



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Susan Lien Longville, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ronald W. Sullivan, Vice Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Kati Parker, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (until 9:34 a.m.)
Jasmin A. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (9:34 a.m.)
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District
Philip L. Anthony, Orange County Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None.

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Gil Navarro, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Kati Parker, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency (non-voting after 9:34 a.m.)

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Peter Vitt,
Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Longville at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Anthony/Evans
Ayes:	Anthony, Evans, Longville, Parker, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Hall

Commissioner Hall arrived at 9:34 a.m. The Commission next considered Agenda Item No. 6.A.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION NO. 2017-12 – ROTATION OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS TO THE OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE (CM#2017.125)

At a previous meeting, the Commission had expressed a desire to adopt a rotation of Commissioners assigned to the OWOW Steering Committee, with the Commission Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer assigned as the Commission representatives and the Vice Chair serving as convener. Staff was directed to bring before the Commission a resolution adopting said rotation.

Gil Navarro, Alternate Commissioner, SBVMWD, encouraged scheduling a future workshop to review the process, projects and funding; he also suggested new member orientation. There was a brief discussion that the Commission, as the authorizing body, should receive informational reports in time to be part of the collaborative process and ask questions or make suggestions to the OWOW Steering Committee. Commission Sullivan concurred with scheduling a future workshop.

MOVED, adopt Resolution No. 2017-12 establishing a rotation of appointments to the One Water, One Watershed (OWOW) Steering Committee.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Evans/Sullivan
Ayes:	Anthony, Evans, Hall, Longville, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

Commissioner Sullivan left the meeting after voting on Agenda Item No. 5.A., and did not return.

B. BRINE LINE TSS FORMATION AMOUNT (CM#2017.124)

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed change in calculation methodology for the monthly TSS formation amount. Staff proposed a 12-month rolling average, effective September 1, 2017. This proposed methodology has been discussed with the member agencies and there were no concerns expressed. General Manager Jones noted EMWD supports the proposed methodology. General Manager Haller expressed his support of the proposed methodology, noting a smaller month-to-month variability is advantageous.

MOVED, change the methodology to calculate the monthly TSS formation amount to a 12-month rolling average effective September 1, 2017.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Evans/Hall
Ayes:	Anthony, Evans, Hall, Longville
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Sullivan

C. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE REACH V REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1

David Ruhl provided a status report on the Inland Empire Brine Line Reach V Rehabilitation and Improvement Project Phase 1. Project completion date is mid-January 2018, but could be as early as mid-December 2017. This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.C.

6. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. COMMUNICATION/COLLABORATION PROCESS RELATING TO GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Rich Haller provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the 31 recommendations discussed during the September 19, 2017 workshop, existing Project Agreements, Task Forces, and other Programs, and outlining proposed changes moving forward. The workshop focused on Recommendations 1-20; Recommendations 21-31 will be the subject of a future workshop.

Recommendations 1-16 address communication/collaboration; Recommendations 17-20 address Project Agreements. For discussion purposes, the following list of potential changes was presented:

Projects Not Covered by a Project Agreement

- OWOW – possibly modify the project description for PA 18 to clearly include all OWOW activities not already addressed by PA 22 and PA 23 (all member agencies)
- Brine Line – possibly modify the project description for PA 21 to address all Brine Line decisions such as capital projects, O&M activities, rates, Sewer System Management Plan, etc. (EMWD, IEUA, SBVMWD, WMWD)
- Arundo Habitat Management – perhaps will be the subject of a new Project Agreement
- Santa Ana Sucker Conservation Team – currently three funding partners (OCWD, City of Riverside); perhaps will be the subject of a new Project Agreement.

Project Agreement Changes

- PA 10 – revise project description to clearly identify watershed wide activities
- PA 18 – revise project description to include OWOW activities not already covered by PA 22 and PA 23
- PA 21 – revise project description to include all Brine Line activities

New Project Agreement(s)

- Task Force Program – prepare and approve procedures for administration of Task Forces; oversee implementation by SAWPA
- Arundo Habitat Management, Santa Ana River Mitigation Bank
- Santa Ana Sucker Conservation Team

Chair Longville noted she has enjoyed working with Rich Haller as he has stepped into his new role of General Manager, and commended the successful collaborative efforts undertaken in reaching common ground among the member agency General Managers, complimenting them in coming together to determine a path forward agreeable to all parties.

Commissioner Anthony asked if the Project Agreements serve a useful purpose; Haller affirmed them to be a useful management tool. Commissioner Evans suggested classifying the Project Agreements by name, not by number. Commissioner Evans voiced concern about unanimity requirements, particularly concerning Project Agreements with multiple agencies; if all entities did not agree, how would that be dealt with in the future? Larry McKenney stated that, since there are differing views about the requirements for project committee decisions under the JPA, it would be beneficial to staff for the Commission to provide direction on how it would like such decisions to be made. Haller confirmed a benefit of the Project Agreement process is governance flexibility. General Managers Rossi and Jones reiterated clarity and simplicity is paramount; budget and some operating decisions could require unanimity, and these particulars would be the subject of future examination and discussions. The Commission affirmed the progress and changes as presented. Haller was provided direction to take into consideration Commissioner Evans' comments and continue working toward

General Managers Jones and Markus commended Haller for his collaboration efforts in succinctly defining a more streamlined, transparent structure inclusive of their input and addressing their concerns.

The Commission next considered Agenda Item No. 5.A.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES – SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

B. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There was no Chair comments/report.

C. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner comments.

D. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Larry McKenney advised that a full briefing on Agenda Item No. 8.A. would be provided at the next meeting. Chair Longville recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:22 a.m. There was no discussion of Agenda Item No. 8.A. No designated personnel were present during Closed Session.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Spiniello Companies v. Charles King Company, Inc., Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company (Superior Court of Los Angeles BC616589)

B. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

SAWPA Designated Representative: General Manager Richard E. Haller

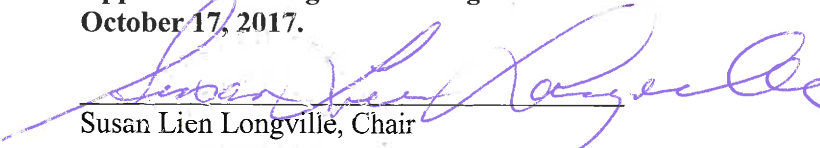
Non-Represented Employees: All SAWPA employees

Chair Longville resumed Open Session at 10:29 a.m. There was no reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m. in memory of Lianne Elissa Dennstedt, daughter of WMWD Vice President and SAWPA Alternate Commissioner Brenda Dennstedt. Lianne passed September 18, 2017, at the age of 19.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.


Susan Lien Longville, Chair

Attest:


Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board