representatives</u>	
Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley	Present
Beth Krom, Councilmember, City of Irvine	Absent
Jon Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Redlands	Absent
<u>Business Committee Representative</u>	
Jim Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Absent
<u>Environmental Committee Representative</u>	
Garry Brown, President, Orange County Coastkeeper	Present
<u>Regional Water Quality Control Board Representative</u>	
Linda Ackerman, Vice Chair, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board	Present
<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	Celeste Cantú; Larry McKenney; Mark Norton; Dean Unger; Mike Antos; Kelly Berry

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Ave., Riverside, California.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley, was introduced and welcomed as the newly appointed OWOW Steering Committee member. Roughton was recently appointed by WRCOG, replacing Ron Loveridge.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.



3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES – October 20, 2017

Marsha Westropp, OCWD, noted two particular comments she made during the October 20, 2016 meeting relating to Agenda Item 4.E., and requested inclusion of her comments in the meeting minutes. Specifically: (1) she had stated that OCWD and other Orange County stakeholders had not begun the process of seeking acceptance as a region and had not decided to become a separate IRWM region, and (2) she had stated for clarification purposes that correspondence sent to SAWPA on behalf of the Orange County stakeholders was not an indication of their lack of interest to seek a dialog and to resolve our conflicts by continuing to talk with the rest of the stakeholders in the OWOW process. Convener Sullivan concurred with her request, and called for a motion approving the minutes as amended.

MOVED, approve the October 20, 2017 meeting minutes, as amended.

Result:	Adopted (Passed; 5-0-1)
Motion/Second:	Evans/Brown
Ayes:	Ackerman, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Roughton
Absent:	None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. OWOW Pillar Structure, Chairpersons, Roles (SC#2017.4)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Pillar Structure and provided information on two individuals recruited to serve as new Pillar chairpersons. Gil Navarro, Alternate SAWPA Commissioner, has stepped forward to take on the role of Disadvantaged & Tribal Communities Pillar Chair. Former Pillar Chair Susan Longville has assumed her role as newly elected SAWPA Commission Chair, where she will concentrate her time. Gil Navarro's experience in community advocacy will be highly valued. Ken Gutierrez, retired from City of Riverside planning, has been recruited to assist as the Land Use and Water Planning Pillar Chair. The Pillars will be engaged in the OWOW Plan update 2018, and a kick-off meeting will be held February 23, 2017. Antos reviewed Pillar missions and scopes of work, common among them ensuring compliance with the new standards, and sought Committee input for the February 23, 2017 meeting. Committee Members suggested using more specific language defining the mission and tasks of each Pillar.

Committee Member Roughton suggested contacting the Planning Director for the City of Jurupa Valley relative to the environment justice element of land use planning. Relative to climate change, Roughton noted WRCOG has a climate change action plan she recommended staff review. Committee Member Hagman recommended reaching out to SBCOG.

Convener Sullivan requested staff provide to the Committee at the next meeting a recap of the participants by county in order to ensure participation is not unbalanced; the OWOW process needs a balanced view, not just San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Committee Member Roughton requested staff include more specific information than just an individual's name when reporting to the Committee, in order to assist the newer members of the Committee. Committee Member Brown requested a future presentation to the Committee providing an overview of the process and how it is working – how the Pillars influence the Plan, how the Plan influences recommendations and decisions on the allocation of funding.



MOVED, approve Gil Navarro as the Disadvantaged & Tribal Communities Pillar Chair and Ken Gutierrez as the Land Use and Water Planning Pillar Chair.

Result: **Adopted (Passed; 6-0)**
Motion/Second: Evans/Brown
Ayes: Ackerman, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Roughton, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

B. DWR Tribal Policy Advisor (SC#2017.5)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation recommending the Committee direct staff to invite the DWR Tribal Policy Advisor to make a presentation at a future OWOW Steering Committee meeting.

MOVED, direct SAWPA staff to invite the DWR Tribal Policy Advisor to present before the OWOW Steering Committee at an upcoming meeting.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously; 6-0)**
Motion/Second: Hagman/Ackerman
Ayes: Ackerman, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Roughton, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Committee Member Evans left the meeting at 11:45 a.m., and did not return.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Report on IRWM Roundtable Regions Summit (SC#2017.1)

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation with a report on the IRWM Roundtable of Regions Summit on January 12, 2017. Norton shared a schedule outlining future Prop 1 IRWM and related grants. Release of DWR's Strategic Plan is anticipated in March 2017.

B. Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Update (SC#2017.2)

Mike Antos provided an oral update. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of January 26, 2017. Progress reports will be provided at future meetings.

C. IRWM Planning Grant Award (SC#2017.3)

The grant has been submitted and was successful; \$250,000 will be forthcoming to support the OWOW Plan update.

D. Update on 2017 OWOW Conference (May 25 | Ontario Convention Center)

The theme of the 2017 OWOW Conference will be *Working Together to Make a Finite Resource Infinite*. John Fleck, author of *Water is for Fighting and Other Myths About Water in the West* has been invited as the keynote speaker.

E. Correspondence from Orange County Stakeholders

The most recent responsive correspondence from SAWPA to the Orange County stakeholders was included in the packet materials, as well as copies of earlier correspondence.



6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting came to a close at 12:03 p.m.

APPROVED: March 23, 2017

Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board