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*Steering
Committee
Members*

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 23, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
at SAWPA, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

Ronald W. Sullivan
SAWPA

Thomas P. Evans
SAWPA

Shawn Nelson
Orange County

Marion Ashley
Riverside County

Curt Hagman
San Bernardino County

Beth Krom
City of Irvine

Laura Roughton
City of Jurupa Valley

Jon Harrison
City of Redlands

Jim Hessler
Altman Plants

Garry Brown
Orange County
CoastKeeper

Linda Ackerman
Regional Water
Quality Control Board

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ron Sullivan

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Sullivan

Members of the public may address the Committee on items within the jurisdiction of the Committee; however, no action may be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Government Code §54954.2(b).

3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES: January 26, 2017

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Consider Incorporating the March 2017 Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan prepared by the Orange County Public Works Department (SC#2017.6)

Mark Norton

Recommendation: Consider incorporating the March 2017 Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan into the Santa Ana River Watershed’s Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the One Water One Watershed 2.0 Plan and the future OWOW 2018 Plan Update.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Presentation and Discussion with Anecita Augustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor (SC#2017.7)

Celeste Cantú

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

B. Status Update on Proposition 84 Project Implementation – All Rounds (SC#2017.8)

Nicole Weideman

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

C. One Water One Watershed Report Card Presentation (SC#2017.9)

Mark Norton

Recommendation: Discussion and Direction



6. ADJOURNMENT

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/s/

Kelly Berry, CMC

2017 OWOW Steering Committee Regular Meetings

Fourth Thursday of Every Other Month

(Note: All meetings begin at 11:00 a.m., unless otherwise noticed, and are held at SAWPA.)

January 1/26/17 Regular Committee Meeting	March 3/23/17 Regular Committee Meeting
May 5/25/17 Regular Committee Meeting	July 7/27/17 Regular Committee Meeting
September 9/28/17 Regular Committee Meeting	November 11/16/17* Regular Committee Meeting*

* Meeting date adjusted due to conflicting holiday.



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**OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 26, 2017**

Committee Members	
<u>Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Representatives</u>	
Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener, Eastern Municipal Water District	Present
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District	Present
<u>County Supervisor Representatives</u>	
Marion Ashley, Riverside County Board of Supervisors	Absent
Shawn Nelson, Orange County Board of Supervisors	Absent
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors	Present
<u>County Mayor Representatives</u>	
Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley	Present
Beth Krom, Councilmember, City of Irvine	Absent
Jon Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Redlands	Absent
<u>Business Committee Representative</u>	
Jim Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Absent
<u>Environmental Committee Representative</u>	
Garry Brown, President, Orange County Coastkeeper	Present
<u>Regional Water Quality Control Board Representative</u>	
Linda Ackerman, Vice Chair, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board	Present
<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	Celeste Cantú; Larry McKenney; Mark Norton; Dean Unger; Mike Antos; Kelly Berry

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Ave., Riverside, California.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley, was introduced and welcomed as the newly appointed OWOW Steering Committee member. Roughton was recently appointed by WRCOG, replacing Ron Loveridge.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.



3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES – October 20, 2017

Marsha Westropp, OCWD, noted two particular comments she made during the October 20, 2016 meeting relating to Agenda Item 4.E., and requested inclusion of her comments in the meeting minutes. Specifically: (1) she had stated that OCWD and other Orange County stakeholders had not begun the process of seeking acceptance as a region and had not decided to become a separate IRWM region, and (2) she had stated for clarification purposes that correspondence sent to SAWPA on behalf of the Orange County stakeholders was not an indication of their lack of interest to seek a dialog and to resolve our conflicts by continuing to talk with the rest of the stakeholders in the OWOW process. Convener Sullivan concurred with her request, and called for a motion approving the minutes as amended.

MOVED, approve the October 20, 2017 meeting minutes, as amended.

