



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Kati Parker, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Denis R. Bilodeau, Secretary-Treasurer, Orange County Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District (9:49 a.m.)
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Jasmin A. Hall, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

STAFF PRESENT

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

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

Bonnie Gallagher was introduced as the new Accounting Technician.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. BRINE LINE OPERATIONS UPDATE

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, *Inland Empire Brine Line Operations Update*, slightly revised from the copies which were provided to the Commission, staff and the public. Upcoming maintenance activities on Reach 4B Lower were detailed, inclusive of access road erosion which will require temporary bridge construction as well as road stabilization and grading. Future maintenance activities include Reach 5 air release and vacuum valve overhaul, replacement of 15 blow off valves, and continuing Maintenance Access Structure (MAS) inspections. Quintero advised all work will be performed by Operations staff utilizing rented equipment as necessary. A comprehensive plan will be brought before the Commission in the near future which will include replacement of blow off valves and an update on scaling observed in Reach 4B Lower.

Commissioner Dennstedt arrived at 9:49 a.m., during the PowerPoint presentation for Agenda Item No. 5.A.

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

B. DCI PROGRAM UPDATE

Rick Whetsel provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the DCI Program and Certified Watershed Ambassador Program Workshops, copies of which were provided to the Commission, staff and the public. New CivicSpark Fellows Karen Valladares and Bailey Lai were welcomed. Chair Sullivan requested a map showing tribal areas within the watershed and asked about engagement within those communities. Whetsel advised SAWPA is working with California Rural Water Association; they are reaching out to the tribal communities. The initial meeting was attended by representatives from three tribes; the next planned meeting will be in November. A charter for that committee is currently being developed, after which it will be provided to tribal communities to determine interest in participating. Commissioners requested staff provide more information about the September 24, 2019 Quail Valley community meeting. Chair Sullivan emphasized the importance of directed outreach prior to the meeting.

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

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – JULY 2019

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – JULY 2019 (CM#2019.98)

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – JULY 2019 (CM#2019.99)

D. BUDGET VS ACTUAL VARIANCE REPORT – FYE 2019 FOURTH QUARTER – ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 (CM#2019.100)

E. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Karen Williams provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 63-72. Chair Sullivan suggested staff advise all four upstream districts of their contribution to TSS, BOD, etc. Commissioner Bilodeau asked for the unfunded CalPERS liability amount; Williams advised it is \$3M as of June 30th. Chair Sullivan suggested the possibility of utilizing reserve funds toward that liability. Williams noted it is amortized over a period of time; we are currently on a 30-year amortization schedule. There is a 20-year and 15-year amortization schedule; SAWPA could consider making the payments for the 20 or 15 year amortization schedule without being obligated and thereby realize a savings in interest over time.

F. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Rich Haller reviewed the General Manager report contained in the agenda packet.

G. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

H. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no comments/reports from the Chair.

I. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

J. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioners' request for future agenda items.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Sullivan recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:14 a.m. General Manager Rich Haller was present during the discussion of Agenda Item No. 7.A.

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

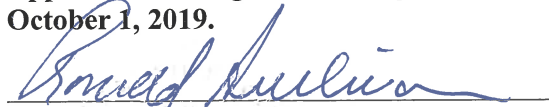
Title: General Manager

Chair Sullivan resumed Open Session at 10:37 a.m. There was no reportable action. Staff was directed to place Agenda Item No. 7.A. on the October 1, 2019 agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

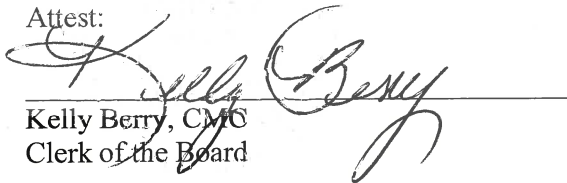
There being no further business for review, Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.



Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board