



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2023**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bruce Whitaker, Chair, Orange County Water District
Mike Gardner, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District
T. Milford Harrison, Secretary-Treasurer, San Bernardino Valley
Municipal Water District [via-zoom]
David J. Slawson, Eastern Municipal Water District
Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Rachel Gray, David Ruhl,
Edina Goode, Marie Jauregui, Dean Unger, Rick Whetsel, Sara Villa,
Zyanya Ramirez, Alison Lewis

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Al Javier, Eastern Municipal Water
District; Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District; Ron
Sullivan, Eastern Municipal Water District; Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland
Empire Utilities Agency; Cathy Green, Orange County Water District;
Michael Markus, Orange County Water District; Van Tran, Orange
County Water District; Kevin O'Toole, Orange County Water District;
Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District; Joshua Aguilar,
Western Municipal Water District; Michael Hadley, Western
Municipal Water District; Richard Meyerhoff, GEI Consultants; Steve
Wolosoff, GEI Consultants; Chris Stransky, WSP USA Environment
& Infrastructure, Inc.

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Bruce Whitaker on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California and Commissioner T. Milford Harrison's location, Hyatt Regency Sacramento, 1209 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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: APRIL 18, 2023

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. SAWPA BUILDING LANDSCAPING REFRESH AND IRRIGATION REPLACEMENT (CM#2023.26)

Recommendation: Approve \$6,520 from the Building Reserve Fund to update the design of the SAWPA Building Landscape and Irrigation Improvements.

C. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE RATE RESOLUTION (CM#2023.27)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-5 establishing the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Inland Empire Brine Line Rates to be effective July 1, 2023.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NOMINATION OF CATHY GREEN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF ACWA PRESIDENT (CM#2023.28)

Jeff Mosher provided a verbal report on supporting Orange County Water District (OCWD) Board Member Cathy Green as a candidate for the Office of President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA). He referenced her biography and flyer contained on pages 43-45 of the agenda packet and noted that Cathy Green currently serves as the Vice President of ACWA since 2021 and has been an active member of ACWA over 10 years. Cathy Green thanked the Commission for the opportunity to introduce herself as a candidate for ACWA's Presidency and noted that her focus is to continue to collaborate with diverse stakeholders to find smart solutions to the challenges we are now facing and continue advocating for state accountability on water, infrastructure investments, and policy issues. Commissioner Jasmin A. Hall asked what ACWA's nominating process is and if there are any other candidates in the running for ACWA President. Ms. Cathy Green noted that as of right now, she is not aware of other candidates running for president. The changes in the nomination process this time around are rather than nominations being done on the floor, the nominations will take place earlier so that everyone will know ahead of time who is in the running and the closing date is June 17, 2023. All resolutions of support need to be submitted by the closing date. The Commission commended Ms. Cathy Green as an outstanding candidate for the position of ACWA President and expressed their full support.

MOVED, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-6 to Support the Nomination of Cathy Green as a Candidate for the Position of Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) President.

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

B. RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARK R. NORTON FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SAWPA (CM#2023.29)

Jeff Mosher gave an overview of Mark Norton's 30-plus years of service at SAWPA, providing an account of his many accomplishments and projects which have strengthened SAWPA's and LESJWA's presence within the watershed and the region. The Commission thanked Mr. Norton for his years of leadership, service, and dedication, and wished him well as he begins his next chapter of retirement and expressed that it has been an honor to work with Mr. Norton and his great calmness of character and how big of an asset, he has been to SAWPA. Additional member agency staff such as Ron Sullivan, and Al Javier of EMWD and consultants such as Richard Meyerhoff of GEI Consultants and Chris Stransky of WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure commended Mr. Norton for all his efforts in all the years of collaborating with him. Mark Norton thanked the Commission and stated it has been an honor to work at SAWPA and with the talented staff he has worked alongside during his career.

MOVED, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-7 to recognize Mark R. Norton for his contributions and service to SAWPA.

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

C. SB 366 (CABALLERO) – THE CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN: LONG-TERM SUPPLY TARGETS (CM#2023.30)

Jeff Mosher provided a verbal report on the Senate Bill (SB) 366 (Caballero): The California Water Plan: Long-Term Supply Targets and referenced the support letter contained in the agenda packet on page 53. SB 366 establishes long-term water supply targets to ensure enough water for all beneficial uses, modernize the California Water Plan for a 21st century climate, ensure accountability for state agencies on water management issues, and compliment and amplify Governor Newsom's Water Supply Strategy, ensuring there are water supply targets that extend beyond any single administration. Commissioner Mike Gardner noted that the bill is in the suspense file right now and if the support letter does not go out this week to the appropriations committee, it will be dead for a year, and he emphasized the importance of supporting SB 366.

MOVED, to authorize the General Manager to send a support letter for SB 366 (Caballero) to pertinent legislators, which would require long-term water supply targets under the California Water Plan.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – MARCH 2023

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – MARCH 2023 (CM#2023.31)

C. PERFORMANGE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – MARCH 2023 (CM#2023.32)

D. PROJECT AGREEMENT 25 – OWOW FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, FEBRUARY 2023

E. PROJECT AGREEMENT 26 – ROUNDTABLE FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, FEBRUARY 2023

F. OWOW QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: JANUARY – MARCH 2023

Jeff Mosher referenced the OWOW Quarterly Report contained in the agenda packet on pages 99-105, and noted it was informative on the current OWOW activities.

G. ROUNDTABLES QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: JANUARY – MARCH 2023

Jeff Mosher referenced the Roundtables Quarterly Report contained in the agenda packet on pages 107-124, and noted it was informative on the current Roundtable activities.

H. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Jeff Mosher informed the Commission on a new funding program through the Governor's Office of Planning Research and Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program. It is anticipated that an informational presentation will be given to the Commission on June 6.

I. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

J. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Bruce Whitaker noted that he attended the ACWA Conference and thought it was highly informative and constructive due to the unity of so many districts throughout the State. Under a roundtable session, it was discussed how the State is so huge and so diverse it is hard to get a message across for water conservation due to the difference in regions from the Northern and Southern California agencies. Chair Whitaker noted that Orange County Water District (OCWD) received an Innovation Award, and he was very honored to accept it on OCWD's behalf.

K. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners' comments received.

L. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioners' requests for future Agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Bruce Whitaker adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

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Bruce Whitaker

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Bruce Whitaker, Chair

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Sara Villa

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