



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2018**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Susan Lien Longville, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ronald W. Sullivan, Vice Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Jasmin A. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bruce Whitaker, Alternate, Orange County Water District
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District [via conference call]

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Philip L. Anthony, Orange County Water District

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Gil Navarro, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, David Ruhl,
Carlos Quintero, Jerry Oldenburg, Ian Achimore, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:30 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. **GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA) ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS – FYE JUNE 30, 2017 | BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017**

Chief Financial Officer Karen Williams and members of the Finance Department were commended for the following achievements:

- **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.** This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.
- **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.** This award represents a significant achievement by SAWPA. It reflects the commitment of SAWPA's governing body and staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 20, 2018

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the March 20, 2018 meeting minutes.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROPOSED WATERSHED SIGN SEARCH COMPETITION (CM#2018.35)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the rules and objectives of a proposed Watershed Sign Search Competition, which would reach throughout the Santa Ana River Watershed, launch in May and conclude at the end of summer 2018. Competition rules and signage maps will be made available via SAWPA's website; public outreach will include local media, Boy Scouts of America, youth groups, summer/day camps and organizations involved in utilizing and maintaining the Santa Ana River Trail. Chair Longville suggested the winner categories include 10 years old and under to encourage their interest in the Santa Ana River Trail. Alternate Commissioner Whitaker suggested using a slogan such as, "SAWPA Sign Search and Selfies." Staff was encouraged to work with conservancy organizations within the watershed to increase public awareness and seek donations.

MOVED, approve staff time and material costs of an amount not to exceed \$9,000 associated with implementation of the proposed Santa Ana River Watershed Sign Search Competition.

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

B. UPDATE ON PA 22 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES (CM#2018.36)

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation on PA 22 Committee background and activities, including components and status of the 2014 Emergency Drought Grant Program as well as high visibility turf removal and retrofit.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. UPDATE – BRINELINE OPERATIONS

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation on operations of the Inland Empire Brine Line. Commissioner Sullivan recommended staff research the cost benefit for SAWPA to purchase and operate CCTV equipment instead of outsourcing that work. Quintero affirmed he will provide a future report regarding that recommendation.

B. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Longville noted attendance at the March 21 OWOW Tribal Workshop and a joint workshop during which presentations about future OWOW projects were discussed.

C. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Sullivan recommended inclusion of an item on future agendas for Commissioners to provide a brief oral report on meetings attended. General Manager Haller noted a process would be developed and brought to the Commission for consideration. Commissioner Hall reported on attending the California Water Policy Conference at UC Davis March 22-23, 2018, which was sponsored by EMWD and SAWPA.

D. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional requests for future agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Longville recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:23 a.m. Designated personnel essential to the discussion of Agenda Item No. 8.A. were present during Closed Session. There was no discussion on Agenda Item No. 8.B.

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 11:07 a.m. There was no reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business for review, Chair Longville adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.



Susan Lien Longville, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, OMC
Clerk of the Board