



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

David J. Slawson, Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Jasmin A. Hall, Acting Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Kelly E. Rowe, Secretary-Treasurer, Orange County Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District
June D. Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

T. Milford Harrison, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, 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.

2. ROLL CALL

An oral roll call was duly 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

Agenda Item No. 6.E. was removed by staff from the agenda.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 15, 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 5, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 8, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

D. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 12, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

E. TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Rowe/Dennstedt
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ROTATION OF OFFICERS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS (CM#2021.1)

Rich Haller provided an oral report. The Commission took the following separate actions on Agenda Item No. 6.A.

MOVED, authorize the rotation of officers in accordance with the historical rotation provisions of Resolution No. 355, and appoint Jasmin A. Hall as Commission Chair, Kelly E. Rowe as Commission Vice Chair, and Brenda Dennstedt as Commission Secretary.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Hayes
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by newly elected Chair Jasmin A. Hall

MOVED, adopt Resolution No. 2021-1 appointing Commissioner Brenda Dennstedt to the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LESJWA) Board of Directors as the SAWPA representative.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Hayes/Slawson
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

MOVED, acknowledge the rotation of representatives to the One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Steering Committee and the Vice Chair serving as Convener as set forth in Resolution No. 2018-1.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Slawson/Hall
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

B. COMMISSIONERS COMPENSATION (CM#2021.2)

Rich Haller provided an oral report. There was discussion about SAWPA's restriction from paying Alternate Commissioners for attending SAWPA committee meetings. Staff will bring the matter back to the Commission with additional information for further discussion and possible action.

Due to lack of a motion and second, no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.B. and the per day of service rate was automatically increased by 5% effective January 2021.

C. FYE 2022 AND 2023 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (CM#2021.6)

Karen Williams and Alison Lewis provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 38 – 75.

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

D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR WECAN EXPANSION IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE (CM#2021.7)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 79 – 91. Commissioner Dennstedt requested future updates on marketing efforts, how SAWPA and the City of Riverside communicate and work with community members, and program outreach and effectiveness. Commissioner Hayes will provide information to staff regarding drought tolerant, water saving grasses.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAWPA and Riverside Public Utilities for SAWPA to accept cost share from the utility in the amount of \$100,000 to expand the turf removal component of the WECAN program into Riverside.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Hayes
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

E. SANTA ANA RIVER MITIGATION BANK EVALUATION – REQUEST FOR QUOTES (CM#2021.8)

Agenda Item No. 6.E. was removed from the agenda.

F. PROPOSITION 84 IRWM DROUGHT GRANT OVERVIEW (CM#2021.5)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 124 – 145. There was discussion regarding Western Municipal Water District's recent successful litigation challenging the San Jan Capistrano case.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS-

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

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2020

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – NOVEMBER 2020 (CM#2021.3)

- C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – NOVEMBER 2020 (CM#2021.4)
- D. PROJECT AGREEMENT 25 – OWOW FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, OCTOBER 2020
- E. PROJECT AGREEMENT 26 – ROUNDTABLE FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, OCTOBER 2020
- F. OWOW QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: OCTOBER 1, 2020 – DECEMBER 31, 2020
- G. ROUNDTABLES QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: OCTOBER 1, 2020 – DECEMBER 31, 2020
- H. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT
Rich Haller reviewed the General Manager report and provided a brief oral update.
- I. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT
- J. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT
There were no comments/reports from the Chair.
- K. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
Commissioners congratulated Jasmin A. Hall on her election as SAWPA Commission Chair for a two-year term.
- L. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
There were no Commissioner requests for future agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Hall recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:57 a.m.

- A. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 – CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
SAWPA Representative: Andrew D. Turner
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager
- B. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
General Manager

Chair Hall resumed Open Session at 11:37 a.m. Legal Counsel Andy Turner announced that direction was given to the labor negotiator but no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 8.A.; and, the following action was taken during Closed Session on Agenda Item No. 8.B.

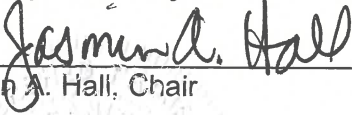
MOVED, appoint Jeffrey Mosher as the SAWPA General Manager, subject to passing a background check and related pre-employment screening set forth in the personnel handbook and approval of a final contract at the next regular meeting of the SAWPA Commission.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Rowe/Dennstedt
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Rowe, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

9. ADJOURNMENT

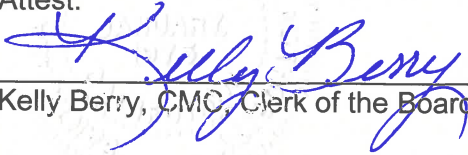
There being no further business for review, Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.



Jasmin A. Hall, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board