



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

**OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 25, 2018**

<b>Committee Members</b>	
<b><u>Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Representatives</u></b>	
Ronald W. Sullivan, Eastern Municipal Water District	Present
Thomas P. Evans, Convener, Western Municipal Water District	Present
<b><u>County Supervisor Representatives</u></b>	
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
<b><u>County Mayor Representatives</u></b>	
Jon Harrison, Councilmember, City of Redlands	Present
Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley	Present
Jose Solorio, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana	Present
<b><u>Business Committee Representative</u></b>	
James Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Present
<b><u>Environmental Committee Representative</u></b>	
Garry W. Brown, President, Orange County Coastkeeper	Absent
<b><u>Regional Water Quality Control Board Representative</u></b>	
Linda Ackerman, Vice Chair, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board	Present
<b>Others Present</b>	
<b><u>SAWPA COMMISSIONERS:</u></b>	Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Gil Navarro, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Bruce Whitaker, Alternate, Orange County Water District
<b><u>SAWPA STAFF:</u></b>	Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Mark Norton, Karen Williams, Mike Antos, Dean Unger, Ian Achimore, Kelly Berry, Sara Villa

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
 There were no public comments.



### 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 16, 2017

**MOVED**, approve the November 16, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

Committee Member Solorio joined the meeting at 11:04 a.m., after the discussion of Agenda Item No. 3.

Committee Member Roughton joined the meeting at 11:06 a.m., after the discussion of Agenda Item No. 3.

### 4. BUSINESS ITEMS

#### A. Projects of the OWOW Plan Update 2018 (SC#2018.1)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Plan Update 2018, and provided a brief background on how the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) plan includes a suite of projects that will, if implemented, help achieve the goals and objectives of the OWOW Plan. Antos informed the Committee that, in the process of the OWOW Plan Update 2018, the Steering Committee is responsible for: 1) Issuing the Call for Projects for inclusion in the plan, 2) Developing a ranked portfolio of those projects that are in the OWOW Plan Update 2018 that wish to compete for Prop 1 IRWM implementation grants, and 3) Developing of a policy for how the list of projects can be continuously updated over time, and how that policy will interact with the need of organization to approve the OWOW Plan Update 2018.

Convener Sullivan questioned how the ranking of the projects will be determined. Antos noted that to some extent it will be driven by the preview of what Proposition 1 wants accomplished. The Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) that comes from the State will set the context, as well as the recommendation from the Pillars and the knowledge and expertise of the Steering Committee. Committee Member Roughton asked will the Goals and Objectives be included as guidance when the Call for Projects is sent out, and enquired as to the distribution process of the Call for Projects. Antos responded yes, the Goals and Objectives will be included with the Call for Projects, and Mark Norton noted that there is an online form process that is distributed to the standard OWOW email contact list of over 3,000 people. A notice will be distributed with instructions about listing their project. Committee Member Roughton noted that she was recently involved with the Santa Ana River Conservancy Plan where entities up and down the river were asked to submit their projects; will those projects be included with this process? Antos responded yes, the idea is to be able to import directly from other databases such as the project list in the OC Plan, and he anticipates reaching out to Coastal Conservancy in gathering the project submittal report for the Santa Ana River Conservancy Plan. Committee Member Solorio questioned if the project submittals will be screened to ensure the appropriate context is entered and that there are no duplicates; Antos noted SAWPA staff will review project submittals.

Convener Sullivan recommended staff appear before each Council of Governments within the watershed and provide them with an outline of the process, stating emails may not be as effective.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.A.

### 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS



**A. Finalization of Watershed Signage with Bri Communications (SC#2018.2)**

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation about the Finalization of the Watershed Signage. Bri Communications completed the design and installation of 64 educational signs throughout the Santa Ana River Watershed. The signage includes a map of the watershed, the location of major cities and water resources such as tributaries, rivers and lakes, and a paragraph about the OWOW program. The signage cost was funded by SAWPA and other water agencies as well as sponsorships; the logo of sponsoring agencies appears at the bottom of the signs.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.A.

**B. OWOW Proposition 84 2015 Round Projects Update (SC#2018.3)**

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Proposition 84 2015 Round Projects Update. Achimore introduced Imad Guirguis of Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, and informed the Committee that two of the project proponents who have received funding from the OWOW Proposition 84 2015 Round are requesting amendments to the SAWPA Grant Agreement executed by DWR in November 2016. The two projects are the 2015 Integrated Watershed Protection Program and the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP).

