



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2017**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Susan Lien Longville, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ronald W. Sullivan, Vice Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Jasmin A. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bruce Whitaker, Alternate, Orange County Water District
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Philip L. Anthony, Orange County Water District

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Kati Parker, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Gil Navarro Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

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

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:40 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 Clerk of the Board.

3. FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Chair Longville presented Joseph Grindstaff with a Resolution on behalf of the SAWPA Commission. Mr. Grindstaff is retiring as General Manager of the IEUA, concluding a career of public service spanning more than 40 years. The Commission welcomed Ms. Halla Razak, incoming General Manager of the IEUA.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 21, 2017

MOVED, approve the November 21, 2017 meeting minutes.

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **DIRECTION REGARDING CLOSED SESSION POLICY (CM#2017.142)**

A sample Resolution Establishing a Policy Regarding Attendance in Closed Sessions and Recordkeeping Related to Closed Session Deliberations was provided for reference. Rich Haller stated he was presenting the sample Resolution for direction from the Commission should it be their desire to establish such a policy. Commissioner Evans voiced his support of adopting a policy, and stated attendees in closed session should be kept to a minimum. Commissioner Sullivan supported a policy directing note-taking during closed session; he also requested the policy provide the definition of consultant and stated the member agency General Manager (or designated Assistant General Manager) should be allowed to attend Closed Session as they provide valuable expertise which may not always be present. Commissioner Evans disagreed with extending attendance beyond the member agency General Managers, unless the Commission first considered and agreed on said attendance prior to the meeting. Chair Longville suggested clear procedures regarding essential personnel during Closed Session. The Commission directed staff to clarify the language and bring the policy back before the Commission at a future meeting.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.A.

7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

A. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT**

Chair Longville confirmed she attended the ACWA Fall Conference and voted as directed by the Commission.

B. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioners Sullivan and Whitaker commented on the success of the ACWA Fall Conference.

C. **COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no additional requests for future agenda items.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Longville recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:06 a.m. Designated personnel essential to the discussion of Agenda Item No. 8.A. were present during Closed Session until that discussion concluded at 10:22 a.m. From that time forward, no designated personnel were present during Closed Session other than General Manager Rich Haller.

A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

Name of Case: Spiniello Companies v. Charles King Company, Inc., Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company (Superior Court of Los Angeles BC616589)

B. **PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

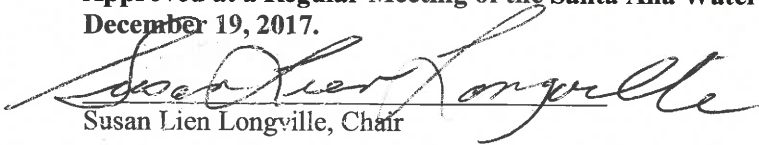
SAWPA Designated Representative: General Manager Richard E. Haller
Non-Represented Employees: All SAWPA employees

Chair Longville resumed Open Session at 10:34 a.m. There was no reportable action.

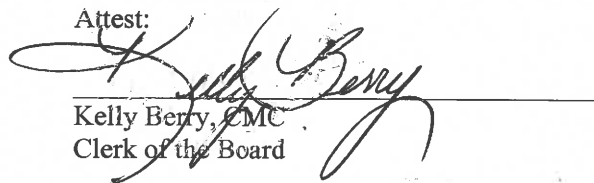
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Chair Longville adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday,
December 19, 2017.**


Susan Lien Longville, Chair

Attest:


Kelly Berry, EMC
Clerk of the Board