Result:	Adopted (Passed; 6-0)
Motion/Second:	Evans/Brown
Ackerman, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Roughton, Sullivan	
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. OWOW Pillar Structure, Chairpersons, Roles (SC#2017.4)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Pillar Structure and provided information on two individuals recruited to serve as new Pillar chairpersons. Gil Navarro, Alternate SAWPA Commissioner, has stepped forward to take on the role of Disadvantaged & Tribal Communities Pillar Chair. Former Pillar Chair Susan Longville has assumed her role as newly elected SAWPA Commission Chair, where she will concentrate her time. Gil Navarro's experience in community advocacy will be highly valued. Ken Gutierrez, retired from City of Riverside planning, has been recruited to assist as the Land Use and Water Planning Pillar Chair. The Pillars will be engaged in the OWOW Plan update 2018, and a kick-off meeting will be held February 23, 2017. Antos reviewed Pillar missions and scopes of work, common among them ensuring compliance with the new standards, and sought Committee input for the February 23, 2017 meeting. Committee Members suggested using more specific language defining the mission and tasks of each Pillar.

Committee Member Roughton suggested contacting the Planning Director for the City of Jurupa Valley relative to the environment element of land use planning. Relative to climate change, Roughton noted WRCOG has a climate change action plan she recommended staff review. Committee Member Hagman recommended reaching out to SBCOG.

Convener Sullivan requested staff provide to the Committee at the next meeting a recap of the participants by county in order to ensure participation is not unbalanced; the OWOW process needs a balanced view, not just San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Committee Member Roughton requested staff include more specific information than just an individual's name when reporting to the Committee, in order to assist the newer members of the Committee. Committee Member Brown requested a future presentation to the Committee providing an overview of the process and how it is working – how the Pillars influence the Plan, how the Plan influences recommendations and decisions on the allocation of funding.



MOVED, approve Gil Navarro as the Disadvantaged & Tribal Communities Pillar Chair and Ken Gutierrez as the Land Use and Water Planning Pillar Chair.

Result: **Adopted (Passed; 6-0)**
Motion/Second: Evans/Brown
Ayes: Ackerman, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Roughton, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

B. DWR Tribal Policy Advisor (SC#2017.5)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation recommending the Committee direct staff to invite the DWR Tribal Policy Advisor to make a presentation at a future OWOW Steering Committee meeting.

MOVED, direct SAWPA staff to invite the DWR Tribal Policy Advisor to present before the OWOW Steering Committee at an upcoming meeting.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously; 6-0)**
Motion/Second: Hagman/Ackerman
Ayes: Ackerman, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Roughton, Sullivan
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

Committee Member Evans left the meeting at 11:45 a.m., and did not return.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Report on IRWM Roundtable Regions Summit (SC#2017.1)

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation with a report on the IRWM Roundtable of Regions Summit on January 12, 2017. Norton shared a schedule outlining future Prop 1 IRWM and related grants. Release of DWR's Strategic Plan is anticipated in March 2017.

B. Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Update (SC#2017.2)

Mike Antos provided an oral update. The kick-off meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of January 26, 2017. Progress reports will be provided at future meetings.

C. IRWM Planning Grant Award (SC#2017.3)

The grant has been submitted and was successful; \$250,000 will be forthcoming to support the OWOW Plan update.

D. Update on 2017 OWOW Conference (May 25 | Ontario Convention Center)

The theme of the 2017 OWOW Conference will be *Working Together to Make a Finite Resource Infinite*. John Fleck, author of *Water is for Fighting and Other Myths About Water in the West* has been invited as the keynote speaker.

E. Correspondence from Orange County Stakeholders

The most recent responsive correspondence from SAWPA to the Orange County stakeholders was included in the packet materials, as well as copies of earlier correspondence.



6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting came to a close at 12:03 p.m.

APPROVED: March 23, 2017

Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.6

DATE: March 23, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Consider incorporating the March 2017 Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan Prepared by the Orange County Public Works Department

PREPARED BY: Mark Norton, Water Resources and Planning Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee consider incorporating the March 2017 Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan into the Santa Ana River Watershed's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the One Water One Watershed 2.0 Plan and the future OWOW 2018 Plan Update.

