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OWOW Steering Committee Members

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Jon Harrison, Councilmember, City of Redlands

Jose Solorio, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana

James Hessler, Altman Plants

Garry W. Brown, Orange County Coastkeeper

Linda Ackerman, Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 27, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
at SAWPA, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

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. **SEATING OF NEW MEMBER**
 - A. **Seating of City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio (SC#2017.10)** Rich Haller
Recommendation: Recognize City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio as a new member of the OWOW Steering Committee.
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: March 23, 2017**
5. **WORKSHOP**
 - A. **OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and Objectives (SC#2017.14)** Mike Antos
Recommendation: Conduct a focused workshop for discussion about the proposed Goals and Objectives for OWOW Plan Update 2018, and to contribute suggested changes, additions or subtractions.



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6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. [OWOW Plan Update 2018 Status \(SC#2017.15\)](#) Mike Antos
Recommendation: Review and provide direction and comments to SAWPA staff about this report of the OWOW Pillars status during the OWOW Plan Update 2018 effort.
- B. [UC Irvine to Join as a Funded Partner to Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Team \(SC#2017.16\)](#) Mike Antos
Recommendation: Request SAWPA to negotiate and execute a subagreement with the University of California, Irvine for services as a partner to the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. [Draft DWR Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant Process \(SC#2017.11\)](#) Mark Norton
Recommendation: Receive and file.
- B. [Homelessness & Water Symposium Summary \(SC#2017.12\)](#) Mike Antos
Recommendation: Receive and file.
- C. [CivicSpark Water Fellows, Year 1 Review \(SC#2017.13\)](#) Mike Antos
Recommendation: Receive and file.
- D. [Correspondence from Orange County Stakeholders](#)
Recommendation: Receive and file.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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/s/

Kelly Berry, CMC



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January 26, 2017	March 23, 2017
May 25, 2017 [cancelled]	July 27, 2017
September 28, 2017	November 16, 2017*
Meeting date adjusted due to conflicting holiday.	

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.10

DATE: July 27, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Seating of City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio as the City Representative from Orange County to the OWOW Steering Committee

PREPARED BY: Rich Haller, Interim General Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee recognize City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio as a new member of the OWOW Steering Committee.

DESCRIPTION

City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio replaces outgoing Steering Committee member City of Irvine Councilmember Beth Krom. This position on the OWOW Steering Committee reflects the position of an elected official from a City within the County of Orange and must be selected by a majority vote of the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG).

Councilmember Solorio was elected to the City Council in 2016. He was selected to sit on the OWOW Steering Committee by OCCOG on April 27, 2017.

Prior to his election to the City Council in 2016, he previously served on the City Council from 2002 -2006 and represented Santa Ana on the board of the Orange County Water District. He later served as a trustee of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and as a State Assemblymember, where he focused his efforts on education, job creation, public safety, and infrastructure improvements.

In addition to his work in local and state government, Jose has nearly 20 years of public affairs, marketing, public relations, research and communications experience. He uses those skills in Nossaman's public policy group to help organizations and businesses - large and small - tackle tough issues and communicate their messages effectively.

The son of migrant farm workers, Jose Solorio went from laboring as a teenager in the fields, alongside his parents, to earning a bachelor's degree from UC Irvine and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University. Often asked why he dedicates so much time and effort in the community, he recites one of Cesar Chavez's famous quotes: "The end of all education should surely be service to others."

Attachment:

1. OCCOG Minutes, April 27, 2017



CALL TO ORDER

Chair Murray called the Regular Meeting of the Orange County Council of Governments to order at 10:36 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at the Irvine Civic Center, Conference and Training Center (CTC), 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, CA 92606.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Anthony, Independent Special Districts of Orange County (ISDOC)
Kelsey Brewer, (ACC-OC) (Ex-Officio Alternative)
Tony Cardenas, Orange County Division, League of Cities (Ex-Officio)
Rose Espinoza, Cities-at-Large
Jim Ferryman, Orange County Sanitary District (OCSD)
Kate Klimow, University Community (Ex-Officio)
Diana Kotler, Anaheim Resort Transportation (ART) (Ex-Officio)
Debra Kurita, LAFCO (Ex-Officio Alternate)
Steven LaMotte, Business Community (Ex-Officio)
Fred Minagar, District 12
Kris Murray, District 19 (Chair)
Steve Nagel, District 15
Chuck Puckett, District 17
Tri Ta, District 20
Donald P. Wagner, District 14

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Julia Bidwell, Non-Profit Housing Community (Ex-Officio)
Art Brown, District 21 (Vice-Chairman)
Laurie Davies, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)
Bert Hack, Transportation Corridor Authority (TCA)
Steve Hwangbo, District 18
Barbara Kogerman, District 13
Michele Martinez, District 16
Erik Peterson, District 64
Marty Simonoff, District 22
Bryan Starr, Business Community (Ex-Officio)

BOARD VACANCIES

Health Care/Hospital Industry (Ex-Officio)
Southern California Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

STAFF PRESENT

Marnie O'Brien Primmer, Executive Director
Fred Galante, General Counsel
Irwin Bornstein, Treasurer
Eileen White, Clerk of the Board



Minutes

Orange County Council of Governments Board of Directors Regular Meeting Thursday, April 27, 2017, 10:30 a.m.

OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Diep, Center for Demographic Research Director
Kevin Gilhooley, Regional Affairs Officer, SCAG
Marika Poynter, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair
Susan Kim, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Vice Chair

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Chair Murray

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1 and 2)

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Member Wagner, seconded by Member Anthony, that the minutes of the March 23, 2017, meeting be received and filed as submitted. Said motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: (6) ANTHONY, FERRYMAN, MINAGAR, MURRAY, PUCKETT, WAGNER

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (11) BERRY, BROWN, DAVIES, ESPINOSA, HACK, KOGERMAN, MARTINEZ, NAGEL, PETERSON, SIMONOFF, TA

2. **OCCOG Financial Report for March 2017**

It was moved by Member Wagner, seconded by Member Anthony, to approve the OCCOG's Financial Report for March 2017. Said motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: (9) ANTHONY, ESPINOSA, FERRYMAN, MINAGAR, MURRAY, NAGEL, PUCKETT, TA, WAGNER

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (8) BERRY, BROWN, DAVIES, HACK, KOGERMAN, MARTINEZ, PETERSON, SIMONOFF

PRESENTATION

3. **The Human Impact of California's Water Cuts**

Charlie Wilson, Executive Director/CEO of the Southern California Water Committee, discussed the economic impacts related to California's recent water emergency cut-backs, the 6-year drought and delta failures, including loss of farmland, lost wages, and lost crops. He reviewed fundamental flaws in the state's outdated water system, potential negative impacts from likely future failures, and possible solutions for averting future negative impacts.

Topics of discussion included potential resolutions including new water routes, delta repair, creation of new reservoirs and/or water storage capacity, addressing the concerns of environmental groups, and the need for a steady water supply to grow the economy, houses, jobs, etc.



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Chair Murray commented on the importance of OCCOG continuing its partnership and support of the ACC-OC; suggested those interested should contact Board Member Martinez to arrange for tours of the Delta; encouraged Members to support and promote multiple approaches to avoid future water shortages.

ACTION ITEMS

4. 2017-2018 OCCOG Officer Elections

Fred Galante, General Counsel, called for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Member Anthony nominated Member Murray for Chair. There were no other nominations and Member Murray was elected Chairperson on a unanimous vote.

Chair Murray nominated Member Brown for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations and Member Brown was elected Vice Chair on a unanimous vote.

5. OCCOG Appointments to SCAG Committees and SAWPA

Fred Galante, General Counsel, called for nominations for the open positions; noted Melissa Fox, who had originally expressed interest in the One Water, One Watershed (OWOW), had rescinded her request.

Member Anthony nominated Cecelia Hupp and Trish Kelley, Councilmembers for the Cities of Brea and Mission Viejo, respectively, to serve as OCCOG Sub-Regional Representatives. There were no other nominations and Cecelia Hupp and Trish Kelley were elected on unanimous votes.

Member Anthony nominated Jose Solario, Councilmember for the City of Santa Ana, to serve as the Orange County Representative on the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, One Water, One Watershed (OWOW) Steering Committee. There were no other nominations and Jose Solario was elected on a unanimous vote.

6. Action Required Regarding the 2020 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS) and the Potential Delegation to Develop an Orange County Sub-Regional Sustainable Communities Strategy

Marnie O'Brien Primmer, Executive Director; Marika Poynter, TAC Chair

Marika Poynter, TAC Chair, reviewed the staff report; noted 17 member agencies have voiced opposition to sub-delegation; reviewed major issues with the 2020 Framework and Guidelines; discussed potential increased costs; reviewed next steps.

Executive Director Primmer thanked TAC Chair Poynter and the TAC for their diligent efforts, transparent reporting, and extensive research in vetting the OCCOG's options with this issue; noted no cities/agencies have voiced support of sub-delegation despite extensive outreach from OCCOG.



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**OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 23, 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	Absent
<u>County Mayor Representatives</u>	
Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley	Present [11:10 a.m.]
Beth Krom, Former Councilmember, City of Irvine	Present
Jon Harrison, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Redlands	Present
<u>Business Committee Representative</u>	
Jim Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Present
<u>Environmental Committee Representative</u>	
Garry Brown, President, Orange County Coastkeeper	Absent
<u>Regional Water Quality Control Board Representative</u>	
Linda Ackerman, Vice Chair, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board	Absent
<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	Celeste Cantú; Larry McKenney; Mark Norton; Dean Unger; Mike Antos; Nicole Weideman; Kelly Berry

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Ave., Riverside, California.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.



Committee Member Roughton arrived at 11:10 a.m.

3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES – January 26, 2017

MOVED, approve the January 26, 2017 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted (Passed; 6-0)
Motion/Second:	Krom/Evans
Ayes:	Evans, Harrison, Hessler, Krom, Roughton, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

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)

Amanda Carr, Deputy Director, OC Environmental Resources, County of Orange, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan (OC SWRP). Mark Norton noted that Proposition 1 sets forth a requirement for any grant seeking funding under a Stormwater Resource Plan to submit the Plan to the IRWM group, which is the OWOW Steering Committee, for incorporation into the OWOW (IRWM) plan. This plan has been submitted to the South Orange County IRWM Plan; North Orange County falls under the OWOW IRWM plan. The OC SWRP is a functionally equivalent document; Orange County has joined together the following documents, then provided linkages between them to fulfill the requirements of a stormwater resource plan.

