



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 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, Rick Whetsel; Ian Achimore, Dean Unger, Sara Villa

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Cathy Pieroni, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Ken Tam, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Adekunle Ojo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Kevin O'Toole, Orange County Water District; Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District; Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District; Derek Kawaii, 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 A. 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: OCTOBER 19, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SUNNYSLOPE JURUPA DITCH TO PIPELINE PROJECT DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT APPLICATION (CM#2021.80)

Ian Achimore provided the presentation on the *Sunnyslope Jurupa Ditch to Pipeline Project Drought Relief Grant Application* contained in the agenda packet on pages 21-33. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the draft Project Solicitation Package (PSP) in September 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 of regional project entitled Sunnyslope Jurupa Ditch to Pipeline Project. The project consists of converting the open Jurupa Ditch to a 14-inch diameter PVC pipeline. Currently, 1.9 miles of the Jurupa Ditch is an open earthen ditch, and the remaining 3.9 miles is piped (totaling 5.8 miles in length). The earthen ditch portion does not have the capacity to take the full allotment of water that is obligated to it by a court decision. Piping the open ditch and making other improvements will allow increased flows to be provided to the Sunnyslope Outfall and adjacent water users, which will benefit the entities that own this conveyance infrastructure – the Jurupa Ditch Company. RivCo Parks is a 37% shareholder in the company and is interested in providing water to Sunnyslope Creek as they are a major partner in native habitat restoration on the Santa Ana River. DWR will be accepting applications in November 2021, awards will be granted December 2021, with the project completion deadline of March 31, 2026. There was no discussion.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no Chair comments.

B. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gardner informed the Commission about the passing of Western Municipal Water District's Board Member, Judge Charles Field. Commissioner Gardner also noted that Riverside County's Supervisor, Karen Spiegel's office is working on an effort in removing on a long-term basis people from the Santa Ana River bottom which will include habitat restoration and Arundo removal. It's an opportunity to coordinate efforts between SAWPA and the County in terms of habitat restoration to make things more efficient amongst agencies working together. General Manager Jeff Mosher noted he will look into it.

C. 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

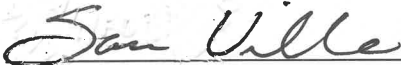
There being no further business for review, Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m. in memory of Judge Charles Field.

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



Jasmin A. Hall, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board