



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2016**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ed Killgore, Vice Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ronald W. Sullivan, Secretary-Treasurer, Eastern Municipal Water District
Phil Anthony, Orange County Water District
Jasmin Hall, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency [9:37 a.m.]
Brenda Dennstedt, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Thomas P. Evans, Chair, Western Municipal Water District
Terry Catlin, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Steve Copelan, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Roman Reyna, Alternate, Orange County Water District [9:54 a.m.]

STAFF PRESENT

Celeste Cantú, Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Dean
Unger, David Ruhl, Ian Achimore, Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Vice Chair Killgore at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was duly noted and recorded by the Clerk of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 19, 2016

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 28, 2016

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: MAY 10, 2016

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously; 4-0-1)
Motion/Second:	Anthony/Sullivan
Ayes:	Anthony, Hall, Killgore, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Dennstedt
Absent:	None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **APPROVAL OF SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION ON BASIN PLANNING (CM#2016.33)**

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation supporting staff's recommendation that SAWPA submit a proposal to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to update the One Water One Watershed 2.0 Plan incorporating current science and data as well as bringing the Plan into compliance with Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) requirements.

In November 2010, SAWPA executed an agreement with Reclamation to participate in a basin study for the One Water One Watershed Plan, and that work was finalized in 2013. Staff is recommending SAWPA submit a proposal to update that basin study to Reclamation, which is due June 22, 2016; Reclamation will advise SAWPA whether or not the proposal is successful within thirty days. Achimore emphasized this is a partnership with Reclamation; this is not a grant and there will be no transfer of funding. Both SAWPA and Reclamation would be pledging resources to be spent on updating the OWOW 2.0 Plan.

Proposition 1, passed by the voters November 2014, includes new IRWM requirements such as prioritizing vulnerabilities, connecting groundwater sustainability plans, and connecting stormwater resources plans. If successful, the basin study proposal to Reclamation would incorporate current science and data in bringing the Plan into compliance with these new IRWM requirements. There is state grant funding available up to \$250,000, with a local match requirement. Applications for the state grant are due August 2016.

Commissioner Anthony moved approval, with the condition that staff provides to the Commission for review the final proposal before it is submitted to Reclamation.

MOVED, approve submitting a Study Proposal to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to update the One Water One Watershed 2.0 Plan so the Plan is compliant with Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management requirements and incorporates the best available science and data, with the condition that the final proposal is provided to the Commission for review prior to submittal to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0)
Motion/Second:	Anthony/Dennstedt
Ayes:	Anthony, Dennstedt, Hall, Killgore, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

B. **2015 SANTA ANA RIVER HABITAT SURVEY DATA (CM#2016.34)**

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015 Santa Ana River Habitat Survey Data. SAWPA serves as administrator of the Santa Ana Sucker Team Task Force. The Task Force established annual riverwalks to collect habitat data, which have taken place in the autumn since 2006 to the present. The preferred substrate habitat of the Santa Ana Sucker Fish is gravel and cobble. Substrate is ranked poor habitat if gravel/cobble content is 30% or less, marginal with 31% - 65%, and excellent with 66% or greater. A majority of the river is sand, but there are pockets and small reaches where there is gravel. 2015 Riverwalk data reflects no data point identified as marginal or excellent habitat for approximately 10.5 miles upstream from the River Road Bridge; all data points up to that 10.5 mile mark were identified as poor habitat.

The 2016 Riverwalk will take place in the fall. Staff will continue to collect and summarize habitat data, which is shared with agencies involved in habitat planning.

Commissioner Anthony asked about fish population data. Achimore advised this Task Force focused on population survey data for approximately ten years. Currently, the Habitat Conservation Plan for upper Santa Ana River, led by SBVMWD, began population surveys last year and is planning another survey this year. Commissioner Sullivan voiced interest in receiving information showing the correlation between habitat improvements and fish population.

C. PPIC WATER POLICY CENTER CALIFORNIA'S WATER BRIEFING KIT (CM#2016.35)

The Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) has invited SAWPA to participate as a sponsor of the 2016 *California's Water* briefing kit at the \$10,000 level. The PPIC is a reliable, independent and trusted broker in California's water policy debates. New policies at the federal, state and local levels are targeting key water challenges within California such as groundwater sustainability and drought emergencies. The PPIC has provided in-depth research in contributing to the state's water debate, including its one-of-a-kind briefing kit, *California's Water*. The PPIC will release a significant update to this important resource in the fall of 2016.

MOVED, sponsor the PPIC's 2016 *California's Water* briefing kit at the \$10,000 level.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0)
Motion/Second:	Sullivan/Anthony
Ayes:	Anthony, Dennstedt, Hall, Killgore, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

D. SAWPA/OCSD JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The initial SAWPA appointees to the SAWPA/OCSD Joint Policy Committee were Commissioners Ron Sullivan and Don Galleano. Commissioner Sullivan agreed to continue serving as a SAWPA appointee to the Committee. Since Don Galleano no longer sits on the SAWPA Commission, it was recommended that the SAWPA Commission consider appointing a replacement Commissioner. Commissioner Killgore voiced his interest in serving as SAWPA's second appointee to the Committee.

MOVED, appoint Ed Killgore to the SAWPA/OCSD Joint Policy Committee.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0)
Motion/Second:	Anthony/Dennstedt
Ayes:	Anthony, Dennstedt, Hall, Killgore, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive and file the following oral/written reports/updates.

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – MARCH 2016

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – MARCH 2016 (CM#2016.31)

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – FEBRUARY 2016 (CM#2016.32)

D. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Celeste Cantú provided and reviewed the OWOW 2.0 Plan Executive Summary.

E. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

F. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES

- May 10, 2016

G. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

H. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

I. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. CLOSED SESSION

At 10:11 a.m., Vice Chair Killgore recessed the meeting to Closed Session. Rich Haller and David Ruhl participated in the discussion of Agenda Item No. 7.A.

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Spiniello Companies v. Charles King Company, Inc., Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company (Superior Court of Los Angeles BC616589)

Vice Chair Killgore resumed Open Session at 10:50 a.m., and announced the following action was taken on Agenda Item No. 7.A. by the Commission during Closed Session.

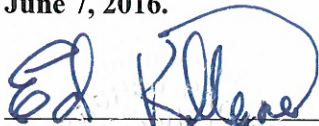
MOVED, authorize SAWPA to defend against existing and potential litigation with Charles King Company, Inc., and Spiniello Companies.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously; 5-0)
Motion/Second:	Anthony/Hall
Ayes:	Anthony, Dennstedt, Hall, Killgore, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Killgore adjourned the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.



Ed Killgore, Vice Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board