



**SAWPA COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2020**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

David J. Slawson, Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District  
Kati Parker, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Kelly E. Rowe, Secretary-Treasurer, Orange County Water District  
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District  
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

None

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

June D. Hayes, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rich Haller, Karen Williams, Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Mark Norton,  
Dean Unger, Kelly Berry

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Gary Phillips, Bob Murray & Associates

The Regular Commission meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chair Slawson on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. The record will reflect this meeting was conducted virtually.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting was conducted virtually. Members of the public who were unable to participate by teleconference or virtually were invited to submit comments and questions in writing via email for the Commission's consideration. All votes taken during this meeting were conducted via oral roll call.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A roll call was noted and recorded by the Clerk of the Board.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments; there were no public comments received via email.

**4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED**

There were no added or deleted items.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**B. TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2020**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**MOVED**, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Dennstedt
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT | GENERAL MANAGER (CM#2020.65)**

Rich Haller provided an oral report on the General Manager executive recruitment. Gary Phillips of Bob Murray & Associates, who conducted the General Manager recruitment in 2017 and has been retained for this recruitment, reviewed the scope of work and timeline. Phillips advised the recruitment should be completed in 3-4 months; utilizing/updating materials from the 2017 recruitment should shorten the timeline. Phillips will seek insight from Commissioners for the ideal candidate profile. The recruitment timeline should result in presentation of all candidate submissions to the Commission by mid-December with interviews toward the end of December 2020 or early January 2021. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission not to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee.

**MOVED**, receive and file a report on the General Manager executive recruitment; direct staff to work with Bob Murray & Associates to prepare a draft recruitment brochure and seek final input on the brochure and ideal candidate profile.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Rowe
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**B. CONTRACT AMENDMENT | RICH HALLER (CM#2020.64)**

Rich Haller reviewed the Second Amendment to Employment Agreement on page 42 of the agenda packet. There was no discussion.

**MOVED**, approve the Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and Rich Haller (Second Amendment) and authorize the Commission Chair to execute the Second Amendment.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Dennstedt
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**C. 2021 MEDICAL INSURANCE CAP (CM#2020.62)**

Rich Haller provided an oral report on the 2021 medical insurance rates and proposed 2021 medical insurance cap. There was no discussion.

**MOVED**, direct staff to adjust the medical insurance cap from \$1,781.93 to \$1,944.00 which reflects the ACWA/JPIA 2021 Kaiser Family Plan rate.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Parker
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**D. LEGAL SCOPE OF SERVICES, COSTS FOR FYS 2020 AND 2021 (CM#2020.63)**

Rich Haller provided an oral report noting the memorandum outlined task orders issued to consultant for FY 2020 with a projected savings for FY 2021.

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

**7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

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

There were no comments/reports from the Chair.

**B. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

There were no Commissioner comments.

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

In response to past Commissioner requests. Rich Haller provided the following updates:

- A policy has been implemented and direction provided to staff ensuring no auxiliary meetings will be scheduled on Commission meeting days, other than Project Agreement committee meetings.
- Staff is working to develop a more comprehensive compensable meetings list utilizing the existing compensable meetings table format.
- An update on the Weather Modification Feasibility Study is anticipated in December.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

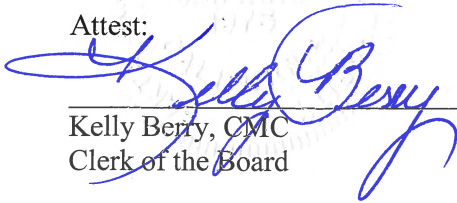
There being no further business for review, Chair Slawson adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday,  
November 3, 2020.



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David J. Slawson, Chair

Attest:



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Kelly Berry, CMC  
Clerk of the Board