- Reports of Waste Discharge (ROWDs)
- Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP)
- Watershed Infiltration & Hydromodification Management Plan mapping (WIHMP)
- Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plans (IRWM Plans)

Carr's presentation highlighted stakeholder involvement and the collaborative process, project prioritization, and regional goals.

MOVED, approve incorporating the March 2017 Orange County Stormwater Resource Plan into the Santa Ana Watershed's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the One Water One Watershed 2.0 Plan and the future OWOW 2018 Plan Update.

Result:	Adopted (Passed; 6-0)
Motion/Second:	Evans/Hessler
Ayes:	Evans, Harrison, Hessler, Krom, Roughton, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Anecita Agustinez was invited by the Committee to present about Tribal Consultation and Engagement from the perspective of DWR. After an overview of the DWR Tribal Policy Advisor office,



she shared about the executive and legislative requirements for Tribal Consultation. DWR maintains many engagements across programs like IRWM, the Water Plan, and now SGMA where a Tribal Advisory Group was formed. Ms. Augustinez shared many resources which can support OWOW as Tribal Consultation takes place during the Plan Update 2018 and Disadvantaged Communities Involvement programs.

Committee Member Krom left the meeting at 12:02 p.m., and did not return.

Convener Sullivan recessed the meeting at 12:12 p.m. for a brief lunch break, and reconvened the meeting at 12:34 p.m. Committee Member Harrison left the meeting during the break and did not return.

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

Nicole Weideman provided a PowerPoint presentation with a status update on all rounds of Proposition 84 Project implementation, highlighting projects from the County of Orange (Sludge Dewatering, Odor Control and Primary Sludge Thickening – OCSO Project), County of Riverside (Corona/Home Gardens Multi-Jurisdictional Water Transmission Line Project – City of Corona Project), and County of San Bernardino (San Sevaine Groundwater Recharge Basin – IEUA Project).

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

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation of the One Water One Watershed report card on the progress to date in achieving our defined OWOW goals, as well as the work that is before us which was inclusive of goals and performance targets for 2035.

Committee Member Hessler asked how the Committee could ensure sustained, and in some cases greater, progress. Norton replied the 2018 OWOW Plan update will continue necessary dialog and increase collaboration, including re-evaluation of goals and performance targets.

Committee members were encouraged to become involved in the process by attending OWOW Pillar meetings.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting came to a close at 1:03 p.m.

APPROVED: July 27, 2017

Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.14

DATE: July 27, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and Objectives

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee conduct a focused workshop for discussion about the proposed Goals and Objectives for OWOW Plan Update 2018, and to contribute suggested changes, additions or subtractions.

DESCRIPTION

The OWOW Plan Update 2018 process is underway. There are two broad concurrent activities; first the Pillar workgroups are updating the material of the plan, and second the Pillars and other stakeholders are working to update the Goals and Objectives. These two activities are equally important to the process of updating the plan. First, we must know where we are, and that is the work the Pillars are undertaking, to update how the plan describes current conditions. Second, the Goals and Objectives describe where the OWOW Plan Update 2018 suggests we together should move in the future. From those, we then must develop conceptual programs and projects that would permit achievement of our goals. With those three items, where we are, where we are going, and how we should get there, the OWOW Plan Update 2018 will set the watershed investment strategies for our collective and separate activity.

Today, at the request of the OWOW Steering Committee members, SAWPA staff will display the Proposed Goals and Objectives to the OWOW Plan Update 2018, and facilitate a discussion during which the Steering Committee can provide input. The Proposed Goals and Objectives were developed from a review of OWOW and OWOW 2.0, workshopped at a Pillar Integration meeting, and were available for engagement by stakeholders at the OWOW Conference in May.

Following this meeting, the Goals and Objectives will be set, in a draft status, for the Pillars to engage with as they craft Plan chapters. Final approval of Goals and Objectives will occur within approval of the OWOW Plan Update 2018, expected in Spring or Summer 2018.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Goals and Objectives.docx
2. Selection from 4.3 Goals and Objectives_Final.pdf (OWOW 2.0 goals)

OWOW Plan Update 2018

Proposed Goals & Objectives

These goals and objectives are drawn from OWOW 1 and 2, amended by the Pillar Integration Meeting in April 2017, and are inclusive of feedback provided during the May SAWPA Conference.

Please use track changes as your Pillar contributes changes, additions or subtractions. Submit back to Mike Antos (mantos@sawpa.org) by close of business, July 14. This timeline permits your work to

The One Water One Watershed Plan describes how the Santa Ana River Watershed can achieve the following (alphabetical) goals:

It is the goal of the OWOW Plan Update 2018 that...

Beneficial uses are protected, ensuring high quality water for people and the environment.