The 2015 Integrated Watershed Protection Program includes three components focused on providing flood protection and water supply to western Riverside County; 1) The San Jacinto River Levee, Stage 4, Phase 1, 2) Bautista Optimization Pond, and 3) Beaumont Master Drainage Plan (MDP) Line 16. The SARCCUP includes three components focused on providing water supply and ecosystem restoration in the watershed; 1) Habitat Improvements, 2) SARCCUP Water Use Efficiency, and 3) Conjunctive Use.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.B.

**C. OWOW Plan Update 2018 Status (SC#2018.4)**

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Plan Update 2018 Status, and informed the Steering Committee that eight (8) draft annotated outlines of the Pillar chapters have been to date received and three (3) more are expected by the end of January. It is anticipated that the Call for Projects will be distributed in March; an internal review of the chapters with all the pillars and stakeholders is anticipated in April. With approval of the Steering Committee, the internal review process will result in a six (6) week public review period beginning in July, with final approval from the SAWPA Commission in November. Antos informed the Committee that Dudek was selected as a technical writing consultant to help support the OWOW Plan Update 2018, and a new agreement is being developed to allow U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to update climate data in support of OWOW Plan Update 2018. The OWOW Plan Update 2018 is on-schedule and on-budget.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.C.

**D. Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Status (SC#2018.5)**

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (DCI) and provided a brief status update. There are three (3) Program Elements in the DCI; Program Element 1 – Strengths and Need Assessment, Program Element 2 – Education and Engagement, and Program Element 3 – Project Development. SAWPA staff continues to support the DCI Tribal Community Pillar and is in the process of developing a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC will recommend to the Steering Committee how best to allocate the



Project Development funds within the grant. The TAC is currently constituted of one member of each of the program partners and one outside expert. Additional members are being recruited for the every-other month meetings, working towards a full roster of nine (9) members. Steering Committee recommendations for those expenditures will be presented to the SAWPA Commission for concurrence. Antos informed the Steering Committee that the second Homelessness and Water Symposium was held in Fullerton on December 7, and ninety (90) people attended. The DCI Program is on-schedule and on-budget. Committee Member Solorio suggested that the TAC members include representatives who have working relationships within the Disadvantaged Communities.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.D.

**E. Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Status and Sacramento Trip (SC#2018.6)**

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation on Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Funding. For grant purposes, DWR divides the state into 12 Funding Areas, and the Santa Ana Funding Area is approximately SAWPA's service area. SAWPA is the only State-recognized, grant-eligible IRWM group in the Funding Area. Other funding areas have multiple IRWM regions that compete for funding. Under Proposition 1, \$63 M is allocated – \$6.3 M for DAC involvement, \$6.3 M for DAC projects, and \$45.9 M for other projects that implement the OWOW Plan. Norton referenced the Proposition 1 implementation eligible projects and requirements, and noted that non-state share not less than 50% of total project cost may be waived for certain projects benefiting DAC, economically distressed areas and under-represented communities. The proposed revised process; Step 1 – Applicant Presentation/Consultation, Step 2 – DWR Response, Step 3 – IRWM Region Submits Application, and Step 4 – DWR Evaluates and Makes Draft Funding Recommendation.

Norton informed the Committee that SAWPA staff met with DWR upper management on January 22 and discussed DWR's schedule. The Roundtable of Regions will see a Conceptual Grant Application Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) in February 2018. The official release of the Draft PSP is April 2018, and the Final PSP will be released June 2018. Larry McKenney noted that DWR has a positive approach in incentivizing good regional planning in the IRWM program and is allowing more flexibility on the timeline for funding.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.E.

**6. DATE/TIME FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Convener Sullivan informed the Committee that there being no clear consensus on the doodle poll results for future meetings, he recommends keeping the OWOW Steering Committee meetings on the fourth Thursday of every-other month.



7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting came to a close at 12:34 p.m.

APPROVED: March 22, 2018

*Ronald W. Sullivan (for)*

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Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener

Attest:

*Kelly Berry*

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Kelly Berry, CMO, Clerk of the Board