SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2020

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
David J. Slawson, Eastern Municipal Water District
Kati Parker, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District (9:40 a.m.)
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT
Denis R. Bilodeau, Secretary-Treasurer, Orange County Water District

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS PRESENT; NON-VOTING
None

STAFF PRESENT
Rich Haller, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, David Ruhl, Dean Unger, Rick Whetsel, Kelly Berry

OTHERS PRESENT
Andrew Turner, Lagerlof, LLC

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:30 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.

Due to lack of a quorum to consider the meeting minutes, the Commission next considered Agenda Item No. 5.A.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

   A. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 17, 2019**
      Recommendation: Approve as posted.

   B. **TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2019**
      Recommendation: Approve as posted.

      **MOVED**, approve the Consent Calendar.
      Result: Adopted (Passed)
      Motion/Second: Dennstedt/Harrison
      Ayes: Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker
      Nays: None
      Abstentions: Slawson
      Absent: Bilodeau
5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **CHAIR AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS (CM#2020.5)**

On January 8, 2020, the Eastern Municipal Water District governing Board appointed David J. Slawson as SAWPA Commissioner and Ronald W. Sullivan as Alternate SAWPA Commissioner. In keeping with the historical rotation, staff recommended appointment of David J. Slawson as Commission Chair to complete the remainder of the two-year term, until the January 2021 rotation of officers.

**MOVED**, acknowledge the recent appointment of David J. Slawson as Commissioner for Eastern Municipal Water District; install David J. Slawson as Commission Chair for the remainder of the two-year term, until the January 2021 rotation of officers.

**Result:** Adopted (Unanimously)

**Motion/Second:** Harrison/Slawson

**Ayes:** Harrison, Parker, Slawson

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absent:** Bilodeau, Dennstedt

On January 15, 2019, the Commission appointed Ronald W. Sullivan and T. Milford Harrison to serve on the OCSD/SAWPA Joint Policy Committee. The OCSD/SAWPA Policy Committee meets as necessary with designated OCSD board members to consider present and future policy matters. Staff recommended the appointment of Commissioner Slawson to serve on this Committee, replacing Ronald W. Sullivan.

**MOVED**, appoint Commissioner David J. Slawson to the OCSD/SAWPA Joint Policy Committee, replacing Ronald W. Sullivan.

**Result:** Adopted (Unanimously)

**Motion/Second:** Harrison/Slawson

**Ayes:** Harrison, Parker, Slawson

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** None

**Absent:** Bilodeau, Dennstedt

Commissioner David J. Slawson chaired the meeting at this point.

B. **INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) SUPPORT IN FUTURE 2020 RESOURCES BONDS (CM#2020.3)**

Mark Norton provided the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet on pages 24 through 34. A revised Commission Memorandum No. 2020.3 with attachments was provided to the Commission, staff and members of the public. There was no discussion; Chair Slawson called for a motion.

Commissioner Dennstedt arrive at 9:40 a.m., during the presentation for Agenda Item No. 5.B.
MOVED, authorize staff to send the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) 2020 Resources Bond Support Letter to pertinent legislators to indicate funding support for IRWM in all future 2020 resources bonds.

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

C. AMENDMENT NO. 2 WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION (LGC) IN THE DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES INVOLVEMENT (DCI) PROGRAM | Activity 15: WATER AGENCY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TRAINING (CM#2020.4)
Rich Whetsel provided the PowerPoint presentation included in the agenda packet on pages 50 through 59. It was noted that private mutual water companies can benefit from these funds. There was no discussion.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2, a time, scope and budget amendment in an amount not to exceed $99,936 with the Local Government Commission as part of the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement (DCI) Program.

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

D. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATE (CM#2020.6)
Rich Haller provided an oral Employee Handbook update; Haller requested Commissioner input regarding the feasibility of adopting a 4-10 alternate workweek schedule since language would need to be included in the updated handbook. Employee hardships, if any, in adopting a 4-10 alternate workweek schedule would be addressed on a case-by-case basis; the office would be closed every Friday. There was a brief discussion among the Commissioners regarding employee options, retention, and possible half-staffing on Fridays and Mondays; there were no objections to adopting a 4-10 alternate workweek schedule. Haller advised the next step would be to allow for an election; if adoption of the 4-10 alternate workweek schedule passes, we would proceed from there. Handbook revisions would include sick time and vacation accrual adjustments under the 4-10 alternate workweek schedule.

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

E. COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION (CM#2020.7)
The current per day of service compensation amount is $210. In accordance with Ordinance No. 2017-01, the compensation amount will automatically increase to $220 beginning in January 2020. Alternatively, the Commission could adopt Resolution No. 2020-01 maintaining the $210 amount.

No action was taken, allowing the per day of service rate to increase automatically from $210 to $220 effective January 2020.
6. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**
The following oral/written reports/updates were received and filed.

   A. **INTER-FUND BORROWING – NOVEMBER 2019 (CM#2020.1)**
   B. **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – NOVEMBER 2019 (CM#2020.2)**
   C. **Owow Quarterly Status Report: October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019**
   D. **Roundtables Quarterly Status Report: October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019**
   E. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**
   F. **STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
   G. **SAWPA General Managers Meeting Notes**
      - January 14, 2020
   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**
There was no Closed Session.

The Commission next considered Agenda Item No. 4. Consent Calendar, followed by meeting adjournment.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business for review, Chair Slawson adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

David J. Slawson, Chair

Attest:
Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board