



**SAWPA COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2019**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District  
Kati Parker, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Denis R. Bilodeau, Alternate, Orange County Water District  
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District  
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

None

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

June D. Hayes, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Dean Unger,  
David Ruhl, Carlos Quintero, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Sullivan 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**

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**MOVED**, approve the February 19, 2019 meeting minutes.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**

Motion/Second: Harrison/Dennstedt

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Sullivan

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. BRINE LINE RESERVE FUND HISTORY (CM#2019.25)**

Karen Williams provided the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet on pages 57 through 67.

Chair Sullivan noted he had requested this presentation for the benefit of newer members of the Commission; he wanted everyone to be aware of the fund history and the total amount expended (\$30,667,590) for the Reach V capital repairs and legal fees. Larry McKenney noted that amount also included other expenses, such as the Nichols Road repair work; budget approval for FYE June 2017 included total cost for Reach V of just over \$32,000,000. Karen Williams confirmed the total amount expended for Reach V referenced above includes SRF Loan proceeds of \$15,000,000 and \$15,000,000 in reserve funds. Given minimal CIP cost estimates over the next three years, the fund reserve balance should be within the normal range within that time period.

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

**B. FYE 2020 AND 2021 OWOW AND ROUNDTABLES FUND DRAFT BUDGETS (CM#2019.26)**

Karen Williams provided the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet on pages 71 through 99. There was no discussion. This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.B.

**C. PROPOSITION 1 IRWM ROUND 1 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION SUPPORT (CM#2019.28)**

Mark Norton provided the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet on pages 109 through 111. Commissioner Dennstedt asked why Dudek was selected. Norton advised Dudek submitted a mid-level cost proposal; based on their proposal and specific knowledge and understanding of the OWOW Plan and process, as well as IRWM experience in other regions, staff recommends approving execution of a Task Order with Dudek to provide grant writing support services.

**MOVED**, (1) Authorize transfer of \$7,683 from Fund 100-05 and \$17,143.92 from Fund 370-01, all designated for FYE 2019 to technical/grant writing consultant support, to Fund 373OWOW; and (2) Execute Task Order No. DUDK373-06 with Dudek in the amount of \$91,310 to provide grant writing support services for the Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Grant Application support.

Result:	<b>Adopted (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Harrison
Ayes:	Bilodeau, Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**D. BASIN MONITORING PROGRAM TASK FORCE REGULATORY SUPPORT (CM#2019.29)**

Mark Norton provided the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet on pages 127 through 129. Commissioner Harrison asked if Risk Sciences was located within the region; Norton stated the company is in Tennessee and the owner, Tim Moore, travels to California for various meetings apportioned among multiple task forces. Chair Sullivan noted SAWPA has utilized his services for over 20 years; this is something we may want to consider moving forward. Norton advised Tim Moore will be moving into semi-retirement about a year from now. This Task Order continues his work up to that point in time; staff will consider and implement future succession planning.

**MOVED**, execute Task Order No. RISK374-08 with Risk Sciences in the amount of \$74,400 to provide strategic and regulatory support for the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**  
Motion/Second: Dennstedt/Harrison  
Ayes: Bilodeau, Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Sullivan  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

**E. OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (CM#2019.27)**

The next meeting of the OWOW Steering Committee is March 28, 2019. The current SAWPA representatives on the Committee are Commission Vice Chair Kati Parker, who will be out of the country on that date, and Commission Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Whitaker, who was not reappointed to the OCWD Board and is therefore no longer serving on the SAWPA Commission. Staff is seeking two Commissioner appointments to serve on the OWOW Steering Committee for the March 28, 2019 meeting, with a designation of one to serve as meeting Convener. General Manager Haller recommended appointment of Commissioner Dennstedt, WMWD, and Alternate Commissioner Denis R. Bilodeau, OCWD. Vice Chair Kati Parker moved their appointment, designating Commissioner Dennstedt to serve as meeting Convener.

