



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19, 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
Robert Stockton, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

None.

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Dean Unger,
David Ruhl, Ian Achimore, Matt Howard, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:30 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.

The Oath of Office was administered to Denis R. Bilodeau, OCWD, and Robert Stockton, WMWD.

Matt Howard was introduced and welcomed to the SAWPA team; Matt will fill the position recently vacated by Mike Antos.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 5, 2019

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**

Motion/Second: Harrison/Bilodeau

Ayes: Bilodeau, Harrison, Parker, Stockton, Sullivan

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSULTANT SUPPORT | NETWORK COORDINATOR FOR THE CALIFORNIA IRWM ROUNDTABLE OF REGIONS (CM#2019.32)

Ian Achimore provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 19-28. SAWPA will serve as the contracting agency; other agencies will reimburse SAWPA on an annual basis and SAWPA will pay the consultant through the approved task order. The consultant will be managed by SAWPA and the two Roundtable of Regions Co-Chairs. The contract term is fifteen months, through the end of the next fiscal year. SAWPA's cost share accordingly increased from \$5,000 to \$5,816 due to the inclusion of the additional three months left in the current fiscal year. In December 2018, the Commission authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals. Consultant Sierra Water Workgroup, Inc., was the only responsive firm; they are located in Sacramento and have experience managing IRWMs in other parts of California. Chair Sullivan noted SAWPA has been a leader and serves as a model within the IRWM community. Commissioner Harrison concurred and moved the item.

MOVED, approve execution of an Agreement for Services and Task Order No. SWWG373-01 with Sierra Water Workgroup, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$84,454, to provide Network Coordinator consultant services for the California IRWM Roundtable of Regions.

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

B. POSITIONS ON STATE BILLS (CM#2019.33)

Larry McKenney provided an oral report with background information and proposed positions on the following bills currently before the State Legislature:

Bill	Position Recommended	Overview
AB 533 (Holden)	Support	Provide a State tax exclusion for any amount received as a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by a local water agency or supplier for any water conservation or efficiency program or water runoff management improvement program
AB 1194 (Frazier)	Oppose	Increase the size of the Delta Stewardship Council by creating four new positions to be filled by representatives of in-Delta interests. This measure is not consistent with the statewide perspective the Council is tasked with representing in achieving the co-equal goals described in the 2009 Delta legislation.
AB 1204 (Rubio)	Support	ACWA-sponsored bill to ensure that agencies are given a reasonable time period to come into compliance with newly adopted drinking water regulations. It would require that new MCLs that exceed the strictness of federal standards not take effect for three to five years from adoption.

Bill	Position Recommended	Overview
SB 204 (Dodd)	Oppose	Would require DWR to provide notice to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and other relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature before negotiating amendments to long-term supply contracts related to the State Water Project to be heard at a legislative hearing before becoming effective.
SB 669 (Caballero)	Support	An ACWA-sponsored bill to create a safe drinking water trust as part of an alternative approach to the proposed water tax. This bill focuses on creating a trust into which State General Funds could be deposited in budget surplus years in order to generate interest revenue to support solutions for small, failing water systems.
SB 414 (Caballero)	Support	New version of last year’s EMWD-sponsored bill with CMUA, AB 2050, on creation of regional water authorities to consolidate services provided by small, failing water systems, representing part of an alternative strategy to the proposed water tax. The Commission previously adopted a “support” position on last year’s AB 2050.
SB 241 (Moorlach)	None at this time.	Would require JPA member agencies to act individually to approve any contract by a JPA for “municipal services” as defined in the Government Code.
SB 332 (Hertzberg)	None at this time.	Would require reductions in wastewater ocean discharges as a means to encourage recycling; opposed by WaterReuse and CASA.

Rich Haller noted that Calleguas Municipal Water District also operates a brine line; SAWPA staff is partnering with them regarding SB 332 to ensure there is an exception for brine line discharge.

MOVED, adopt the following positions and direct staff to communicate the positions as appropriate: Support: AB 553 (Holden), AB 1204 (Rubio), SB 669 (Caballero), SB 414 (Caballero); Oppose: SB 1194 (Frazier), SB 204 (Dodd).

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

C. OWOW CONFERENCE | MARCH 29, 2019

Rich Haller provided updated information on the March 29, 2019 Santa Ana River Watershed Conference, *Moving Forward Together: From Planning to Action Across the Watershed*.

D. UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS WITH ORANGE COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS

Rich Haller provided an update on discussions with Orange County Stakeholders. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is currently under review by all parties. It is anticipated the MOU will be brought before the Commission on April 16 for consideration.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – JANUARY 2019

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – JANUARY 2019 (CM#2019.30)

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – JANUARY 2019 (CM#2019.31)

D. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Haller reviewed his report.

E. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

F. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES

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G. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Sullivan encouraged staff to expand bring line marketing efforts by contacting Jaime Hurtado, Manager of Trade Delegations and International Business Matching, Riverside County EDA Office of Foreign Trade.

H. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner comments.

I. 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 10:16 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday,
April 2, 2019.**


Kati Parker, Vice Chair

Attest:


Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board