



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

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 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	Present
Shawn Nelson, Orange County Board of Supervisors	Absent
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors	Present
<u>County Mayor Representatives</u>	
Jon Harrison, Councilmember, City of Redlands	Present
Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley	Present
Jose Solorio, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana	Present
<u>Business Committee Representative</u>	
James Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Present
<u>Environmental Committee Representative</u>	
Garry W. 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
Others Present	
<u>SAWPA COMMISSIONERS:</u>	Susan Lien Longville, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Gil Navarro, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Bruce Whitaker, Alternate, Orange County Water District
<u>SAWPA STAFF:</u>	Rich Haller; Larry McKenney; Mark Norton; Pete Vitt; 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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.



3. SEATING OF NEW MEMBER

A. Seating of City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio (SC#2017.10)

Rich Haller, SAWPA Interim General Manager, welcomed City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio. Councilmember Solorio was selected to sit on the OWOW Steering Committee by the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) on April 27, 2017.

4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES – March 23, 2017

MOVED, approve the March 23, 2017 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Roughton
Ayes:	Ackerman, Ashley, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Harrison, Roughton, Solorio, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. WORKSHOP

A. OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and Objectives (SC#2017.14)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Plan Update 2018 and reviewed for discussion purposes the proposed goals and objectives (agenda packet pages 14, 15 and 16). Convener Sullivan noted the Committee's input and comments will be provided to the SAWPA Commission for further discussion and consideration. Antos received highlighted comments and suggestions:

- Conjunctive use should be included as an objective.
- Green building practices/low impact development design incorporating onsite water capture and recycling should be included as an objective.
- There should be integration of flood control into sustainable, livable communities by utilizing runoff as basin recharge.
- The goals and objectives have increased by three since the last OWOW Plan update and should be consolidated where possible.
- Educating watershed challenges and successes should include the educational objectives recently outlined by the Land Use Pillar, including water district newsletters, water district presentations at community and council meetings, campaign for educators, watershed signage, utilization of Riverside County Water Task Force, etc. The importance of developing non-typical communication with communities was stressed.
- Add language reflective of providing clean, safe drinking water for a variety of purposes, including cultural purposes.
- Ensure objectives are adequate for and inclusive of the homeless population.
- Ecosystem function is preserved, restored and enhanced in local land use decisions; promote the word "natural."
- Data integration within the broader community of the watershed; keep in mind who actually bears the responsibility for regulatory streamlining.



- Acknowledge grant funding; encourage local agencies to work collaboratively.
- Utilize the educational communities.
- Overall, ensuring wording is composed such that the statement is positive, not negative. Utilize wording such as “enhance relationships” instead of “reduce conflict between.”
- We should consider the concept of water rights for the environment.
- Consideration should be given to a mission statement.
- Our limited resources and effort should be concentrated on the biggest gain.
- Protect and enhance beneficial and recreational use; emphasize an educational element.
- Include the term “economic development.”
- Emphasize human right to water and affordable water.
- Highlight importance of management at the watershed scale; be mindful to emphasize watershed-wide, carried over from the 2.0 Plan.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. OWOW Plan Update 2018 Status (SC#2017.15)

Mike Antos provided an oral presentation and reviewed information contained in the Committee Memorandum on page 19 of the agenda packet.

B. UC Irvine to Join as a Funded Partner to Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Team (SC#2017.16)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on proposed new partner to the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program, the University of California, Irvine. Committee Member Brown asked the approximate cost; Antos replied approximately \$100,000.

Committee Member Brown voiced concern and referenced past funding for consultant studies; specifically, funding provided to the Water Education Foundation, and asked about completion and utilization of the study. Antos noted that a goal of the program is to not only ensure involvement in the moment, but also to build knowledge and institutionalize ways to accomplish that into the future, as well as to ensure funding supports the highest, best use to the low income communities within the watershed.

Committee Member Solorio requested a copy of the overall grant so he could more clearly understand the amount and purpose of the funding allocations. Convener Sullivan requested a future report outlining what funding has been allocated and for what purpose, as well as the amount already distributed and accomplishments/work product provided as a result of those distributed funds.

MOVED, request SAWPA to negotiate and execute a sub-agreement with the University of California, Irvine for services as a partner to the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Evans/Roughton
Ayes:	Ackerman, Ashley, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Harrison, Roughton, Solorio, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None



7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Draft DWR Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant Process (SC#2017.11)

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation on DWR Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation, including funding amounts, schedule and eligible project implementation. Norton outlined DWR's principles for a process change and the proposed new approach of DWR deciding which projects would be funded at the local level. Staff concerns and reservations regarding the proposed new approach were presented and discussed. Staff will continue meeting with DWR representatives to express SAWPA's concerns. Staff was encouraged to work through SAWPA's state lobbying firm as well as ACWA; a meeting with DWR Director Grant Davis was also suggested.

B. Homelessness & Water Symposium Summary (SC#2017.12)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Homelessness & Water Symposium, a six-hour event presented in partnership with the Inland Empire Waterkeeper and attended by approximately 65 participants on June 29, 2017.

C. CivicSpark Water Fellows, Year 1 Review (SC#2017.13)

CivicSpark Water Fellows Amanda Schallert and Paul Caporaso provided a PowerPoint presentation on their work assisting Mike Antos with the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.

D. Correspondence from Orange County Stakeholders

Marsha Westropp, Senior Planner, Orange County Water District, spoke on behalf of the Orange County Stakeholders noting they would like to see changes made to the project prioritization process, which has been expressed in the past, and voiced an interest in continuing to work with SAWPA to make improvements as we approach Proposition 1. Convener Sullivan encouraged the OC Stakeholders to work with Orange County representative Jose Solorio and with Bruce Whitaker, Mayor for the City of Fullerton and Alternate Commissioner representing the Orange County Water District on the SAWPA Commission; he noted the Committee seeks to benefit the entire watershed through the IRWM process. Westropp suggested the Committee create a Stakeholder Advisory Committee where these difficult questions could be discussed and addressed, stating there seems to be a disconnect between the OWOW plan process and the function of the OWOW Steering Committee since there is no stakeholder group working with the Committee to address these questions as they go through the process of implementing the OWOW Plan. Committee Member Solorio and Mayor Whitaker expressed a desire to assist in the process. Committee Member Evans voiced concern in establishing a stakeholder process overlaying the one already in place. A discussion ensued as to current process, and Westropp suggested the Pillar Chairs, which includes the general managers, could function as an advisory body to the Committee and asked to address how we work through this conflict we seem to have regarding harm to one or the other, then come back to the Committee with a recommendation.



8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting came to a close at 1:16 p.m.

APPROVED: September 28, 2017

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Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelly Berry", written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board

