The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Thomas P. Evans, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Ave., Riverside, California.

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
There were no public comments.

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – September 28, 2017**
MOVED, approve the September 28, 2017 meeting minutes.

Result: Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second: Brown/Hessler

Ayes: Brown, Evans, Hagman, Harrison, Hessler, Roughton, Solorio

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Ackerman, Ashley, Nelson, Sullivan

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Carmel Brown, Chief of DWR Financial Assistance Branch (SC#2017.23)

Mark Norton introduced and welcomed Carmel Brown, Chief of DWR Division of Integrated Regional Water Management Financial Assistance Branch. Her job duties include oversight of the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWM), including implementation, planning and Disadvantaged Community Involvement Programs. Ms. Brown provided an oral update of her background in joining DWR’s executive team four years ago, and introduced Teji Sandhu and Mehdi Mizani, who are currently managing the grants that SAWPA administers on behalf of OWOW.

Ms. Brown noted that the Governor’s California Water Action Plan (established in 2014) includes the goal of building regional sustainability across all levels of government in California, and one of DWR’s Strategic Plan goals is building capacity for regional sustainability in California. DWR’s role is to provide the technical and financial assistance to help SAWPA do the work in becoming more sustainable. Ms. Brown praised SAWPA as one of the best grantees, with invoices being processed smoothly, work products turned in on time, and good diversity of types of projects regarding water quality, flood, and ecosystem restoration.

Ms. Brown noted that Proposition 1 specifically directed that a minimum of 10% of the $510 M that was dedicated to IRWM had to go to the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program, and another 10% must go to projects that benefit Disadvantaged Communities. The intent is to ensure more meaningful engagement and involvement of all the under-represented communities and a better understanding and identification of what the needs are within the community.

Ms. Brown also reported that, within the California Water Plan Update 2018, DWR is creating a regional water atlas, which will be a framework to post case studies and value stories and get general information. Also within the California Water Plan there are several pilot studies, one of which is with SAWPA to further develop sustainability indicators. Finally, Ms. Brown noted that the Proposal Solicitation Package for the next Proposition 1 IRWM round will be a little different. DWR plans to consult with each of the twelve funding areas in the state to develop an implementation strategy that considers when projects will be ready and what other resources grant applicants have, looking at a 5-10 year horizon.

Committee Member Solorio questioned the timeframe of the regional water atlas. Ms. Brown noted that they are currently doing beta testing, and the draft of the 2018 update will be out in February 2018. Committee Member Hagman asked about DWR’s involvement/communication with the Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Brown stated that she has not met with the Corps in the last four months, but has previously met regularly with the Colonels from various districts. Convener Evans thanked Ms. Brown for attending.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.A.
B. **One Water One Watershed Governance and Process (SC#2017.24)**

Larry McKenney provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Governance Policy, as requested by Convener Sullivan during an earlier Committee meeting, and reviewed information contained in the Committee Memorandum on pages 11-12 of the agenda packet.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.B.

Committee Member Ashley joined the meeting at 12:10 p.m., after the discussion of Agenda Item No. 4.B.

C. **Goals & Objectives Workshop, OWOW Plan Update 2018 (SC#2017.25)**

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and Objectives. He reviewed the intent for this joint workshop with the Steering Committee and Pillar Chairs to achieve consensus and approval of the OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and Objectives Final Draft, so that the plan drafters can use them. Antos referenced the revised Goals and Objectives that were provided to the OWOW Steering Committee and members of the public, and noted that they had been revised to reflect a change of prioritization based on the advice of the pillar chairs.

Convener Evans noted that OCWD had been critical of the earlier goals and asked Greg Woodside (OCWD) to comment. Woodside noted that it is not so much a conflict as a matter of prioritization. The County of Orange has a very serious homeless problem and is being sued. Addressing homelessness generates a lot of uncertainty in terms of how it will be done and how the County will interface with it.

Larry McKenney noted that the statutory IRWM standards require plans to address Disadvantaged Communities, and the DCI Program grant that is currently being worked on and the next round of funding are focused on Disadvantaged Communities and addressing the water resources impacts. Committee Member Solorio suggested having a follow-up meeting with the Pillar Chairs and Member Agency General Managers to go over the final draft of the Goals and Objectives. Antos noted that the process to date has included a lot of interaction back and forth amongst the Pillar Chairs (five of them being General Managers of the SAWPA member agencies), and the whole list of Goals and Objectives will stay a draft until next fall when the OWOW Plan Update 2018 comes back for review.

Workshop discussion of the Goals and Objectives proceeded, resulting in the following:

- **Under Goal:** Engage with members of disadvantaged communities to diminish environmental injustices, change wording to “Engage with members of disadvantaged communities and associated supporting organizations to diminish environmental injustices and their impacts on the watershed”.

- **Under Goal:** Engage with members of disadvantaged communities and associated supporting organizations to diminish environmental injustices and their impacts on the watershed”, change objective wording from “Support broad-based collaboratives alleviating homelessness” to “Support broad-based collaboratives alleviating homelessness and its impact on the watershed”.

- **Under Goal:** Achieve water resources through innovation and optimization, change objective wording from “Safety strengthen links between flood protection and water conservation” to “Safety strengthen links between flood protection, stormwater management and water conservation”.

- **Under Goal:** Achieve water resources through innovation and optimization, add objective of “Plan for OWOW implementation beyond state grants”.
• Under Goal: Achieve water resources through innovation and optimization, change objective wording from “Innovate to increase water-use efficiency and conservation” to “Innovate to increase water-use efficiency conservation and interregional transfers”.
• Under Goal: Preserve and enhance recreational landscape, open space, habitat, and natural hydrologic function, change wording to “Preserve and enhance recreational areas, open space, habitat, and natural hydrologic function”.
• Under Goal: Preserve and enhance recreational landscape, open space, habitat, and natural hydrologic function, remove objective “Include ecosystem function in new development planning and construction”.
• Under Goals and Objectives Title: The One Water One Watershed Plan Update 2018 describes how collaborative watershed planning, water and land management, and project implementation supports improved sustainability, resilience, and economic prosperity throughout the Santa Ana River Watershed through 2040, replace “economic prosperity” with “quality of life”.

Committee Member Roughton noted that she felt more comfortable after today’s workshop and in releasing the updated Goals and Objectives to the Pillars.

MOVED, approve the OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and Objectives Final Draft and releasing to the Pillars.

Result: Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second: Roughton/Hagman
Ayes: Ashley, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Harrison, Hessler, Roughton, Solorio
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Ackerman, Nelson, Sullivan

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. OWOW Plan Update 2018 Status Report (SC#2017.26)
Due to time constraints, Agenda Item No. 5.A. was deferred to the January 25, 2018 regular meeting.

B. Homelessness and Water Symposium No. 2 Status Report
Due to time constraints, Agenda Item No. 5.B. was deferred to the January 25, 2018 regular meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting came to a close at 12:54 p.m.

APPROVED: January 25, 2018

Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener

Attest:

Kelly Barry, CMC, Clerk of the Board