DESCRIPTION

SB 985 (Sen. Pavley - Agoura Hills), approved by the Governor on September 25, 2014, requires the development of a stormwater resource plan in order to receive grants for stormwater and dry weather runoff capture projects from any State bond measure approved by voters after January 1, 2014, such as the Proposition 1 Water Bond. Upon development of the stormwater resource plans, the planning area's Regional Water Management Group shall incorporate it into the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan. As North Orange County is in the Santa Ana River Watershed, the Regional Water Management Group, which is the OWOW Steering Committee and SAWPA, shall review and consider integrating the March 2017 Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan (Plan) into One Water One Watershed (OWOW) 2.0 Plan and future OWOW 2018 Update.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Resources Control Board published Storm Water Resources Plan Guidelines in December 2015 for the upcoming round of Proposition 1 grant funding for stormwater projects. The State Board proposes minimal requirements for "incorporation" of stormwater resources plans into IRWMPs. The process reflects that the OWOW intent is to achieve a more meaningful integration of planning efforts, including stormwater resources plans, into a watershed-wide strategy. We will address this in the 2018 OWOW Plan update, and in the meantime, we want to facilitate agencies in the region being eligible for grant funds that are coming available. The recommendation today, therefore, is to consider "incorporating" the Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan into OWOW.

Staff reviewed the Plan and believes that through the OWOW 2018 Plan Update, improved communication and coordination can occur among OC Public Works staff, SAWPA Staff and other watershed stakeholder parties through linking the information in the Plan to information provided in the OWOW Plan and suggesting programs that encourage and support distributed parcel-based best management practices that may be expanded in the region.

Attachments:

1. Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan – Executive Summary

ORANGE COUNTY STORMWATER RESOURCE PLAN



**APPLICABLE TO THE SANTA ANA AND SAN DIEGO REGIONAL
WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD REGIONS**

ORANGE COUNTY STORMWATER RESOURCE PLAN (OC SWRP)**2016 FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENCY PLAN APPLICABLE TO
THE SANTA ANA AND SAN DIEGO REGIONS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Paramount to the implementation of an integrated watershed-based approach to address stormwater and dry weather runoff pollution is a strategic prioritization of water quality issues of concern based upon the characteristics of each watershed and monitoring results garnered over time. Additionally, water quality must be examined in context to the overall water needs of a region. In the framework of integrated water resource management, addressing water quality concerns should also consider water supply and groundwater recharge opportunities. Watershed management in Orange County relies upon partnerships between cities, water agencies, groundwater authorities, environmental groups, and other stakeholders to develop projects and prioritize efforts that balance water quality, water supply and efficiency, flood management and natural resource protection. Documents included in the OC SWRP to meet functional equivalency collectively balance these watershed priorities; however, the primary intent of the OC SWRP is to prioritize stormwater and dry weather runoff projects.

Project identification and prioritization in the OC SWRP is for implementation and funding through the State Water Resources Control Board Proposition 1 Storm Water Grant Program; however, the framework established for prioritization will apply to stormwater projects seeking funding through any applicable State Bond financed grant programs per Senate Bill (SB) 985. Project prioritization is based upon water quality constituents of concern; opportunities for infiltration or capture and use; and groundwater replenishment (where possible). Regional goals for identification and prioritization of projects were drawn principally from the South Orange County Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP), Report of Waste Discharge State of the Environment Reports for the Santa Ana and San Diego Regions of Orange County, and Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plans (IRWM Plans).

Regional goals are summarized by the OC SWRP Management Objectives (**Table 4-1**) below:

OC SWRP Management Objectives	Project Objectives
<p>Improve Water Quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address NPDES and TMDL constituents of concern through non-point source control ▪ Increase infiltration and/or treatment of runoff to address WQIP priorities – indicator bacteria and/or nutrients ▪ Decrease or eliminate dry weather flows to reduce conveyance of pollutants to receiving waters and bacterial regrowth
<p>Increase Water Supply Reliability & Efficiency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address unnatural water balance from urbanization through water conservation ▪ Creation of new water supply through beneficial use of stormwater ▪ Enhancing local water supply reliability through groundwater recharge
<p>Improve Flood Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address channel erosion and geomorphic impacts from flood events ▪ Decrease flood risk by reducing peak flow (i.e. control system flashiness)
<p>Protect and Enhance Natural Resources & Community Benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Habitat protection or enhancement ▪ Erosion control to re-establish riparian habitat ▪ Sediment and flow control to return to a more natural condition ▪ Public education and outreach ▪ Provision of new or enhancement of existing urban recreational use areas

