



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Susan Lien Longville, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jasmin A. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
David J. Slawson, Alternate, Eastern Municipal Water District
Bruce Whitaker, Alternate, Orange County Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Ronald W. Sullivan, Vice Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District
Philip L. Anthony, Orange County Water District

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Kati Parker, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Gil Navarro Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

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

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:32 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 16, 2018

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the January 16, 2018 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted (Passed)
Motion/Second:	Hall/Whitaker
Ayes:	Hall, Longville, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Dennstedt, Slawson
Absent:	None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE | POLICY PRINCIPLES FOR THE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (CM#2018.9)

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation on Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DCI) Policy Principles and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Housing Authority of the City of Riverside, and requested feedback from the Commission on the policy principles and draft MOU provided in the agenda packet.

Rich Haller noted SAWPA staff has sought input from the member agency general managers, who have provided comments which will be further discussed at the February 13 monthly meeting of the general managers. Chair Longville suggested those comments could be brought before the Commission at the February 20 meeting, anticipating that the final document would be approved in March.

Alternate Commissioner Slawson noted the approach seemed to be very broad, and further research and evaluation may determine the need for flood control considerations and not just water project considerations. Alternate Commissioner Whitaker agreed it is very wide-ranging and he would like to see it narrowed somewhat; in particular the focus on reducing negative impacts and working with other agencies to provide solutions. Ultimately, he would like to be able to support the MOU but he would first want to discuss it with his fellow OCWD directors.

Chair Longville noted the following suggested revisions to the MOU:

- Paragraph 2. PURPOSE OF THIS MOU: In the first line, after the word “support” and before the word “an” include the words “the feasibility of” so it reads, “The purpose of this MOU is to support the feasibility of an intergovernmental partnership....”
- Exhibit “A” Roles and Responsibilities. Voiced concern there is no reference to the flood risk and potential loss of lives. Suggested the following change to the introductory paragraph: after the words “...housing for individuals living unsheltered within riparian areas...” add the words “where reasonably foreseeable flood risk could result in the loss of lives....”
- Exhibit “A” Roles and Responsibilities. At the end of the wording in both Paragraphs numbered 3, add the words “and a reduced risk of loss of lives from flooding.”
- Suggested that the MOU should include other partners who will be evaluating the feasibility of this project, which could include the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and Santa Ana River trail and habitat conservation partners.
- Suggested the principles should include a blending of program language with more specificity about the disadvantaged community involvement project.

Chair Longville inquired as to the objective beyond what is in the agreement. Haller responded the objective is to make the projects ready to be funded for implementation; at this point the projects are concepts in need of work to develop them into something to be evaluated for funding through a project selection process competing with other DAC projects.

Commissioner Hall supported including consideration for the human aspect of decisions and plans into the future. She suggested that SAWPA should not take part in removing facilities from where the homeless are now.

Alternate Commissioner Dennstedt noted her support of the collaborative effort and having a voice in the process of figuring out how to implement the human right to water. She voiced her concern regarding recent public health issues in neighboring regions, the relationship of water and pathogen movement, and emphasized the need for focus in that area.

Alternate Commissioner Whitaker noted the importance of public land use compatibility for all members of the public and the importance of collaborative effort to change the situation where we find that property is being pressed into use for which it was not designed. Whitaker noted he would like to see an emphasis on outcomes; achieving results is how we show public monies are well spent.

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

B. WECAN PROGRAM – MOU SECOND AMENDMENT WITH WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND TASK ORDER NO. 3 FOR ECOTECH SERVICES, INC. (CM#2018.10)

Mike Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Water Energy Community Action Network (WECAN) program. Chair Longville was supportive and noted how funding has been utilized efficiently and effectively.

MOVED, approve a Second Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the West Valley Water District and the associated Task Order No ECOT397-03 with EcoTech Services, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$27,600 for irrigation repairs at homes to ensure they qualify to participate in WECAN Program.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Whitaker/Slawson
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Longville, Slawson, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

C. PROPOSITION 84 2015 GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – RIVERSIDE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROJECT (CM#2018.11)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining a proposed Amendment to the 2015 Grant Agreement between the Department of Water Resources and SAWPA.

