



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

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
Phil Anthony, Orange County Water District
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT None.

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT; NON-VOTING Kati Parker, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Gil Navarro, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT Celeste Cantú, Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Mark Norton, Karen Williams, Dean Unger, David Ruhl, Carlos Quintero, Ian Achimore, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:36 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. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 17, 2017**

MOVED, approve the January 17, 2017 meeting minutes.

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| Result: | Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0) |
| Motion/Second: | Anthony/Hall |
| Ayes: | Anthony, Evans, Hall, Longville, Sullivan |
| Nays: | None |
| Abstentions: | None |
| Absent: | None |

5. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE – JANUARY 2017 STORM IMPACTS (CM#2017.15)

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding January 2017 storm impacts. Five days of significant rain were experienced in late January, with up to five inches of rain at some locations. While local flooding was experienced, there were no significant impacts to the Brine Line. Emergency discharges were released by Western Riverside County Regional Wastewater Authority (WRCRWA) and Western Water Recycling Facility (WWRF). To accommodate these increased emergency flows, Temescal and Arlington Desalters were asked to stop discharging to the Brine Line for a short period of time.

There was significant erosion to the access road on Reach 4, between Green River Golf Course and Prado Dam. The area is owned by California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR); SAWPA will work with CDPR and the US Army Corps of Engineers under a regional permit (RGP 63) to repair the damage.

OCSD activated high flow emergencies, but emergency outflows were not necessary. Commissioner Anthony noted OCSD experienced its highest capacity flow ever, and steps taken by OCWD and SAWPA were instrumental in OCSD's not having to resort to emergency outflows.

Commissioner Sullivan inquired how WRCRWA is billed for discharging to the Brine Line. Quintero replied they are billed based on their discharge; their flows are monitored on a quarterly basis.

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

B. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE REACH V REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 1 (CM#2017.16)

David Ruhl provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the Commission on the Inland Empire Brine Line Reach V Rehabilitation and Improvement Project – Phase 1, which currently consists of the following four Tasks.

Task 1: Remove defective liner/PVC pipe and replace with new PVC pipe.

Task 2: Complete CKC deficiencies and place liners 1-10 into service. Segments 1-10 were placed back in to service in December 2016 and segments 11-16 in January 2017.

Task 3: Remove bypass system, complete CKC deficiencies. On January 20, 2017, an event was held in the City of Corona celebrating removal of the bypass line, which was attended by Alternate Commissioners Parker and Navarro, Mayor Haley of Corona and other elected representatives.

Task 4: Rehabilitate Brine Line with Cured-in-Place Pipe. Some of the work has been slightly delayed due to the January storms.

Staff is continuing its public outreach efforts via a social media, a construction hotline and project update brochures.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF A SECOND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE (CM#2017.14)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the second MOU with the US Forest Service (USFS). Darrell Vance, District Ranger, Cleveland National Forest, addressed the Commission on behalf of the USFS, voicing support of these watershed protection collaborative efforts.

The term of the first MOU expired December 31, 2016. Collaborative efforts under the first MOU include completion of a 2012 study titled *Valuation of Benefits of Forest Management Practices in the Santa Ana Watershed*, the San Bernardino National Forest acquiring \$1 Million of Prop 84 Round 2 grant funding, and acquiring the assistance of UCI researcher Dr. Michael Goulden to evaluate water supply benefits of Prop 84 Round 2 project funding. The grant funding was utilized for removal of excess fuel loads (thinning of trees and overgrowth) and to overhaul eroding forest roads. It is anticipated that Dr. Goulden's report will be completed and available within the next year. Commissioner Sullivan directed SAWPA staff to provide the report to David Reynolds with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and Ian Lyle with the National Water Resources Association (NWRA) when it is available. Commissioner Evans asked for the amount spent to date on these tasks, reminding staff of the Commission's direction to share information beyond SAWPA and its member agencies.

The USFS requested SAWPA enter into a second MOU containing the same major provisions in order to coordinate outlined programs and projects to address complex issues in the watershed and ensure that the San Bernardino and Cleveland National Forests have adequate resources needed for ecosystem management within the Santa Ana River Watershed. Under this second MOU, which would expire January 2022, SAWPA and USFS staff will meet regularly to identify mutually beneficial management strategies and develop joint projects when appropriate. Both agencies will actively participate in resource management planning efforts undertaken by both parties.

Chair Longville noted that the SBVMWD recently approved an \$87,000 agreement with the San Bernardino National Forest which will largely help in translocating Santa Ana Suckers up in the forest. Finding benefits and reasons to invest are paramount to continuing conservation efforts.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Forest Service (Forest Service) to plan and develop projects within the Santa Ana River Watershed.