- Objectives:
 - Water quality standards attained in fresh and marine environments
 - Source water quality protected and improved
 - Watershed salt balance achieved and maintained
 - All people in the watershed have safe drinking water

Collaborative watershed planning, implementation and management support improved sustainability and resilience.

- Objectives:
 - Improved regional integration and coordination
 - Balanced quality of life and social, environmental, and economic impacts when implementing projects
 - Prioritization of economically effective solutions
 - Ongoing consultation with Native American tribes
 - Reduced conflict between water resources and protection of endangered species
 - Reduced green-house-gas emissions and energy consumption from water resource management

Data integration, tracking and reporting are enhanced in support of collaborative watershed management.

- Objectives:
 - Increased accessibility of data between data managers
 - Partnerships develop standard data formats / data fields to allow comparative analyses
 - Reduced redundancy in data collection in overlapping programs
 - Streamlined regulatory reporting requirements
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Ecosystem services are preserved and enhanced to benefit open space, habitat, and natural hydrologic function

- Objectives
 - Preserved and restored hydrologic function of streams, water bodies, and other lands
 - Protect and maintain healthy forests, aquatic and riparian native habitats
 - Protect and restore wildlife corridors
 - Ecosystem function included in new development planning and construction
 - Protect endangered and threatened species and species of special concern
 - Strategic effort to remove and manage invasive species

Members of disadvantaged communities are engaged in watershed planning to ensure supportive programs and projects.

- Objectives:
 - Water Management adopts best-practices of environmental justice action
 - Identification of strengths and needs of overburdened communities
 - Prioritization of programs and projects that meet low-income community need

People and organizations are educated about successes and challenges in the watershed.

- Objectives:
 - None yet identified, all Pillars to contribute

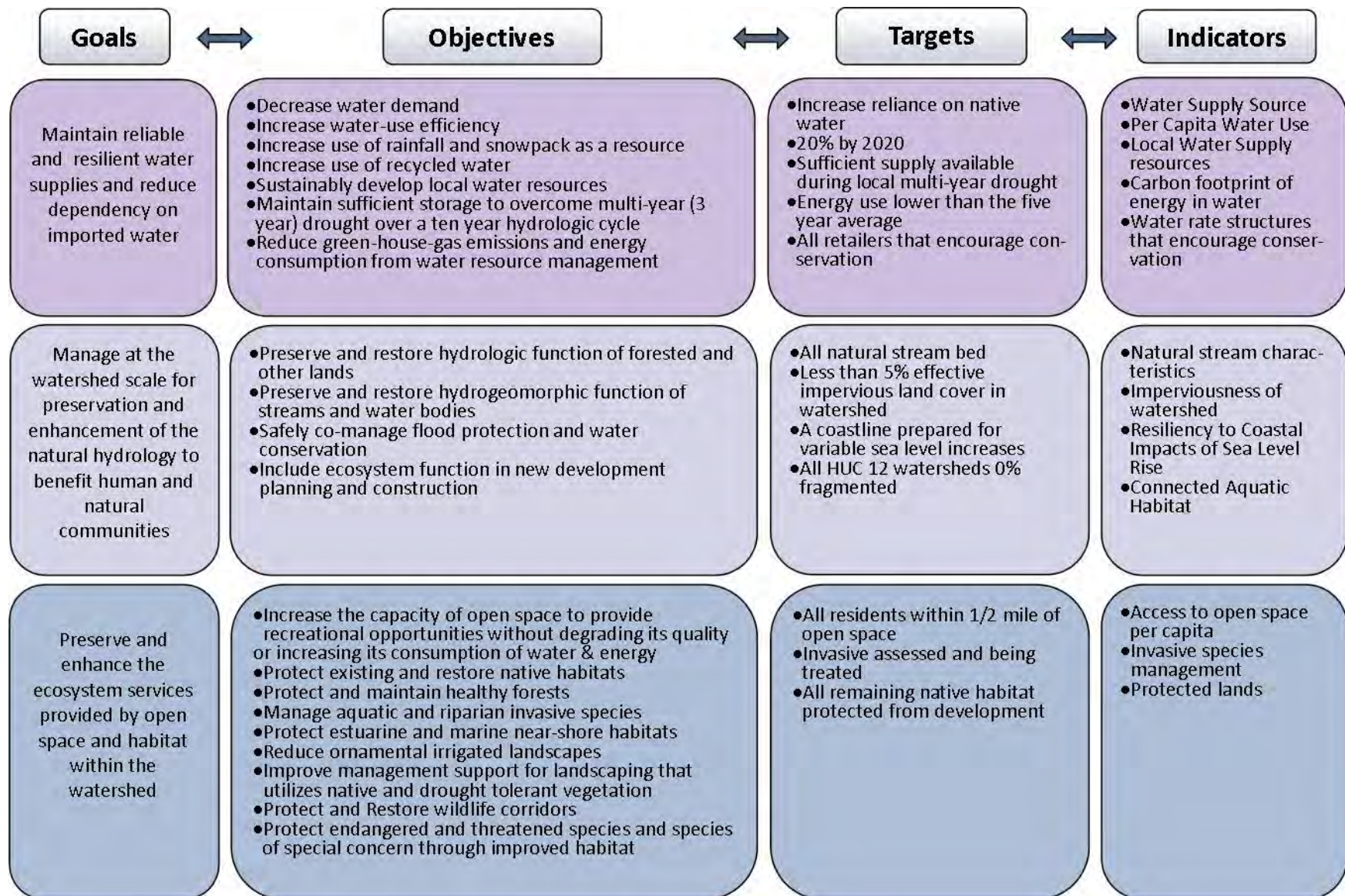
Rain is managed in service of safe, sustainable, and livable communities.