MOVED, direct staff to execute an amendment to the Grant Agreement between SAWPA and the Department of Water Resources to reflect the revised 2015 Integrated Watershed Protection Program.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Hall/Whitaker
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Longville, Slawson, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

D. QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENT – CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE (CM#2018.15)

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining a Quitclaim of Easement for utility and roadway purposes to the City of Lake Elsinore. SAWPA does not have a need for this easement; the City of Lake Elsinore is requesting the easement to facilitate a low-income housing development in the area.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to execute a Quitclaim of Easement quitclaiming to the City of Lake Elsinore for utility and roadway purposes that certain easement for road and utility purposes as described in a Final Order of Condemnation, granted to SAWPA by Instrument No. 292030, recorded with the County of Riverside on September 5, 1995.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**
Motion/Second: Whitaker/Slawson
Ayes: Dennstedt, Hall, Longville, Slawson, Whitaker
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

E. PROPOSITION 1 IRWM STATUS AND SACRAMENTO TRIP (CM#2018.12)

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation on Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Funding, and a recent Sacramento trip during which SAWPA staff met with DWR representatives.

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

F. SPONSORSHIP OF MAVEN'S NOTEBOOK AND CALIFORNIA WATER LIBRARY (CM#2018.17)

Rich Haller outlined the purpose and function of Maven's Notebook and California Water Library, and recommending contributing to these websites which provide valuable resources via the internet.

MOVED, approve a contribution of \$500 to Maven's Notebook and \$1,000 to the California Water Library.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**
Motion/Second: Whitaker/Dennstedt
Ayes: Dennstedt, Hall, Longville, Slawson, Whitaker
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

G. COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATION ON THE OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE (CM#2018.13)

Rich Haller reviewed background information provided in the agenda packet and the proposed Resolution No. 2018-1.

MOVED, adopt Resolution No. 2018-1 establishing a rotation of appointments to the One Water, One Watershed (OWOW) Steering Committee and rescinding Resolution No. 2017-12.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**
Motion/Second: Hall/Slawson
Ayes: Dennstedt, Hall, Longville, Slawson, Whitaker
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

H. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (CM#2018.16)

Rich Haller reviewed background information provided in the agenda packet regarding an invitation received by SAWPA staff member Mike Antos to participate in a conference in Beijing, China. Antos will provide a report to the Commission upon his return.

MOVED, authorize SAWPA staff member Mike Antos to attend the Sino-American Technology & Engineering Conference in Beijing, China, May 13-20, 2018, for a total of five (5) working days, excluding travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Hall/Dennstedt
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Longville, Slawson, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

I. SAWPA WEBSITE – WWW.SAWPA.ORG (CM#2018.14)

Dean Unger provided a brief overview and the newly revised SAWPA website.

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

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

No comments or reports.

B. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

C. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional requests for future agenda items.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Longville recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:57 a.m. No reportable action was anticipated. Designated personnel essential to the discussion were present during Closed Session. No discussion of Agenda Item No. 8.B. was anticipated.

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)

B. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

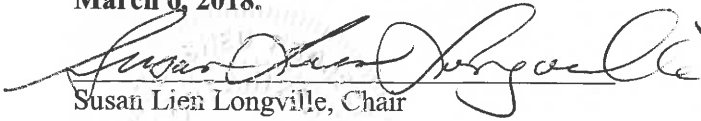
SAWPA Designated Representative: General Manager Richard E. Haller
Non-Represented Employees: All SAWPA employees

Chair Longville resumed Open Session at 11:14 a.m. There was no discussion on Agenda Item No. 8.B. There was no reportable action.

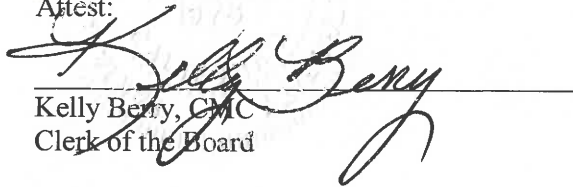
8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Longville adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday,
March 6, 2018.**


Susan Lien Longville, Chair

Attest:


Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board