**MOVED**, appoint Commissioner Brenda Dennstedt and Alternate Commissioner Denis R. Bilodeau to serve on the OWOW Steering Committee for the March 28, 2019 meeting, and designate Brenda Dennstedt as meeting Convener.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**  
Motion/Second: Parker/Sullivan  
Ayes: Bilodeau, Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Sullivan  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

**F. UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH ORANGE COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS**

The Ad Hoc Committee met on March 5, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.; in attendance were Commissioner Dennstedt and Alternate Commissioner Denis A. Bilodeau, Amanda Carr, Craig Miller, Mike Markus, Rich Haller, Karen Williams and Mark Norton. Commissioner Dennstedt advised the following agreement had been reached in concept:

Terms of Agreement Concept (not inclusive of state-mandated DAC funding; see below)

- 30% of grant funds pre-allocated to Orange County projects; rated and ranked under the OC Plan
- 60% of grant funds pre-allocated to the Upper Watershed; rated and ranked under the OWOW Plan
- 10% of grant funds reserved for regional projects, rated and ranked by OWOW
- Administration of all grant funding will be through SAWPA.

Further clarification will be reached prior to consideration by the OCWD Board (date TBD), OWOW Steering Committee (March 28 meeting), and SAWPA Commission (April 16 meeting). A conference call will be held with DWR on March 7 to discuss the administrative process for completing and implementing the concept agreement; an amendment to the agreement with DWR is anticipated.

Chair Sullivan voiced support but recommended the agreement cover the next funding round only. Commissioner Dennstedt noted this could be re-examined in the future. Chair Sullivan requested the agreement include language stating this would be reviewed at some time in the future. General Manager Markus noted this agreement will require approval of the OCWD Board; some directors have not been enthusiastic about reducing the Orange County funding from the initial 38% to 33.3%, which is now further reduced to 30%. He believes that if the OCWD Board were to approve this proposal, they would want the agreement in place beyond the Round 1 funding.

General Manager Jones asked for clarification that the set aside DAC funding would be available for the entire watershed on a project-by-project basis and based on criteria for that particular need. Commissioner Dennstedt confirmed that would be the case, and the funding would be available for projects throughout the watershed.

General Manager Markus confirmed once the agreement is formalized and approved by all parties, Orange County would withdraw their RAP application with DWR.

Commissioner Harrison noted concern since we have received project submittals prior to the successful conclusion of these negotiations. Mark Norton stated there is a list of projects from parties responding to the call for projects which have not yet been rated or ranked. The process moving forward is to conduct an open forum to review the projects and verify the stated benefits, followed by rating and ranking of the projects, then project funding will be considered. Regarding Orange County projects and how these negotiations would impact them, any projects received from Orange County would be returned and then proceed through the OC Plan rating and ranking (which will also be aligned with the state's requirements) and then would be funded from the 30% Orange County allocation.

Commissioner Dennstedt reiterated next steps include the conference call with DWR, consideration by the OWOW Steering Committee on March 28, then consideration by the SAWPA Commission on April 16. General Manager Markus noted the matter would be brought to committee next week and move forward for consideration by the OCWD Board in two weeks. Chair Sullivan thanked Commissioners Dennstedt and Bilodeau, General Managers Miller, Markus and Haller, Amanda Carr and staff for their efforts in reaching consensus.

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

## **6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

### **A. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT**

Chair Sullivan commended Mark Norton and Carlos Quintero for their presentation on behalf of SAWPA at the Multi-State Salinity Coalition Conference recently held in Las Vegas.

### **B. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

There were no Commissioners comments.

### **C. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**


7. **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

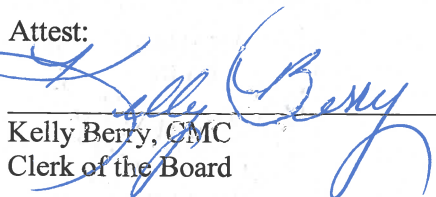
8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday,  
March 19, 2019.**

  
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Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair

Attest:

  
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Kelly Berry, GMC  
Clerk of the Board