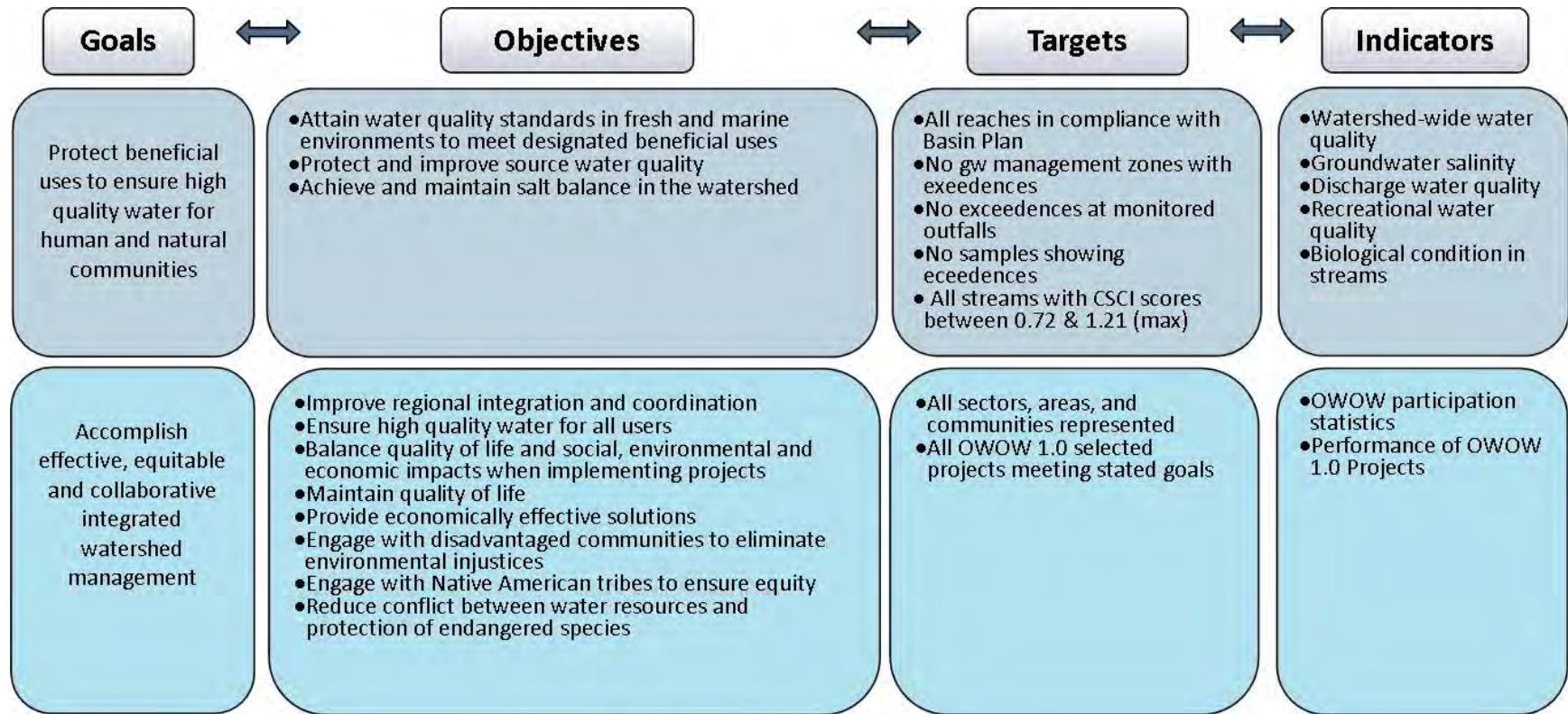
- Objectives:
 - Safely co-managed flood protection and water conservation
 - Increase use of rainfall and snowpack as a resource

Water supplies are made resilient through innovation and optimization.

- Objectives:
 - Decreased total and per capita water demand
 - Increased water-use efficiency in all sectors
 - Reduction of ornamental irrigated landscapes
 - Increased use of recycled water
 - Sustainably developed local water resources
 - Sufficient storage to overcome three-year drought over a ten-year hydrologic cycle

Figure 4.3-1 OWOW Plan Guiding Principles, Goals, Objectives and Targets





OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.15

DATE: July 27, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: OWOW Plan Update 2018 status

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee review and provide direction and comments to SAWPA staff about this report of the OWOW Pillars status during the OWOW Plan Update 2018 effort.

