



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2022**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bruce Whitaker, Vice Chair, Orange County Water District
Marco Tule, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
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, Edina Goode, Marie Jauregui, Ian Achimore, Dean Unger, Sara Villa, John Leete, Zyanya Ramirez, Haley Mullay

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Ken Tam, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Denise Garzaro, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Michael Markus, Orange County Water District; Jason Dadakis, Orange County Water District; Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District; Ryan Shaw, Western Municipal Water District; Brooke Jones, Yorba Linda Water District; Kevin O'Toole; Nelida Mendoza

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Bruce Whitaker 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 items to be deleted.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 21, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF REMOTE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CM#2022.1)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-1 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 January 18, 2022 to February 17, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 2 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT CALL FOR PROJECTS UPDATE (CM#2022.2)

Ian Achimore provided a presentation on the Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Call for Projects Update, contained in the agenda packet on pages 29-44. The draft Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) guidelines and Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) were released on December 10, 2021, by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). SAWPA staff reviewed the draft PSP and found no significant changes that would impact the OWOW process. The table below reflects the minor changes in the PSP to incorporate into OWOW Call for Projects Form. This allows projects throughout the funding area to submit their projects. The Call for Projects opened on January 13, 2022, and all applications will be due by March 25, 2022.

DWR Policy from Draft PSP	Method for Incorporation into OWOW Process
Local application processes must prioritize projects that will have all California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and permitting completed within an estimated 12 months of the funding award date (Note: that award date is estimated to be May 2023).	During the participatory budgeting phase of the OWOW process, which occurs after projects are initially ranked, projects with an estimated schedule that reflects DWR's timeline will be also prioritized for funding.
Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Implementation projects may request that they be considered for General Implementation funding if DAC Implementation funds are completely utilized.	During the participatory budgeting phase of the OWOW process, which occurs after projects are initially ranked, if certain DAC Implementation projects are not initially within the top tier of their funding category, they may request General Implementation funding.

SAWPA will also host two to three virtual workshops that will allow interested applicants to be walked through the details of the online application form. The workshops will be advertised through the OWOW email distribution list and posted on the SAWPA webpage. It is anticipated that in the April timeframe, the stakeholders and project proponents will meet to review the projects through a participatory budgeting process. SAWPA staff will then recommend the highest scoring projects to the OWOW Steering Committee and SAWPA Commission and submit final application of project proponents to DWR; DWR will announce awards May 2023. 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. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – NOVEMBER 2021 (CM#2022.3)

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – NOVEMBER 2021 (CM#2022.4)

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

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

F. OWOW QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: OCTOBER 1, 2021 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

G. ROUNDTABLES QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: OCTOBER 1, 2021 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

H. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Jeff Mosher informed the Commission that the Reserve Policy project is moving forward with the consultant Raftelis. SAWPA staff is scheduled to meet with the member agencies' Chief Financial Officers on January 25 to discuss the draft recommendations, and it is anticipated to include an update at the PA 24 Committee meeting in March.

A Technical Memorandum Report will be submitted to the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Brine Line Spill that occurred on December 18, 2021. An update will be provided to PA 24 Committee on February 1, 2022.

I. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jeff Mosher noted that the Legislative Committee is meeting weekly and getting a lot of good participation from the member agencies as other interested agencies in the watershed.

J. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no Chair comments.

K. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners' comments.

L. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioners' request for future Agenda items.

Vice Chair Whitaker recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m. for Closed Session.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One case.

9. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice Chair resumed Open Session at 10:37 a.m. and Legal Counsel, Andy Turner announced that the SAWPA Commission received a report from SAWPA staff and counsel; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 8.A.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Whitaker adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.



Marco Tule, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board