



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2018**

- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT** Susan Lien Longville, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jasmin A. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bruce Whitaker, Alternate, Orange County Water District
Ronald W. Sullivan, Vice Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT** Philip L. Anthony, Orange County Water District
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District
- ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT; NON-VOTING** Steven Copelan, 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

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 acting Clerk of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 5, 2018

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 NOVEMBER WATER BOND ACT INITIATIVE – REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Jerry Meral, Ph.D., Director of California Water Program Natural Heritage Institute provided a report and presentation on a 2018 November Water Bond Act Initiative that will be on the ballot this

November. Proposition 1 has two components. The storage component governed by the California Water Commission is in the process of awarding those storage grants in July. There was a wide variety of various water projects with those funds being allocated to state agencies. By the end of 2019 it is expected that those funds will be exhausted by making grants. The November Water Bond is different from Proposition 1 because there is no allocation to the California Water Commission, the monies are directly appropriated to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and other state agencies, and there are no new required regulations. The state is in a good position to issue more bonds. The programs SAWPA has led are well funded and include wastewater recycling, desalting of groundwater or other contaminated groundwater, water conservation, repair of flood control reservoirs, stormwater, Santa Ana River a program for coastal conservancy to help enhance the Santa Ana River.

ACWA was consulted regarding its priorities when this measure was being developed. Those priorities were 1) safe drinking water; and 2) restoring the watersheds in the Sierra Nevadas. Chair Longville inquired about bond indebtedness. Commissioner Sullivan asked if the state will allocate the funds with grants? How would SAWPA ensure it receives its fair share? Dr. Meral said there is language in the measure that says that the SWRCB and DWR that get most of the funds, shall take into account, a reasonable fair distribution of funds throughout the state. Commissioner Whitaker said the value is about 1.7 Billion which is unusual. Chair Longville recommended the Commissioners speak with its general managers regarding this 2018 November Water Bond Act Initiative. Michael Markus asked if there any funds in the bond for IRWM? Dr. Meral responded there is \$5M to continue the coordinator positions. There is no cap included in the text of the bond. Chair Longville asked when the name and position number is expected? Dr. Meral said renumbering is on November 1, 2018. Chair Longville asked if active opposition from any group is anticipated? Dr. Meral said no opposition is expected. He provided a fact sheet listing the benefits to SAWPA from the 2018 November Water Bond Initiative. Markus stated Dr. Meral is scheduled to give a presentation to the OCWD Board in August.

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

B. STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY (CM#2018.64)

Karen Williams reported there have been no changes to the Statement of Investment Policy.

Williams provided a communication letter dated June 12, 2018 from SAWPA's audit firm Teaman, Ramirez & Smith.

MOVED, adopt Resolution No. 2018-7, approving the Statement of Investment Policy and delegating authority to the Chief Financial Officer to invest or reinvest funds consistent with the Statement of Investment Policy.

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

C. SARCCUP PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CONSULTANT SUPPORT CM#2018.65)

Ian Achimore reviewed the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet on pages 65-71 regarding the proposed Task Order No. 3. Achimore provide a brief overview of the project timeline, cost, proponents and support services. Existing task order and funding status was also reviewed. He

reported the cost savings from the proposed Task Order No. 3 are \$16,000. It was noted that if there are delays due to construction or weather and it gets extended beyond five years, the SAWPA member agencies and SAWPA are recommending those cost savings be banked in a way to be used for years beyond the current five-year SARCCUP project timeline. Chair Longville said without the Prop 84 grant, does this consultant cost something in the \$55M budget that the bond is paying for? Achimore stated the grant was used for the first year of their contract but the remaining four years are being paid out of the local match portion. Woodard & Curran representative Scott Goldman was present to answer any questions.

MOVED, approve Task Order No. 3 in an amount not to exceed \$224,485 with Woodard & Curran (formerly RMC Water & Environment Inc.) for project management services to support the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP).

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

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

- A. **CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – APRIL 2018**
- B. **INTER-FUND BORROWING – APRIL 2018 (CM#2018.61)**
- C. **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – APRIL 2018 (CM#2018.62)**
- D. **BUDGET VS ACTUAL VARIANCE REPORT – FYE 2018 THIRD QUARTER – ENDING MARCH 31, 2018 (CM#2018.63)**
- E. **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2018**
- F. **THIRD QUARTER FYE 2018 EXPENSE REPORTS**
- G. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Rich Haller reported SAWPA will receive and open bids on this Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. for the Santa Ana Sucker Enhancement Project. Last week, June 13, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board staff participated in a tour of the Brine Line, which was successful. Planning for the OWOW 2019 Conference is underway. Tentatively the event will be hosted at Cal State Fullerton on Friday, March 29, 2019. Chair Longville recommended the date be stated clearly in the minutes and that any comments or conflicts be sent to Rich Haller within a week. Commissioner Sullivan requested an email sent from Rich Haller to member agency general managers for mentioning at their upcoming board meetings.

It was noted that the July 3, 2018 meeting has been cancelled; the next Commission meeting will be held July 17, 2018.

H. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES
June 12, 2018.

I. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Sullivan suggested someone write an op-ed regarding the double water tax. Chair Longville agreed but recommended waiting until we have clarity of our position. Commissioner Sullivan does not want to wait until it's too late to do anything. It was recommended the item be placed on the July 17, 2018 Commission agenda. Larry McKenney reported this commission has taken a position in support of AB2050 and written letters of support to the appropriate committees.

J. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Longville reported on the Valley District- hosted first annual Santa Ana River Science Symposium. The event was a success and will most like occur in the future at various locations along the river.

K. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Sullivan reported on his recent trip to Europe and shared about water treatment and ground agriculture practices.

L. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional requests for future agenda items.

7. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.


8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Longville adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday,
July 17, 2018.**


Susan Lien Longville, Chair

Attest:


Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board