



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2022**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Marco Tule, 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
Brenda Dennstedt, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, David Ruhl, Edina Goode,
Marie Jauregui, Rick Whetsel, Dean Unger, Sara Villa, John Leete,
Zyanya Ramirez, Haley Mullay, Alison Lewis

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; Michael Markus, Orange County Water District; Shavonne Turner, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Ryan Shaw, Western Municipal Water District; Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District; Mallory Gandara, Western Municipal Water District; Brooke Jones, Yorba Linda Water District; Jayne Joy, Regional Water Control Board; Kevin O'Toole; Nelida Mendoza; Wayne Miller

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Marco Tule 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: FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF REMOTE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CM#2022.8)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-3 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 February 18, 2022 to March 18, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR AUDIT SERVICES (CM#2022.9)

Karen Williams provided a brief report; due to Teaman Ramirez and Smith, Inc.'s partner retiring, they will be restructuring their firm and will no longer be taking on additional audits. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Audit Services has been developed and distributed to the member agencies finance department for review. There is no anticipated impact to the schedule for conducting the audit in June 2022. Commissioner June Hayes asked what the procedure is to broadcast the RFP. Karen Williams noted that the RFP will be posted to the SAWPA website and distributed to a list of certified public accounting firms that were recommended from the member agencies staff.

MOVED, to authorize the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit Services commencing the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

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

B. DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM: URBAN AND MULTIBENEFIT DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM (CM#2022.10)

Rick Whetsel provided a presentation on the Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) Program DWR Set-Aside Funding, 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program, contained in the agenda packet on pages 45-60. SAWPA's DACI Program for the Santa Ana River Watershed, the Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Grant includes a Set-Aside of at least \$50 million to support underrepresented communities and Native American Tribes through the Proposition 1 IRWM DACI Program. SAWPA is eligible for an award of up to \$5 million to fund eligible drought emergency relief projects benefiting Underrepresented Communities or Tribes within the Santa Ana River Watershed. SAWPA, requested and received approval from DWR to conduct a call for projects and assemble an application for its DACI Program for the Santa Ana River Watershed. The deadline for application submittal to DWR is end of February 2022. A Call for Projects application form was released December 2021, and on January 4, 2022, SAWPA hosted an Informational Workshop to provide additional details on the program.

The deadline for project submittals was January 21, and seven (7) applications were submitted by agencies for consideration of grant funding. The project applications were reviewed by SAWPA staff and confirmed the projects addressed each of the Project Eligibility Requirements and ranked based upon their ability to respond to the grant requirements and achieve the goals of SAWPA's DACI program. The highest ranked projects recommended for grant program funding are listed below.

Project Proponent:	Project Title:	Total Cost	Grant Award
City of Colton	Production Well 32	\$ 4,973,000	\$ 885,000
Box Springs MWC	Reservoir Improvement	\$ 1,590,000	\$ 1,590,000
Marygold Mutual Water Company	Well 7 Rehabilitation and Systems Upgrade	\$ 1,448,000	\$ 1,448,000
City of Fullerton	Well 6 Rehabilitation	\$ 505,000	\$ 505,000
Devore Water Company	Booster Pump Station and Valve Vault	\$ 472,000	\$ 472,000
SAWPA	Program Administration		\$ 100,000
Total Request:		\$ 8,988,000	\$ 5,000,000

Once approved, SAWPA staff will proceed with the next steps in the process as follows: 1) Submit a program application to DWR for approval, 2) Amend the existing DCI Program Grant Agreement, and 3) Prepare DCI Grant Sub-Agreements with each of the project proponents. Commissioner David Slawson asked if there is a contingency plan in the event the projects end up costing more. Mr. Whetsel noted that SAWPA staff worked with California Rural Water Association (CRWA) and scaled the projects budgets pretty well, and CRWA is willing to work with the agencies to look into other grant opportunities and sources of funding if needed. Jayne Joy, representing the Regional Board noted that their focus is typically water quality, but human rights to water extends beyond the priorities, and thanked SAWPA staff for all their efforts in supporting the disadvantaged communities. Ms. Joy said that the Regional Board can help move the projects forward by providing support letters. Jeff Mosher commended SAWPA's planning staff for getting through this program in such a quick turnaround and did an excellent job in terms of streamlining and evaluating the projects.

MOVED, to approve and authorize staff to submit the portfolio of projects and funding allocations for consideration by DWR for up to \$5 million in Proposition 1 IRWM Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DACI) Grant Set-Aside funding made available through the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – DECEMBER 2021

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – DECEMBER 2021 (CM#2022.11)

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – DECEMBER 2021
(CM#2022.12)

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

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

F. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

G. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

H. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Marco Tule commended SAWPA staff on all their efforts and presentations.

I. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners' comments.

J. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioners' request for future Agenda items.

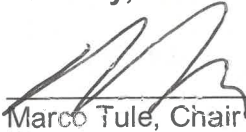
8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Marco Tule adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

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



Marco Tule, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board