DESCRIPTION

The OWOW Plan Update 2018 effort has been underway for many months. As in past OWOW Plan updates, ten workgroups called Pillars have gathered to collectively complete the plan update process. SAWPA staff serve as coordinators and liaisons, and each Pillar has a Chair, and some have Delegates who are leading the effort at the request of a Chair. Attached is the roster of Chairs, Delegates and Liaisons.

SAWPA Commission is provided a monthly report of progress by the ten Pillars. Below is a summary of the work since OWOW Steering Committee last met in March (the May meeting was not held in favor of the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference).

Pillar Updates:

Beneficial Use Assurance

Pillar Delegate Greg Woodside held a kickoff meeting on 26 April at SAWPA. The workgroup has reviewed the tasks to update the chapter, address the requirements of AB 1249 and compliance with the 2016 IRWM standards. The group also discussed new concepts and projects to include in the chapter, and have decided to include drinking water quality. Moving forward the pillar group will conduct regular meetings through teleconferencing using on-line web conferencing tools.

Climate Change Response Pillar

Pillar Chair Jamie Ferro led a kick-off meeting May 22, where participants described the contribution they hope to make on the chapter update, and agreed to mark-up the existing chapter. Jack Simes suggested updated data from existing climate modeling may be available from USBR, and will consider cost. Future meetings will be scheduled.

Data Management & Monitoring

SAWPA staff and Delegate Liz Hurst have discussed the mission of this new Pillar and reviewed the OWOW 2.0 plan data management and plan performance chapter, the 2016 IRWM Workplan Plan

Standards and Pillar Structure Mission Tasks, and are now developing a list of potential Pillar participants.

Disadvantaged and Tribal Communities Pillar

SAWPA staff and Chair Gil Navarro convened the kick-off of this Pillar on March 23, with nine attendees, six of which have not previously participated in OWOW, and now meets regularly in the afternoon of the fourth Monday of each month. In April sixteen participated in the meeting, discussing the current chapter and the needs to improve or enhance what is there. During the May meeting, the group decided it was critical to separate the existing chapter into one focused on Disadvantaged Communities, and one on Tribal Communities. Also, the group collectively developed new chapter outlines, and will soon volunteer to lead the writing of particular sections of each chapter.

Integrated Stormwater Management Pillar

SAWPA staff and Delegate Stuart McKibbin discussed the scope of work for the Pillar, and developed a list of potential participants in April, and a kickoff was held in May. There, the group discussed the existing chapter, and decided to have each participant provide a chapter mark-up and a list of important new items to include by 26 May to the Pillar Delegate. At the May 31 meeting, led by Pillar Chair Jason Uhley, they discussed the next steps from first comments on the existing chapter. Stuart McKibbin will draft a chapter outline for others to respond to, and agree to write particular sections.

Land Use and Water Planning

SAWPA staff met with Pillar Chair Ken Gutierrez on 6 April 6 to brief him about the One Water One Watershed Plan and the possible scope of work to update the Plan to include recent developments in land use planning. Since the Mr. Gutierrez is a retiree and not funded by any agency or organization, on May 19th SAWPA executed a small task order with Mr. Guitierrez for his support services as Pillar chair. A June 21 kickoff meeting discussed project concepts, GIS-based land-use planning tools, and the goals for OWOW Plan Update 2018 were discussed. Meeting notes will describe a list of tasks that the Pillar will complete.

Natural Resources Stewardship

Pillar Chair Jeff Beehler convened a kick off meeting 2 May including a broad group of natural resource project managers and planners. At the meeting the group set the direction for the natural resources chapter update, providing first by June a review of the existing material and a list of important updates to be included. Goals and objectives have been discussed, with edits and suggestions being submitted to SAWPA in early July. Pillar members have begun submitting updated sections and material to the Chair.

Water Recycling

The Pillar Delegate, Kelley Gage held a Recycled Water Pillar kickoff meeting on June 20th at EMWD to review process for updating the Recycled Water chapter. It was proposed that an update to the Chapter will be completed by the end of September. Ms. Gage plans to send out the Recycled Water production/future Projections tables to be updated by agencies, along with a request to provide an update on current projects and potential new projects.

Water Resource Optimization

SAWPA staff and Delegate Bob Tincher have established a contact list as well as the database that will be used to track supply and demand calculations for the watershed. The Pillar has led two collaboration meetings with the Water Recycling Pillar and Integrated Stormwater Management Pillar in late May, and will have a kick-off meeting July 6.

Water Use Efficiency

This pillar kick-off meeting is scheduled for July 20.

Attachment:

1. OWOW Plan Update 2018 Roster

OWOW Plan Update 2018 Pillar Leadership Roster



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| 1. Beneficial Use Assurance
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| 3. Climate Change Response
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| 4. Land Use and Water Planning
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| 5. Natural Resources Stewardship
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OWOW Plan Update 2018 Pillar Leadership Roster



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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.16

DATE: July 27, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: UC Irvine to join as a funded partner to Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Team

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee request SAWPA to negotiate and execute a subagreement with the University of California, Irvine for services as a partner to the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.

DESCRIPTION

The awarded DCI Program grant describes how the OWOW Steering Committee will serve as the governance body for how the grant resources are allocated. Part of the program design is that much of the grant is allocated generally to three program elements (Strengths and Needs Assessment, Education and Engagement, and Project Development.) As the program progresses, items will arise that are appropriate activities to advance those program elements, and grant dollars can be allocated to pursue those activities.