The OC SWRP was developed by the County of Orange in coordination with and utilizing documents developed by water agencies and cities in Orange County (referred to as “Plan Agencies”). Plan Agencies and stakeholders were involved in the development of the functionally equivalent OC SWRP components. Participation in development of each functionally equivalent component by Plan Agencies was enhanced with work groups, planning committees, and comment and review periods. **Section 3** of this OC SWRP highlights the interlocking coordination and implementation of each of the primary functionally equivalent components with examples provided in **Section 3.1**. The public, as a key stakeholder, was involved in public education, outreach, and participation associated with the documents and plans prepared to meet functional equivalency. **Section 7** of this OC SWRP details these efforts further. Additionally, a [webpage](#) has been created for the OC SWRP to provide further public access; included on the webpage is a link to the OC SWRP, access to the database of functionally equivalent documents and project forms for proponents to add projects to the OC SWRP project list.

The OC SWRP represents a collection of functionally equivalent documents and previous planning efforts conducted by the Plan Agencies to meet compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) State planning standards. **Section i** includes a roadmap for how the primary functionally equivalent documents collectively meet SWRP Guidelines and provide the basis for stormwater capture and use project prioritization in Orange County. Documents, methodologies and mapping described in the OC SWRP will be made available to State Water Board staff via links

and access to a Box.com repository to meet functional equivalency. These documents will also be available to the public via a County webpage.

It is noted that as of February 2017, the IRWM Plans are in the midst of updates to meet new State Planning Standards and the WQIP is slated for submission to the SDR Water Board on April 1, 2017.

As part of the IRWM Plan update process, the North and Central IRWM Plans will be combined into one Plan. The geographic boundaries for both of these Plans are within the Santa Ana Regional (SAR) Water Quality Control Board boundary. It is envisioned that having one Plan will provide greater opportunity for identifying and integrating regional projects resulting in multi-beneficial and jurisdictional-focused successes.

At the same time, the County of Orange is initiating efforts to develop Watershed Management Plans (WMPs), equivalent to the WQIP, for each of the principal North Orange County watersheds. The OC SWRP therefore represents a living document; as such, it will be iteratively reviewed and modified over time to incorporate developments in the functionally equivalent documents, as needed.

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.7

DATE: March 23, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion with Anecita Augustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor

PREPARED BY: Celeste Cantú, General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee welcome Anecita Augustinez, DWR Tribal Policy Advisor, receive and file the content of her presentation and provide discussion and direction.

DESCRIPTION

Following a motion of the OWOW Steering Committee on January 27, 2017, SAWPA staff made an invitation for the Department of Water Resources Tribal Policy Advisor to join an OWOW Steering Committee meeting. Today, Anecita Augustinez will present about the state of California and DWR resources and programs that can assist the OWOW Steering Committee and OWOW Pillars with tribal consultation during the OWOW Plan Update 2018.

BACKGROUND

Department of Water Resources (DWR) Office of Tribal Policy Advisor is the central point of contact to coordinate communication and consultation with DWR to ensure effective communication with California Native American Tribes. The Tribal Policy Advisor provides policy support for the Chief Deputy Director and Director and is responsible for various aspects of policy development and implementation in consultation with California Native American Tribes. The Tribal Policy Advisor coordinates communication and outreach with other state agencies. The main purpose of the Tribal Policy Advisor is to ensure and facilitate effective Government-to-Government consultation between Department of Water Resources and California's Native American Tribes and Tribal communities.

