



**SAWPA COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District  
Kati Parker, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District  
Dina L. Nguyen, Alternate, Orange County Water District  
June D. Hayes, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Denis R. Bilodeau, Secretary-Treasurer, Orange County Water District

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Mark Norton, Dean Unger, David Ruhl,  
Carlos Quintero, Rick Whetsel, Alison Lewis, Kelly Berry, Katie Lucht

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Sullivan 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: NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**B. SALARY SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 (CM#2019.114)**

Recommendation: Approve the current salary schedule effective July 1, 2019.

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2019**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**MOVED**, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	<b>Adopted (Passed)</b>
Motion/Second:	Hayes/Parker
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hayes, Parker, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Nguyen (4.A., only)
Absent:	None

**5. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**A. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

West Coast Advisors President Michael Boccadoro provided a PowerPoint presentation with a recap of the 2019 legislative session and an overview of key issues for 2020 including the Water Resilience Portfolio, water rights for the environment (environmental water budget), elimination of ocean discharge, wildfire financial responsibility and energy shutoffs (Public Safety Power Shutoffs – PSPS), Constituents of Emerging Concern of PFAS/PFOA, and continued implementation of the 2012 Human Right to Water Act (AB 685).

Chair Sullivan noted from his recent trips to Texas, that Texas looks at the state needs for the next fifty years regarding their water infrastructure versus California being more focused on the next one to three years. Mr. Boccadoro anticipates his next update to the Commission will be in March 2020. Staff will meet with Mr. Boccadoro after today's Commission meeting to strategize SAWPA advocacy.

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

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (DCI) PROGRAM – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING SUB-AGREEMENTS (CM#2019.113)**

Rick Whetsel provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 47 – 52. There was no discussion and Chair Sullivan called for a motion on the item.

**MOVED**, direct the General Manager to execute Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program Technical Assistance Funding Sub-agreements with the following:

1. Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency (BBARWA) in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 to implement the Replenish Big Bear Project; and,
2. Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians in the amount not to exceed \$350,000 to implement the Residential Asbestos Cement Pipe Abandonment and Replacement Project.

Result:	<b>Adopted (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Parker
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hayes, Nguyen, Parker, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**B. VENDOR SELECTION | VOIP PHONE AND CONFERENCE SERVICES (CM#2019.115)**

Dean Unger provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 82 – 85. This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.B.

**C. COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION POLICY (CM#2019.116)**

Rich Haller provided an oral report. There was no discussion and Chair Sullivan called for a motion on the item.

**MOVED**, approve the revised Commissioner Compensation, Expense Reimbursement, and Ethics Training Policy, effective October 1, 2019.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**  
Motion/Second: Dennstedt/Parker  
Ayes: Dennstedt, Hayes, Nguyen, Parker, Sullivan  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

**7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

- A. **CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2019**
- B. **INTER-FUND BORROWING – SEPTEMBER 2019 (CM#2019.111)**
- C. **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – SEPTEMBER 2019 (CM#2019.112)**
- D. **OWOW QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: JULY 1, 2019 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**
- E. **ROUNDTABLES QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: JULY 1, 2019 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**
- F. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**
- G. **STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
- H. **SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES**
  - November 12, 2019
- I. **CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT**

There were no comments/reports from the Chair.
- J. **COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the Commissioners.
- K. **COMMISSIONERS’ REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Commissioners’ request for future agenda items.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Sullivan recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:17 a.m. General Manager Rich Haller was present during discussion of Agenda Item Nos. 8.A. and 8.B. General Manager Rich Haller left Closed Session at 10:20 a.m.

- A. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957**

Title: General Manager
- B. **PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

SAWPA-Designated Representative: Ronald W. Sullivan, Commission Chair  
Unrepresented Employee: Richard E. Haller

Chair Sullivan resumed Open Session at 10:44 a.m. The Commission took the following action on Agenda Item No. 8.B.

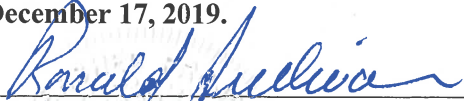
**MOVED**, approve an amendment to the Employment Agreement with General Manager Richard E. Haller, authorizing a one-time 401(a) plan contribution in an amount not to exceed \$6,500 to be signed by Chair Ronald W. Sullivan.

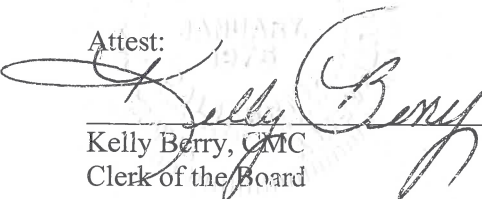
Result:	<b>Adopted (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Parker
Ayes	Dennstedt, Hayes, Nguyen, Parker, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.**

  
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Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair

Attest:  
  
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Kelly Berry, CMC  
Clerk of the Board