



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Jasmin A. Hall, Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bruce Whitaker, Vice Chair, Orange County Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Secretary-Treasurer, Western Municipal Water District
David J. Slawson, Eastern 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
Kelly E. Rowe, Alternate, Orange County Water District
Mike Gardner, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Dean Unger, David Ruhl, Carlos Quintero, Marie Jauregui, Ian Achimore, Rick Whetsel, Alison Lewis, Sara Villa, Haley Mullay

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Cathy Pieroni, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Ken Tam, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Michael Markus, Orange County Water District; Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District; Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District; Mallory Gandara, Western Municipal Water District; Brooke Jones, Yorba Linda Water District; Theresa (Tess) Dunham, Kahn, Soares & Conway; Maria Alonso, Huerta Del Valle; Necils Lopez, Huerta Del Valle

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.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting was conducted virtually, and all votes were taken by oral roll call.

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. Chair Hall welcomed new General Manager, Joe Mouawad of Eastern Municipal Water District.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no added or deleted items.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 20, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – MARCH 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. FYE 2022 AND 2023 BUDGET (CM#2021.32)

Karen Williams referred to the presentation on the FYE 2022 and 2023 Budget contained in the agenda packet on pages 19-103; and informed the Commissioners that all budget items have been brought forward in previous meetings as informational items for review and discussion. Commissioner Dennstedt referred to the Total Labor Hours Distribution slide (page 61 on the agenda packet) and asked how the labor hours were calculated. Ms. Williams noted the calculation is based on 26 full-time equivalents of 2,080 hours each, and five interns at 960 hours each. No other discussion ensued, and Commissioner Dennstedt made a motion to approve the budget.

MOVED, Adopt the FYE 2022 and FYE 2023 Budgets as presented and direct each member agency to:

1. Notice the consideration of the FYE 2022 and 2023 SAWPA Budgets on their next Board of Directors Meeting agenda.
2. Approve by Board Resolution (pursuant to the Joint Powers Authority Agreement) the FYE 2022 and 2023 SAWPA Budgets; and
3. Provide SAWPA with a certified copy of the signed Board Resolution.

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

B. AUTHORIZATION FOR NETWORK COORDINATOR COST SHARING AGREEMENT EXTENSION AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (CM#2021.33)

Ian Achimore provided a presentation on the Authorization for Network Coordinator Cost Sharing Agreement Extension and Request for Proposals contained in the agenda packet on pages 107-122. The state-wide Roundtable of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Regions has requested that SAWPA continue to serve as the contract lead for the network coordinator consultant. SAWPA has served in this role since December 2018. The network coordinator consultant is currently funded by the Network Coordinator Cost Sharing Agreement and expires on June 30, 2021. To fund the consultant after June 30, 2021,

SAWPA needs to execute the Network Coordinator Cost Sharing Agreement Extension. The agreement extension would allow SAWPA to invoice the 12 other Roundtable of IRWM Region members to fund the consultant position for two years. By signing the agreement, SAWPA would also commit \$10,000 of total funding included in the draft SAWPA FYE 2022 and FYE 2023 budgets (i.e., \$5,000 per fiscal year). One change in the General Services Agreement was made to the indemnification section related to extending protections to all cost sharing partners. Mr. Achimore noted that with approval by the Commission, the Request for Proposal (RFP) would be issued today (May 4) with responses due May 25. The virtual interviews are anticipated to be conducted May 27, May 31, or June 1, and a recommendation will be brought forward to the Commission for consideration of contract on June 15. There was no discussion.

MOVED, Authorize the following:

1. General Manager to execute the California IRWM Roundtable of Regions Network Coordinator Cost Sharing Agreement Extension thereby committing \$5,000 per year from the OWOW Fund (373 PA18) to a consultant for FYE 2022 and FYE 2023. and
2. The release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to fill the collaboratively funded Network Coordinator consultant for the California IRWM Roundtable of Regions.

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

C. BASIN MONITORING PROGRAM TASK FORCE | BASIN PLAN AMENDMENT STATUS REPORT (CM#2021.34)

Mark Norton introduced Tess Dunham of Kahn, Soares & Conway, the Regulatory Advisor for the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force. Ms. Dunham provided an oral report on the Basin Plan Amendment and how it is the culmination of the Task Force efforts that have been ongoing to update the Basin Plan, since the current version was last adopted in 2004 and has not been updated since. The wasteload allocations table contained in the Basin Plan dictates the permitting limits for TDS and Total Inorganic Nitrogen for all the POTWs in the watershed that discharge to surface waters, which then recharges to groundwater. In 2017, the Basin Monitoring Program Task Force started the process on updating the Wasteload Allocation Model, with the consultant Geoscience Support Services, and incorporating its results into the Basin Plan Amendment. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) relies on the wasteload allocations to set effluent limits in the POTW permits to protect ambient water quality of the groundwater basins across the watershed. The Basin Plan Amendment is anticipated to be presented for RWQCB approval around the August 2021 timeframe. Commissioner Whitaker commended Tess Dunham on the Basin Plan Amendment status report.

Chair Hall left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. during Agenda Item No. 6.C.; Vice Chair Whitaker chaired the meeting thereafter.

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

D. JURUPA PROPERTY – POTENTIAL USE (CM#2021.35)

Carlos Quintero provided a presentation on the Jurupa Property – Potential Use contained in the agenda packet on pages 213–221. SAWPA owns the 1.13 acres Jurupa property, and it was purchased as part of the construction for the Mission Tunnel as part of the Brine Line Reach IV-D in the early 1990s. A proposal was received from a local nonprofit organization, Huerta Del Valle. The organization focuses on urban gardening and farming and proposed to create an incubator farm and split the area into three (3) smaller parcels to assign them to urban farmers for extended periods of time. Another option of potential use for the Jurupa property is for SAWPA Operations storage. Currently, SAWPA Operators use Western MWD's Operations yard (3,000 square feet) to store equipment; and having a permanent storage facility for SAWPA would be beneficial to store spare pipe that could be used in case of emergencies. Commissioner Dennstedt expressed a list of concerns for the potential use of the Jurupa Property: 1) What is the current zoning and intended uses, and if conditional use permits are needed for any type of storage or building code enforcement, what are those requirements?; 2) What kind of access is there from the front and the back of the property?; 3) Ensure that the indemnification will be required for the Community garden reflects the land use requirements and the intended use.; 4) If the property is used for storage, what kind of security would there be?; and 5) Recommends that a Community Outreach effort be conducted to ensure that it is acceptable use of the property for the residents that would be directly impacted. Mr. Quintero noted that he will take all of Commissioner Dennstedt comments into account as he does his analysis. Commissioner Slawson suggested SAWPA's Legal Counsel, Andy Turner, investigate the zoning of the property, and whether it may or may not apply with SAWPA being a public agency to ensure compliance.

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

Commissioner Dennstedt welcomed everyone to attend the WMWD Board meeting scheduled May 5; Mr. Jeff Mosher will be presenting on SAWPA's WECAN Project with the City of Riverside.

C. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

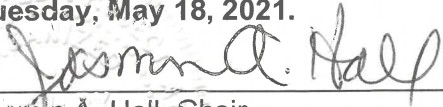
8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Whitaker adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.



Jasmin A. Hall, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Acting Clerk of the Board