



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 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

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, David Ruhl, Marie Jauregui, Rick Whetsel, Dean Unger, Sara Villa, Haley Mulla, John Leete

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District; Ken Tam, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District; Michael Markus, Orange County Water District; Mallory Gandara, Orange County Water District; Christina Fuller, Orange County Water District; Derek Kawaii, Western Municipal Water District; Brooke Jones, Yorba Linda Water District; Brian Dickinson, City of Colton, Tom Lindsey

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. After completing the Pledge of Allegiance, Alternate Commissioner Kelly Rowe requested a moment of silence in honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

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 16, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF REMOTE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CM#2021.84)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2021-10 Proclaiming A State of Emergency Persists, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of all Commission and Committee meetings of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority for the period of December 7, 2021 to January 6, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

D. DISPOSAL OF SAWPA SURPLUS PROPERTY (CM#2021.85)

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Chair Hall requested a modification of Agenda Item No. 6.A of the November 16, 2021, meeting minutes. Let the record reflect that Chair Jasmin Hall's vote was counted for Agenda Item No. 6.A of the November 16, 2021, meeting minutes.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar items 5.B, 5.C, and 5.D as posted, and approve the Consent Calendar item 5.A with the modified correction of the November 16, 2021, meeting minutes.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE TURF REMOVAL/DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPING SERVICES UNDER THE WATER ENERGY COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK PROJECT (WECAN) (CM#2021.86)

Rick Whetsel provided a presentation on the Water Energy Community Action Network (WECAN) Landscaping Project, contained in the agenda packet on pages 29-39. The Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant program is funded through the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC). SAWPA was awarded \$593,000 to implement the Water Energy Community Action Network (WECAN) program to remove 100,000 square feet of turf and replace it with drought tolerant landscaping as residences within the City of Riverside. Funding for the project was increased by a pledge of \$100,000 in cost share by the City of Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) to bring the total project funding to implement the WECAN program up to \$693,000. The strategic goals implemented through WECAN is to conserve water, reduce turf grass, and install drought tolerant landscaping. To implement the WECAN program SAWPA staff has prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit competitive proposals from licensed landscaping firms to provide Turf Removal/Drought-Tolerant Landscaping Services within the City of Riverside Eastside Climate Collaborative Program area. The contractor will provide all the manpower, equipment, vehicles, and supplies needed to complete the projects and will be responsible for providing customer bilingual services. It is also anticipated the contractor will participate in the local community outreach events and design templates for replacing turf to ensure the use of plants, trees, and shrubs that are low water use resources. The project will be photo documented to keep track of the process and site visits will be scheduled for follow up. The Commission asked how the projects /

landscaping will be maintained after they are completed? Mr. Whetsel noted there will be outreach to the customers explaining what the expectations are for irrigation and maintenance.

MOVED, to authorize the General Manager to issue a Request for Proposals for Turf Removal/Drought-Tolerant Landscaping Services to support the Water Energy Community Action Network Project (WECAN) funded through the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) grant program.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no Chair comments.

B. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioner comments.

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

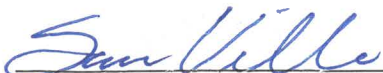
There being no further business for review, Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.



Bruce Whitaker, Vice Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board