SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2021

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Jasmin A. Hall, Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Kelly E. Rowe, Vice Chair, Orange County Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Secretary-Treasurer, Western Municipal Water District
June D. Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
David J. Slawson, Eastern 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, Mark Norton, Dean Unger, David Ruhl, Carlos Quintero, Kelly Berry

OTHERS PRESENT
Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Jeff Mosher

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Hall 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 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 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
There were no added or deleted items.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR
A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 19, 2021
   Recommendation: Approve as posted.
   Result: Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)

B. TREASURER’S REPORT – DECEMBER 2020
   Recommendation: Approve as posted.
   MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.
   Result: Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
   Motion/Second: Rowe/Slawson
   Ayes: Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Rowe, Slawson
   Nays: None
   Abstentions: None
   Absent: None
6. **SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS**

   **A. SERVICE PIN PRESENTATIONS**

   Service pins were presented to the following SAWPA employees; Commissioners recognized the employees for these milestones and acknowledged their commitment and dedication to SAWPA.

   - 5-Year Pin: Alison Lewis
   - 10-Year Pin: Zunya Ramirez
   - 15-Year Pin: David Ruhl
   - 20-Year Pin: Karen Williams
     Richard Haller

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

   **A. SUBRECIPIENT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR WECAN EXPANSION IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE (CM#2021.10)**

   Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 20 – 30. Vice Chair Rowe asked if there was an ability for the square footage to be increased; Mr. Norton advised the initial 1,000 square footage allotment could be increased.

   MOVED, authorize the General Manager to execute the Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) subrecipient agreement between SAWPA and the City of Riverside for SAWPA to accept TCC grant funding in the amount of $593,000 to expand the turf removal component of the WECAN program into Riverside.

   **Result:** 
   **Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)**

   **Motion/Second:**
   Hayes/Rowe

   **Ayes:**
   Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Rowe, Slawson

   **Nays:**
   None

   **Abstentions:**
   None

   **Absent:**
   None

   **B. FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 REVISED BUDGET SCHEDULE (CM#2021.9)**

   Karen Williams provided an oral report on the budget schedule revised to accommodate incoming General Manager Jeff Mosher. Jeff Mosher acknowledged he is comfortable with the timeline; he has been reviewing the budget with Karen Williams who has advised the timeline can be accomplished.

   This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 7.B.

   **C. APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT | GENERAL MANAGER**

   Andy Turner advised the agreement has been reviewed and signed by Mr. Mosher, and recommended approval by the Commission. Jeff Mosher thanked staff for their generosity in meeting with him and providing information that has been useful in bringing him up to speed so he can hit the ground running on February 16th.

   Secretary-Treasurer Dennstedt welcomed Mr. Mosher and noted the tradition of having a reception for incoming SAWPA General Managers which staff should consider scheduling sometime in June once facilities begin to open.
MOVED, approve the Employment Agreement with Jeffrey Mosher, effective February 15, 2021, for the position of General Manager, and authorize the Commission Chair to execute the agreement.

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

D. ADOPT RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF RICHARD HALLER
Karen Williams gave an overview of Rich Haller’s 20-plus years of service at SAWPA, providing an account of his many accomplishments and projects which have strengthened SAWPA’s presence within the watershed and the region. Rich Haller thanked the Commission and stated it has been an honor to work at SAWPA and with the talented staff he has worked alongside during his career. The Commission thanked him for his years of leadership, service, and dedication, and wished him well as he begins this next chapter with more time to spend with family. Vice Chair Rowe invited Rich, who had worked with his wife for many years before coming to SAWPA, and his family to Disneyland and dinner. Alternate Commissioner Harrison thanked Rich for the education and mentoring he has provided and noted how much Rich’s family will appreciate having him around more. Chair Hall thanked Rich for how he has enhanced the business aspects of SAWPA and wished him the best as he enjoys this next chapter with all its new opportunities.

MOVED, adopt Resolution No. 2021-3 recognizing Richard Haller for his service since 2001 as General Manager and Executive Manager of Engineering and Operations.

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

8. 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
Commissioner Hayes thanked Mark Norton for his recent presentation on cloud seeding before the Rialto Utilities Commission.

C. COMMISSIONERS’ REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
There were no Commissioner requests for future agenda items.

9. CLOSED SESSION
There was no Closed Session.
10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Jasmin A. Hall, Chair

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board