



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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Mark Bulot, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ronald W. Sullivan, Vice Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Kati Parker, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bruce Whitaker, Orange County Water District
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Jasmin A. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Brenda Dennstedt, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District (9:46 a.m.)

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, 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 9:30 a.m. by Chair Bulot 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 16, 2018

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Whitaker/Sullivan
Ayes:	Bulot, Evans, Parker, Sullivan, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **BRINE LINE DISCHARGER SUMMARY FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 (CM#2018.109)**

Carlos Quintero provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet (pages 23-26) with an overview of Brine Line dischargers and discharge composition. Staff is working with the California Institution for Women relating to increased flow; staff will provide future updates to the Commission. Rich Haller advised staff will update the Commission regarding the Brine Line marketing plan and the lease capacity agreement. Commissioner Evans noted the value the Brine Line provides for economic development within the region, and he would like staff to report back to the Commission efforts in working with municipal economic development agencies.

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

B. **BRINE LINE BILLING FORMULA (CM#2018.112)**

Carlos Quintero provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet (pages 29-33); Bryan Trussell, P.E., and Emily Owens-Bennett, Trussell Technologies, provided a PowerPoint presentation with an update on Brine Line solids formation including an overview of the monitoring program. There has been a long record of inconsistency between solids discharged into the Brine Line and solids observed at the County Line. The more recent assessment period shows an overall net decrease of total load of solids formed within the line, but the ratio of formed versus discharged over the past year reflects a fairly stable ratio. Staff recommended additional monitoring before considering any changes to the billing formula.

Recommended next steps include implementing changes to the monitoring such as monthly solids characterization at the County Line (rather than quarterly) and paired sampling of total and dissolved parameters for dischargers. In light of system changes and monitoring data challenges, collection of data through March 2019 was recommended, at which time the billing formula for fiscal year 2019/20 should be revisited.

A discussion of the billing formula ensued and the allocation of TSS formation to dischargers. Commissioner Evans encouraged staff to work with Brine Line customers to assist them in reducing TSS at the discharger location. Rich Haller noted staff would work directly with customers to ensure a better understanding of the billing formula and educate them on cost-reduction steps that could be taken. Commissioners Evans and Sullivan encouraged staff to seek grant opportunities.

No action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.B., maintaining the current billing formula.

C. **ASSESSING HOMELESSNESS IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY, RIPARIAN AND AQUATIC HABITAT IN UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED | (CM#2018.110)**

Mark Norton provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet (pages 45-48). Phase one would commence January 2019, which will involve development of the monitoring program and not the actual sampling or analysis. Estimated cost for the first phase is \$40,000 - \$50,000. Estimated length of the first phase and actual sampling/analysis is one year. Staff will seek Commission approval of a qualified firm for award of contract at the January 15, 2019 meeting. Staff will also suggest possible funding avenues at that time, since these consultant costs are not budgeted.

Commissioner Sullivan expressed his understanding that this would be funded by the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement (DACI) program grant. Norton stated the DACI program already has a scope of work approved by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant agreement. There was some flexibility within the various tasks to address under represented communities, and several symposiums were conducted on this issue, but this study is not in the scope. Staff would need to

determine from DWR whether this is an allowable expense; ordinarily a monitoring study would not be a cost the grant would fund. Staff will certainly pursue this as a potential funding possibility. Norton advised we will be looking at multiple sites throughout the watershed and not relying on data collected in one location. This is a very broad study, and while each location is unique, we want to build on baseline of other Task Force efforts and areas with escalating pathogen counts. Chair Bulot noted several partnership opportunities in the region could be pursued should no grant funds become available. Norton stated members of each multi-agency Task Force would be potential partners; Chair Bulot encouraged staff to seek cost-sharing within those partnerships. Commissioner Sullivan encouraged staff to consider expenses before making future commitments.

MOVED, direct staff to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to receive proposals from qualified firms for assessing the water quality, riparian and aquatic habitat impacts of homelessness in the upper Santa Ana River Watershed, and to provide the Commission a selected qualified firm for consideration of contract award on January 15, 2019.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Evans/Sullivan
Ayes:	Bulot, Evans, Parker, Sullivan, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

D. SANTA ANA SUCKER HABITAT PROTECTION AND BENEFICIAL USE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION (CM#2018.113)

Ian Achimore provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet (pages 51-56) with an overview of the eight-day construction project and next 6 steps to maintain the constructed habitat. Achimore noted this was a team effort and thanked project partners Orange County Water District and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. The habitat was constructed by SAWPA Operations staff, which resulted in a cost reduction of approximately \$40,000 below the engineer's estimate. Commissioner Whitaker congratulated staff for successful completion of the project while preserving budgeted funds.

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

E. FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 AND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET SCHEDULE (CM#2018.114)

Karen Williams reviewed budget schedule on page 58 of agenda packet and noted budgets for PA 22 and PA 23 with first go before those committees prior to the Commission for consideration.

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

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

- A. OWOW QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: JULY 1, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**
- B. ROUNDTABLES QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: JULY 1, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**
- C. UPDATE ON PA 22 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES (CM#2018.111)**
- D. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT**
There were no further Chair comments or reports.

E. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Evans asked for a status update on the Project Agreement 24 process. Rich Haller advised staff is working on a revised draft agreement that addresses the operating decision issue; the General Managers will meet to discuss further at their monthly meeting on November 13.

Commissioner Sullivan requested a future report about water in the river and its source – what percentage is natural flow, what percentage is reclaimed water, etc. Craig Miller noted it would be beneficial to invite the Santa Ana River Watermaster to provide a presentation on the previous year's results.

F. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no further requests for future agenda items.

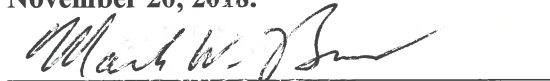
7. CLOSED SESSION

There were no Closed Session items.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Bulot adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.



Mark Bulot, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board