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| Result: | Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0) |
| Motion/Second: | Anthony/Sullivan |
| Ayes | Anthony, Evans, Hall, Longville, Sullivan |
| Nays: | None |
| Abstentions: | None |
| Absent: | None |

B. COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION (CM#2017.17)

Chair Longville and Commissioner Anthony voiced their support of reviewing and updating the current Commissioner compensation policy. Larry McKenney referenced the proposed ordinance and updated policy contained in the agenda packet materials which address direct compensation, allow compensation for a greater range of Commissioner activities, and reset the amount of compensation per day of service to \$200. Implementing the proposed policy would require amending the SAWPA Joint Powers Agreement to include pay for days of service other than Commission meetings. In order to consider adoption of an ordinance, the Commission would need to conduct a public hearing after the posting of legal notice.

Commissioner Evans voiced his support of setting a public hearing to consider the proposed ordinance; Commissioner Anthony concurred. Commissioner Sullivan noted the needs of each individual member agency should also be considered.

General Manager Mike Markus noted OCWD recently changed its compensation policy. A public hearing is now required for any Board compensation increases; compensation can no longer automatically increase. Markus invited McKenney to contact OCWD general counsel to discuss.

MOVED, set a public hearing at the March 7, 2017 Commission meeting to consider a proposed updated ordinance authorizing the amount of compensation paid to Commissioners.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0)**
Motion/Second: Evans/Anthony
Ayes: Anthony, Evans, Hall, Longville, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

C. NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN J. TIEGS TO THE ACWA JPIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CM#2017.18)

Celeste Cantú noted Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) recently nominated Kathleen J. Tieg to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee, and CVWD has requested the SAWPA Commission concur with that nomination. Commissioner Anthony stated he could not support her nomination, recommending that individual member agencies consider Tieg's nomination, not SAWPA. Chair Longville stated the SBVMWD Board would not be considering this nomination.

MOVED, refer consideration of the nomination of Kathleen J. Tieg to the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee to the SAWPA member agency governing boards.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0)**
Motion/Second: Anthony/Hall
Ayes: Anthony, Evans, Hall, Longville, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

D. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO STATE WATER BOARD VICE CHAIR FRANCES SPIVY-WEBER

Commissioner Anthony voiced his support of the resolution and moved the item, which was seconded by Chair Longville.

MOVED, adopt Resolution No. 2017-03 honoring Frances Spivy-Weber for dedicated service to the State Water Resources Control Board.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0)**
Motion/Second: Anthony/Longville
Ayes: Anthony, Evans, Hall, Longville, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

E. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA WATER FIX AND ECO RESTORE (CM#2017.19)

Commissioner Sullivan spoke to distribution and wording of the Resolution, noting it should include the population served within the watershed and be distributed to every state legislator throughout the State of California, as well as every U.S. Congressional and Senate representative within the watershed. Commissioner Sullivan requested the resolution signed by each SAWPA Commissioner and the SAWPA General Manager.

Alternate Commissioner Navarro voiced his support of Resolution No. 2017-04.

MOVED, adopt Resolution No. 2017-04 supporting the preferred alternative of the California Water Fix and California Eco Restore, subject to the recommended changes of Commissioner Sullivan, to be signed by the SAWPA Commissioners and SAWPA General Manager and distributed to every state legislator, as well as distributed to the U.S. Congressional and Senate representatives within the watershed.

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| Result: | Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0) |
| Motion/Second: | Anthony/Hall |
| Ayes | Anthony, Evans, Hall, Longville, Sullivan |
| Nays: | None |
| Abstentions: | None |
| Absent: | None |

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Longville noted she and Celeste Cantú attended Bill Steele's retirement luncheon on February 6; it was a lovely event attended by representatives from many agencies.

B. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Evans had a question regarding Agenda Item No. 6.G. Project Agreement 23 First Amendment and Restatement, considered at the January 17, 2017 meeting, which he was unable to attend. The action taken by the Commission was to provide the PA 23 First Amendment and Restatement to the general managers for review and comment and then brought back to the Commission for consideration. What is the expectation of the Commission as to timing?

Commissioner Sullivan stated it was his understanding/recollection that McKenney's position was that it needed to be placed on an agenda for the PA 23 Committee to consider, and the general managers were waiting for that to happen before they could proceed. McKenney stated the January 17 direction to staff was to send it out to the general managers for review and comment, which was done within two days following the meeting. McKenney has not received any comments back from the general managers. McKenney reiterated his January 17 statement that he was happy to circulate it to the general managers for review and comment, but he did not view consideration and approval of the document as within the purview of the PA 23 Committee; that is a matter for the Commission and member agency boards.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place this matter on the agenda for the February 21, 2017 Commission meeting.

C. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items, other than that listed under Agenda Item No. 7.B.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Larry McKenney noted the Commission would discuss Agenda Item No. 8.A., with no action anticipated. At 10:43 a.m., Chair Longville 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)

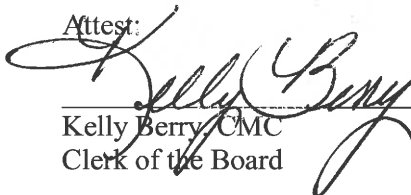
Chair Longville resumed Open Session at 11:24 a.m. There was no reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Longville adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.


Susan Lien Longville, Chair

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board