Department of Water Resources appointed Anecita Augustinez as Tribal Policy Advisor in August 2013. Anecita has over 30 years of advocacy on behalf of California's Native American Tribes. Her primary responsibilities are to provide policy support and recommendations regarding tribal issues to the Director and Chief Deputy Director. She has been actively engaged with DWR's various divisions assisting in Tribal Consultation and in the development of DWR's Tribal Consultation Policy.

Before joining the Department, she served as the Native American Liaison and Manager of the Office of Legislative and External Affairs and the Office of Health Access at the Department of Health Care Services. She previously was the Assistant Director of the Office of Native American Affairs at the Department of Justice in the Office of the Attorney General. Her experience includes developing and conducting training in the areas of tribal consultation and cultural competency.

She attended Stanford University to study Political Science and is a tribal citizen of the Dine (Navajo) Nation.

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.8

DATE: March 21, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Status Update on Proposition 84 Project Implementation – All Rounds

PREPARED BY: Nicole D. Weideman, Quality Assurance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Steering Committee receive and file this presentation on the implementation of the OWOW Proposition 84 Implementation Projects, and provide discussion and direction.

BACKGROUND

The OWOW 2.0 Plan laid out the goals for what IRWM projects should accomplish, and the Steering Committee approved funding for many multi-benefit projects under multiple OWOW Proposition 84 IRWM Grant funding rounds. Now with a few years into the Program since Round 1 began, progress in completing projects throughout the watershed is being made.

- Round 1 has 13 projects with 7 completed, and one other currently working on project closeout documents.
- Round 2 has 18 projects in various stages of design and construction, with one project currently working on project closeout documents.
- The Drought Round has 11 retail water agencies participating in the Conservation Based Reporting Tool Project, 9 retail water agencies using the Conservation Based Water Rate Structure Support Project, and all 5 of SAWPA's member agencies participating in the High Visibility Turf Removal and Retrofit Project in the joint the Santa Ana River Watershed and the Upper Santa Margarita River Watershed project area.
- The 2015 Round has three projects, including Santa Ana River Conservation & Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP), Riverside County Flood Control & Water Conservation District's Integrated Watershed Protection Program, and Orange County Sanitation District's Newhope-Placentia Trunk Sewer Replacement Project. These projects are all currently scheduled to get underway in the next year.

Last fall SAWPA filled the position of Quality Assurance Manager for the purposes of overseeing the Proposition 84 projects and ensuring that projects are not only being complete as promised, but that the scope of the work performed reflects the scope of the work stated in the SAWPA/ Dept. of Water Resources Grant Agreement, and that the benefits project proponents claimed are being achieved.

This presentation will give the Steering Committee a brief update on a few of the projects that are being implemented through OWOW, and introduce the new Quality Assurance Manager and the work to be conducted.

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.9

DATE: March 21, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: One Water One Watershed Report Card Presentation

PREPARED BY: Mark Norton, Water Resources and Planning Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Steering Committee receive and file this presentation on the OWOW Report Card, and provide discussion and direction.

BACKGROUND

The OWOW 2.0 Plan defined goals and performance targets to be achieved by 2035. As result of that planning, integrated multi-benefit projects have been sought from the watershed stakeholders to accomplish these goals and make progress on achieving the performance targets over time. Project selected by the OWOW Steering Committee and SAWPA reflect support for the projects that provide the most progress and benefits. As these projects are constructed, we can track the project benefits and determine how much progress as a watershed is being made. In essence, this tracking of the project benefits serves as a Watershed or OWOW Report Card.

A presentation will be provided on the progress to date in achieving our defined OWOW goals and the work before us. It has also been envisioned that as part of the OWOW 2018 Plan Update that SAWPA and OWOW pillars could conduct an inventory of water agencies throughout the watershed of not just the OWOW projects but also all other water resource projects that have provided benefits and help achieve the OWOW goals since the OWOW program was initiated by SAWPA. This tracking can be conducted on an annual basis and serve as a watershed report card to share with the OWOW Steering Committee, SAWPA Commission and other decision makers recognizing the merits and benefits of the overall program.