



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Kati Parker, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Denis R. Bilodeau, Secretary-Treasurer, Orange County Water District
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
David J. Slawson, Alternate, Eastern Municipal Water District
Bob Stockton, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Dean Unger, Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Rick Whetsel, Ian Achimore, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Vice Chair Parker 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: AUGUST 6, 2019

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – JULY 2019

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Bilodeau
Ayes:	Bilodeau, Harrison, Parker, Slawson, Stockton
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. U.S. FOREST SERVICE PRESENTATION | FOREST FIRST PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (CM#2019.85)

Judy Noiron, Forest Supervisor, San Bernardino National Forest provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 17 – 21. Ms. Noiron provided two maps highlighting the conditions with the Santa Ana River Watershed with greater detail about the Deer Creek subwatershed portion of the Santa Ana River Watershed. Copies were provided to the Commissioners, staff and public. Ms. Noiron emphasized the importance of three numbers:

- 33% of land base in the Santa Ana Watershed is national forest land
- 90% of rainfall that falls in the watershed falls in the national forest
- 50% of water supply comes from the water that originates on the national forest

She and the United States Forest Service (USFS) are seeking partners to develop projects eligible for Proposition 1 Round 2 funding in order to improve headwaters of the watershed.

In response to inquiry by Commissioner Harrison regarding an oversight task force, Ian Achimore noted the Forest First Task Force would be meeting on August 21; staff was requested to provide a list of task force members to the Commission. Commissioners were encouraged to attend and provide input on August 21.

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

6. CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chair Parker recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:14 a.m. General Manager Rich Haller and Special Counsel James L. Payne were present during the discussion of Agenda Item No. 6.A.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

One Case

Vice Chair Parker resumed Open Session at 10:42 a.m. There was no reportable action.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR CLOUD-BASED VOICE OVER IP (VOIP) PHONE SYSTEM (CM#2019.86)

Dean Unger provided an oral report on the advantages of transitioning to a Voice Over IP (VOIP) phone system, noting that the current phone system is five years old and the lease agreement will expire in November 2019. If approved the responses will be due September 19, 2019.

MOVED, authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Installation of a Cloud-Based Voice Over IP (VOIP) Phone System in fiscal year 2019-2020.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Slawson
Ayes	Bilodeau, Harrison, Parker, Slawson, Stockton
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

B. SAWPA PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT IN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS (CM#2019.87)

Rich Haller noted this agenda item was continued from the August 6, 2019 Commission meeting for further input from the Commissioners not in attendance. Mr. Haller provided an update on the Commission recommendations provided at the August 6, 2019 meeting.

Direction was provided to staff to continue this Agenda Item No. 7.B. to the September 3, 2019 regular Commission meeting for further discussion and consideration.

C. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE – SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (CM#2019.88)

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Brine Line Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP), copies of which were provided to the Commission, staff and the public. At the conclusion of Quintero's presentation, Vice Chair Parker opened the public hearing and invited comments.

There were no public comments. Vice Chair Parker closed the public hearing and called for a motion on staff's recommendation.

MOVED, adopt the updated Brine Line Sewer System Management Plan.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Bilodeau/Slawson
Ayes	Bilodeau, Harrison, Parker, Slawson, Stockton
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

D. SAWPA VEHICLE VANDALISM (CM#2019.89)

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation on recent Brine Line vehicle vandalism, copies of which were provided to the Commission, staff and the public.

Direction was provided to staff to provide a long-term solution to protect the SAWPA vehicles from further vandalism.

No vote was taken on Agenda Item No. 7.D.

E. LEGAL SERVICES, RESULTS OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) | AWARD OF CONTRACT (CM#2019.90)

It was the consensus of the Commission to continue Agenda Item No. 7.E. to the September 3, 2019 regular Commission meeting.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – JUNE 2019

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – JUNE 2019 (CM#2019.91)

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – JUNE 2019 (CM#2019.92)

D. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Rich Haller provided a handout outlining additional information on the Watershed Ambassador Program being provided for SAWPA by the Local Government Commission, copies of which were provided to the Commission, staff and the public.

E. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Larry McKenny noted two important legislative issues that came to the attention of staff after the posting of the agenda. SB 1 (Atkins) is appeared to be continuing to move without significant amendments. Valley District had taken an “oppose” position, and IEUA, Western, and Eastern had taken “oppose unless amended” positions and joined the coalition letter with the large group lead by Metropolitan Water District. Water importers remain concerned about the bill’s intent to freeze environmental regulations and permits at a point in time, rather than allowing best available science to inform water operations. While the author’s office has resisted amendments, the administration recently proposed amendments, and there may still be an opportunity at this late date to influence the outcome. The Commission found this matter to require immediate action, voted to add the item to the agenda, and then voted to take an “oppose” position on SB 1.

McKenny briefed the Commission on three potential water bonds. Staff has been watching SB 45 (Allen) and a possible initiative proposed by Joe Caves. AB 352 (Garcia) was just comprehensively amended to become another bond proposal. None of the current proposals include IRWM funding. Consistent with SAWPA’s normal position on bonds, West Coast Advisors has provided information to Assemblymember Garcia’s staff on possible IRWM funding language modeled on the current Proposition 1 IRWM program.

Staff requested an item be added to the agenda requiring action that arose after the posting of the Agenda Vice Chair Parker called for a motion.

MOVED, determine that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of staff subsequent to the posting of the agenda for this August 20, 2019 meeting.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Slawson
Ayes:	Bilodeau, Harrison, Parker, Slawson, Stockton
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

MOVED, oppose SB 1 (Atkins) and directed the General Manager to formulate a letter and convey it accordingly.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Slawson
Ayes:	Bilodeau, Harrison, Parker, Slawson, Stockton
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

F. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES

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G. CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no comments/reports from the Chair.

H. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

I. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioners' request for future agenda items.

9. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.



Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board