



**SAWPA COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Bruce Whitaker, Vice Chair, Orange County Water District  
Mike Gardner, Secretary-Treasurer, Western Municipal Water District  
June D. Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
David J. Slawson, Eastern Municipal Water District

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Marco Tule, Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Kelly Rowe, Orange County Water District  
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andrew Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water  
District; Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Christy  
Suppes, County of Orange; Michael Markus, Orange County Water  
District; Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District; Mallory  
Gandara, Western Municipal Water District; Brooke Jones, Yorba  
Linda Water District; Wayne Miller, Yorba Linda Water District; Beth  
Olhasso, West Coast Advisors; Michael Boccadoro, West Coast  
Advisors; Gloria Ma'ae; Robert Ennis, City of Riverside; Branden  
Hodges; Adekunle Ojo

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 added or deleted.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 16, 2022**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**B. TREASURER’S REPORT: JULY 2022**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**C. TREASURER’S REPORT: AUGUST 2022**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**D. RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF REMOTE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CM#2022.60)**

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-15 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 September 23, 2022 to October 22, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

**MOVED**, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

**6. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA****A. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Michael Boccadoro and Beth Olhasso from West Coast Advisors provided a presentation on the Sacramento Update. The Drought/Water Supply update for California continues to worsen throughout the year and it is an ongoing concern, the State overall is at 3.4%. The legislature adjourned August 31, the end of a two-year session, and the Governor is focusing on the measures/bills to sign or veto by the end of the month. 4,476 bills were introduced in 2021-22 legislative session, and 2,329 of them were sent to the Governor. Ms. Olhasso provided updates on the following bills:

- SB 1157 (Hertzberg): Lowering the indoor urban water use standard to 42 GPCD by 2030 – Passed Legislature.
- SB 12 (McGuire): Requiring use of “heat resilient water infrastructure” in projects in high fire severity zones funded by state or federal government – Failed Passage.
- AB 2142 (Gabriel): Exempts turf rebates from “taxable income” – Passed Legislature.
- AB 2247 (Bloom): PFAS publicly accessible reporting platform – Passed Legislature.
- AB 2449 (Rubio): Open Public Meetings – Signed by Governor and will take effect January 1, 2023.

The FY 2022-2023 Budget passed with \$3.6 billion for the 2022 Drought Resilience and Response package, and it includes \$710 million for immediate drought response, \$1.5 billion for drinking water, water supply reliability and flood. \$441 million for conservation and agriculture, and \$918 million towards habitat/nature-based solutions. Commission Gardner asked if there is any information on what the administration is planning to do in terms of the refund checks for gas tax collection to vehicle owners. Is Administration still committed in sending the checks as opposed to doing something long-term significant and divert it

towards a water infrastructure project. Ms. Olhasso noted that the checks are scheduled to be distributed in October. Vice Chair Whitaker thanked Ms. Olhasso and Mr. Boccadoro for all their efforts with the legislative report.

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

## 7. **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 2 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT CALL FOR PROJECTS UPDATE (CM#2022.61)**

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 39-58. SAWPA's Call for Projects closed June 2022, and SAWPA received 24 applications requesting Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant funding. SAWPA staff went through a three-month review period that entailed four (4) Participatory Budgeting Process Workshops where staff and stakeholders reviewed and provided feedback on the 24 projects that were submitted for funding. Per the Project Solicitation Package, there are two categories for IRWM grant funding – "Disadvantaged Community Implementation" and "General Implementation." To be eligible for Disadvantaged Community Implementation funding, a project needs to benefit a region that is considered "disadvantaged" using U.S. Census data or local income survey data.

The projects received through the Call for Projects, as well as State Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM grant funding available within each category is shown below. Also shown is the amount allocated for SAWPA's grant administration effort to be utilized over the Round 2 implementation period from Summer 2023 to December 2027, and the amount allocated to the North Orange County IRWM group per the 2019 Cooperative Agreement approved by the Commission. Lastly, \$2 million from Proposition 1 Round 1 is available as "roll over" funding as a project included in the DWR grant agreement withdrew due to the inability to move forward with project construction. The funding roll over of \$2 million from Round 1 can only be provided to other OWOW projects, and a split of the "watershed wide" funding between the OWOW process (66%) and the North Orange County IRWM group (34%) as specified in the 2019 Cooperative Agreement.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Project Applications</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Grant Available</b>
Disadvantaged Community	6	\$13,116,020	\$4,095,000
OWOW General Implementation	18	\$54,700,206	\$14,435,100
North OC - General Implementation	4	NA	\$7,175,543
SAWPA - Grant Administration (4.7% of total grant available)	NA	NA	\$1,352,929
Rollover available from Prop 1 Round 1	NA	NA	\$2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$67,816,226</b>	<b>\$29,058,572</b>

Mr. Achimore noted that on September 22, 2022, the OWOW Steering Committee will receive a recommendation from SAWPA staff to move forward with the top ten OWOW ranked projects and a grant funding allocation using the ranking process. If approved by the OWOW Steering Committee and then by the SAWPA Commission at their October 4, 2022 meeting, SAWPA staff will work with the ten project proponents to submit a final application to the DWR by their deadline of February 1, 2023. SAWPA has released a request for proposals (RFP) on

August 30, 2022, to assist SAWPA with coordinating and compiling the grant application to DWR. This is a budgeted action included in the two-year SAWPA budget. SAWPA staff will present a consultant for approval, based on the RFP results, at the October 4, 2022, Commission meeting. There was no discussion.

This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 7.A.

## 8. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

### A. **CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – JULY 2022**

### B. **INTER-FUND BORROWING – JULY 2022 (CM#2022.62)**

### C. **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – JULY 2022 (CM#2022.63)**

### D. **PROJECT AGREEMENT 25 – OWOW FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, JULY 2022**

### E. **PROJECT AGREEMENT 26 – ROUNDTABLE FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2022**

### F. **FOURTH QUARTER FYE 2022 EXPENSE REPORT**

### G. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Jeff Mosher informed the Commission that he and Commissioner Harrison and Commission Slawson attended the SAWPA/OC San Joint Policy Committee. It was announced that OC San's General Manager, Jim Herbert will be retiring in February 2023. Commissioner Harrison noted that it was an interesting meeting, and he looks forward to the upcoming tour of their facilities.

### H. **STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

### I. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT**

There were no Chair comments.

### J. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Harrison asked if there was an update on the Bill AB 2449 (Open Public Meetings). Jeff Mosher noted that AB 2449 is an item that he will coordinate with SAWPA's General Counsel, Andy Turner to help us navigate through the requirements. Andy Turner said that the Bill will take effect January 2023, and it will be an item to circulate back in a future meeting for discussion.

### K. **COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no Commissioners' request for future Agenda items.

## 9. **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Bruce Whitaker adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.**

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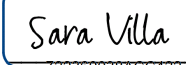


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Marco Tule, Chair

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