In this case the Strengths and Needs Assessment program element will benefit from the engagement of Anthropology professor Dr. Valerie Olson and post-doctoral researcher Dr. Emily Books at University of California, Irvine. Both are experienced and skilled social scientists with expertise in community-engaged water research. Their inclusion in the partnership will increase the likelihood of achieving the goals of the program element, and the program. The potential for this partnership with UCI arrived late in the planning of the DCI Program, and was not included in the grant submittal as were our other partners (California State University, California Rural Water Association, Local Government Commission, and Water Education Foundation). Grant budget is available to include additional critical partners in the Strengths and Needs Assessment Program Element.

Output from this partnership will include:

- Designing and implementing a rigorous process for identifying community-scale variables of strengths, needs, and values related to water.
 - Designing surveys, interview and listening session guides for DCI program partners and watershed agencies
 - Managing database and maintaining data integrity from outreach
 - Querying and comparing data from different communities to answer research questions
- Identifying the most effective ways for water agencies to partner with community groups to mobilize local expertise and develop community projects.

- Training SAWPA staff, project partners and student interns on methods and techniques for effective community engagement, including producing a written guide that could be used for future projects.
- Preserving institutional and community knowledge by building an archive of water stories from community members and practitioners, which could be made available to the public.
- Building and maintaining relationships of trust between community members and water practitioners.

The agreement with UCI, if executed, will be funded entirely by the DCI Program grant.

BACKGROUND

The DCI Program is a component of the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Program funding. The Bond language required ten percent of the funding in the IRWM chapter be used to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged, economically distressed, and underrepresented communities.

The SAWPA-managed DCI Program is the second in the state to start its three-year scope of work. Included are three program elements which include a total of twenty separate tasks. Slightly more than half of the \$6.3 million grant is allocated to several tasks that are designed to be funded and scoped as the program progresses. Resources were left available within the Community Water Ethnography task, which is responsible for researching and then producing the Strengths and Needs Assessment report for the Santa Ana River Watershed. An additional \$2.4 million are similarly left available within the Technical Assistance / Project Implementation task to be allocated to needs identified during the work.

The DCI Program is supported by the strong foundation of knowledge and outreach developed throughout earlier OWOW planning efforts, and aims for broad outcomes. The **Strengths and Needs Assessment** program element will gather a broad understanding of strengths and needs of watershed communities and ensure that the insights of community members are honored. The activities of this effort focus on listening and learning.

The **Engagement and Education** program element will build a bridge of familiarity between water stakeholders and community members. Water managers and interested partners will learn about the communities of the watershed and the strengths and needs of those communities. The communities will learn about the water management process and how their participation can bring needed change to their communities. And, through facilitated events where learning, networking and engagement are core principles, the social fabric of the watershed will be strengthened to benefit water governance and community resilience.

The **Project Development** program element will ensure that solutions to previously documented needs are being advanced, and that newly discovered needs have solutions identified and given every opportunity to achieve future implementation funding. This effort will provide the summation of the work of the DACI Program to the OWOW Plan Update 2018. Documenting the findings, lessons learned, and next steps of the DACI Program, the region will have a road-map to successfully staying engaged and continuing to meet the needs of the members of overburdened and underrepresented communities.

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.11

DATE: July 27, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Draft DWR Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant Process

PREPARED BY: Mark Norton, Water Resources & Planning Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file information regarding the draft Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Implementation Grant Program proposed by DWR.

DISCUSSION

On November 4th 2014, Proposition 1 Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 was passed by the voters of California. The water bond provides funding, \$7.545 billion, for water recycling, stormwater capture, water conservation, integrated regional water management, groundwater sustainability and cleanup, watershed protection and ecosystem restoration, flood management, drinking water and clean water programs, and new water storage projects.

One of the key benefits of the new water bond to the Santa Ana River Watershed is the inclusion of \$810 million for Integrated Regional Water Management Program projects of which \$63 million of that total is directed to the Santa Ana Region Funding Area administered by SAWPA. So far, the first portion of the IRWM funding defined for Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DCI) has been made available and SAWPA has contracted with DWR for that effort. The DCI grant provides \$6.3 million over three years. SAWPA was also successful in receiving \$250,000 in a competitive grant fund for IRWM plan (OWOW Plan) updates. The competitive grant fund was separate from the \$63 million designated to the Santa Ana Watershed.

Recently DWR staff has begun the process to conduct outreach with IRWM regions across the State about their draft plan to release the next round of IRWM funding. From the \$63 million dedicated to the Santa Ana Funding Area, approximately \$1.26 million has been dedicated to State costs for Bond administration (2%) and \$3.15 million for program delivery (5%). \$6.3 million or 10% of the overall allocation has been designated for disadvantaged community involvement and \$6.3 million or 10% of the overall allocation is to be dedicated to disadvantaged community projects. The remaining \$45,990,000 is dedicated to IRWM implementation projects. The State anticipates releasing two rounds of IRWM grant funding in 2018 and 2020.

