SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2016

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Ed Killgore, Vice Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ronald W. Sullivan, Secretary-Treasurer, Eastern Municipal Water District
Phil Anthony, Orange County Water District
Terry Catlin, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Brenda Dennstedt, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT
Thomas P. Evans, Chair, Western Municipal Water District

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT: NON-VOTING
Jasmin Hall, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Steve Copelan, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT
Celeste Cantú, Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Mark Norton, Karen Williams, Dean Unger, David Ruhl, Nicole Weideman, Mike Antos, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Vice Chair Killgore 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. CONSENT CALENDAR
   A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 18, 2016
      Recommendation: Approve as posted.
   B. REACH V REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE I (CM#2016.94)
      Recommendation: Find that the unfinished condition of the Reach V Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (the Project) after the termination for cause of the Project contractor continues to be an emergency that requires immediate action per the Commission’s prior action on August 2, 2016.

      MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.
      Result: Adopted (Unanimously; 4-0-1)
      Motion/Second: Anthony/Catlin
      Ayes: Anthony, Catlin, Killgore, Sullivan
      Nays: None
      Abstentions: Dennstedt
      Absent: None
5. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL WATER RESEARCH PROJECT

Stephen Weisberg and Eric Stein, from the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) provided a PowerPoint presentation about SCCWRP, its research priorities, and opportunities for SCCWRP and SAWPA to engage as partners on current and future projects, advisory and stakeholder committees, for the mutual interest of both SCCWRP and SAWPA.

SCCWRP is a water quality research joint powers agency located in Costa Mesa with a membership composed of regulators and dischargers. It provides a unique interface between science and management. Much of its work is on topics of potential interest to SAWPA; indeed, many projects are conducted in the SARW. Its mission is to provide an unbiased scientific foundation for water quality management in California. While it is not involved at the policy level, SCCWRP judges its success by whether science is utilized by those who are involved at the policy and regulatory level.

Collaboration, critical in creating scientific consensus, is a key priority; 98% of their projects are conducted collaboratively. SCCWRP proposed the following opportunities for collaboration with SAWPA, with Eric Stein serving as the primary liaison:

- Partnership between SAWPA agencies and SMC on regional stream monitoring
- Coordination on common stream assessment tools and data sharing
- Implementation of flow-ecology tools to develop instream flow recommendations
- Periodic briefings/information sharing, such as SCCWRP’s annual and/or quarterly reports updating SAWPA on their activities
- Advisory or stakeholder committees
- Joint projects

SCCWRP derives funding from member agencies dues, monies given by member agencies for more specific research projects, and money from other outside sources such as NOAA, USGS, USFS, etc.

Commissioner Sullivan asked if they monitor the impact of recycled water in the SAR, the impact of emerging constituents, and how the Santa Ana Sucker is affected. Dr. Weisberg responded that while they do take samples from the Santa Ana River, in general they do not focus on studying specific locales; they concentrate on developing approaches and tend to study larger geographical issues.

It was the consensus of the Commission to proceed with scheduling a tour of the SCCWRP Costa Mesa facility in the near future.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. PROPOSITION 1 IRWM DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT (CM#2016.95)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Proposition 1 IRWM Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Grant.

Proposition 1 allocates $510 million for the IRWM Program, of which at least 10% is to be spent on the DACI program as part of the IRWM process. For the Santa Ana River Watershed, $6.3 million has been assigned as a non-competitive grant for the DACI Program. The program must benefit members of disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas, and underrepresented communities.
The OWOW Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program has three program elements, within which are many tasks and activities. The elements are 1) Strengths & Needs Assessment (required by DWR), 3) Education & Engagement, and 3) Project Development. The included tasks and activities are all drawn from the grant guidelines or from earlier programs, referenced by the guidelines that have been completed elsewhere in the state. The Program Task Budget and more detailed SAWPA Chart of Accounts Budget were presented and are set forth below.

**Program Task Budget**

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<td>Strength and Needs Assessment</td>
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<td>Engagement and Education</td>
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<td>Project Development</td>
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<td>Grant Administration</td>
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**SAWPA Chart of Accounts Budget**

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<td>SAWPA salaries, benefits, G&amp;A costs</td>
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<td>Program Expenses (partners)</td>
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On October 20, 2016, the OWOW Steering Committee approved submittal of a proposal to the Department of Water Resources to initiate the Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) Program in the Santa Ana River Watershed; staff requested ratification of that approval.

MOVED, ratify the OWOW Steering Committee’s approval of the submittal of a proposal to Department of Water Resources to initiate the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program in the Santa Ana River Watershed subject to incorporation of minor comments.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0)**

Motion/Second: Sullivan/Dennstedt

Ayes: Anthony, Catlin, Dennstedt, Killgore, Sullivan

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None
7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**
   Recommendation: Receive and file the following oral/written reports/updates.
   
   A. **CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT**
      There were no comments or Chair’s report.
   
   B. **COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**
      There were no Commissioners’ comments.
   
   C. **COMMISSIONERS’ REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
      There were no Commissioner requests for future agenda items.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**
   Larry McKenney noted the Commission would discuss Agenda Item No. 8.A., with no action anticipated. At 10:36 a.m., Vice Chair Killgore recessed the meeting to Closed Session. Designated personnel essential to the discussion of Agenda Item No. 8.A. were present during Closed Session.
   
   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)
   
      Vice Chair Killgore resumed Open Session at 11:24 a.m. There was no reportable action taken by the Commission during Closed Session.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
   There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Killgore adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

Thomas P. Evans, Chair

Attest:
Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board