



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Jasmin A. Hall, Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bruce Whitaker, Vice Chair, Orange County Water District
Mike Gardner, 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
Brenda Dennstedt, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, David Ruhl, Marie Jauregui, Ian Achimore, Dean Unger, Sara Villa, Haley Mulla

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District; Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Ken Tam, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Cathy Pieroni, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District; Michael Markus, Orange County Water District; Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District; Ryan Shaw, Western Municipal Water District; Brooke Jones, Yorba Linda Water District; Nelida Mendoza, City of Santa Ana

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Jasmin Hall on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of AB 361, 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.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no added or deleted items.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **SUNNYSLOPE CREEK NATIVE FISH DROUGHT RESPONSE PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION (CM#2021.81)**

Ian Achimore provided the revised presentation on the *Sunnyslope Creek Native Fish Drought Response Project Grant Application*. It was noted that the updated presentation would be distributed to the SAWPA Commission and posted to the website. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the final guidelines and Project Solicitation Package (PSP) on October 28, 2021, for the Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program. SAWPA staff has been in coordination with Riverside County Parks and Open-Space District (RivCo Parks), San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD), and Orange County Water District (OCWD) on applying for the funding support to address immediate impacts on human health and safety of fish and wildlife. There is \$190 million in grant funding available for immediate relief in response to California's drought. DWR will be accepting applications November 19, 2021, and awards will be granted December 2021. No local cost share is required, costs incurred after award date are eligible for reimbursement, and project must be complete by March 31, 2026. The project budget consists of \$1,000,000 for two (2) 150 gallon per minute groundwater wells that utilize submersible pumps and \$750,000 for 40,000-gallon bolted steel storage tank. The groundwater from wells will be used for creek habitat and to meet Riverside County Parks' irrigation needs. Commissioner Hayes suggested looking into the community's input regarding the location of the storage tanks. Commissioner Gardner noted there is a 100-year-old pecan orchard near the property of the Nature Center and it's very important to the local community, and if any of the potential irrigation water can be used to sustain the orchard the local community would be very supportive. Commissioner Gardner suggested looking into the operation/maintenance and energy costs. Mr. Achimore noted that it is anticipated that the stakeholders will have those discussions once grant is awarded.

MOVED, to approve the Sunnyslope Creek Native Fish Response Project's Grant Application to the Department of Water Resources for the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Application by adopting SAWPA Resolution No. 2021-9.

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

7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. **CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021**

B. **INTER-FUND BORROWING – SEPTEMBER 2021 (CM#2021.82)**

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – SEPTEMBER 2021
(CM#2021.83)

D. PROJECT AGREEMENT 25 – OWOW FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, AUGUST 2021

E. PROJECT AGREEMENT 26 – ROUNDTABLE FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, AUGUST 2021

F. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Jeff Mosher informed the Commissioners that a formal acceptance was received by a candidate for the Administrative Services Manager, and she will start in December. The position for Manager of Operations has been challenging to fill due to limited responses received. It is anticipated to re-post for the position before the holidays. The ACWA Conference will be held from November 30 - December 2 in Pasadena as an in-person conference. Andy Turner opened the invitation to the Commission and Alternates to his firms Hospitality Suite on Wednesday the week of the Conference.

G. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jeff Mosher noted that SAWPA staff is coordinating with West Coast Advisors on future IRWM funding opportunities.

H. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no Chair comments.

I. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner comments.

J. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioners' request for future Agenda items.

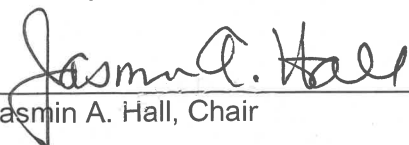
8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

9. 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, December 7, 2021.



Jasmin A. Hall, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board