The 1st round of IRWM grant funding will be defined under a draft application form called a Proposal Solicitation Package or PSP. This draft is to be released in the Fall of 2017 by DWR. The deadline for the first round grant PSP submittal by the grant application, SAWPA, would be the Spring of 2018. Final awards would be announced by DWR in the summer of 2020 and agreements between DWR and the agencies would occur by the Fall of 2018.

DWR has reviewed the authorizing legislation for the Proposition 1 IRWM grant program and have developed a draft grant process for the first IRWM implementation round. The principles changes in this process compared to the past Proposition 84 IRWM implementation rounds are as follows:

- Improved engagement between DWR and the IRWM regions to discuss how proposed projects will help the region and the Funding Area manage water more sustainably
- Give DWR more opportunity to seek clarification on projects in application
- Give DWR the ability to only fund projects in a proposal that address the critical needs within a Funding Area
- Maintains competition in the process
- Ensures projects developed through DACI Program have the greatest chance to receive Implementation Grant Funding

The proposed IRWM grant application would be covered under a proposed two-step process with the first step broken into two parts. Step 1A would involve a series of public meetings with the 12 Funding Areas to present the expectations of the grant application, describe what DWR believes to be the Funding Area's greatest needs and solicit input from the Funding Area to hear what it believes the greatest need of the Funding area to be. Thereafter DWR would summarize the list of needs in a published list. Step 1B would entail asking each applicant, on behalf of its IRWM Region, to submit a proposal with a suite of projects that require 150% of the maximum grant request. The application would be brief and include only: eligibility requirements; project description with an explanation of how proposed projects will address needs of IRWM region and Funding Area, including anticipated benefits; a tentative schedule; and a high level budget estimate. DWR will perform a preliminary evaluation of the proposal using the criteria included in the PSP and a review of IRWM plans. DWR will also formulate a list of questions about the proposal to submit to the applicant before Step 2.

Under Step 2, DWR's approach would be to meet with applicant representatives to ask them to justify the benefits claimed for each project and explain how they meet the Funding Area's greatest needs. This would give DWR the opportunity to have a list of questions answer. DWR then would finalize its evaluation of the projects and determine which projects of each application should be funded, if any.

SAWPA has reviewed this approach in detail and prepared a comment letter as shown in the attached. In summary, SAWPA expressed concern that this approach because appears to have DWR bypass the local IRWM governance and IRWM plan and is reflective of a top down approach. The two step grant process also appears to create additional grant preparation costs and delays. For the Santa Ana Funding Area, the funding needs have already been defined in our OWOW Plan. SAWPA also emphasized the need to reflect Prop 1 legislation that supports watershed approaches and innovative "integrated" pilot projects. SAWPA does support DWR's emphasis in conducting more outreach and coordination with local IRWMs.

SAWPA staff will continue to coordinate with the IRWM Roundtable of Regions and DWR IRWM staff on the development of the Prop 1 IRWM implementation grant program.

Attachment:

1. SAWPA Letter to DWR



Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

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Subject: Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program

Dear Mr. Eusuff:

Western
Municipal
Water District

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Implementation Grant program. We are hopeful that you find these comments helpful from the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, SAWPA, the regional water management group for the Santa Ana IRWM region and funding area.

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1) Local IRWM Governance

In review of the concerns with past IRWM implementation processes, a frequent theme in DWR's approach is to "Give DWR" the role of better managing and directing the project selection process. This approach goes counter to purpose of IRWM region establishment and the IRWM Plan guidelines description of IRWM Governance, Project Review Process, Technical Analysis and Coordination. The original intent of establishing IRWM regions was to provide more local/regional decision making and control over water infrastructure needs since their local/regional needs and proposed solutions are far better understood by local agencies rather than by the top down approach of a single State agency. It is the IRWM governance responsibility to "identify projects that will be necessary to implement the IRWM Plan and identify projects that may qualify for a specific funding source", are consistent with the local IRWM Plan, address the most critical needs, provide multiple benefits, and help to achieve DWR's program preferences - not for DWR now to ignore the IRWM planning and project selection review process for future grant funding and then second guess these findings.

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As stated Water Code §79742(a), "In selecting among proposed projects in a watershed, the scope of the adopted integrated regional water management plan may be considered by the administering state agency, with priority going to projects in plans that cover a greater portion of the watershed. If a plan covers substantially



all of the watershed, the plan's project priorities shall be given deference if the project and plan otherwise meet the requirements of this division and the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act (Part 2.2 (commencing with Section 10530) of Division 6)".

It is understood that some past project grant applications submitted to DWR under Prop 84 may have been considered by the State as having limited statewide benefits, were not consistent with the goals and objectives of the local IRWM plan or inadequately justified. However, it is important to recognize that projects are submitted as a suite of projects as an overall IRWM grant submittal and individual projects in these situations are unlikely to have statewide benefits on their own. SAWPA agrees engagement and dialogue by DWR staff with the local IRWM governance and staff would enhance understanding and needs to take place by DWR staff before making decisions on what IRWM projects and programs to fund.

2) Two Step Application Approach

SAWPA believes the proposed two step approach for funding creates further layers of bureaucracy, further delays in grant funding outlays and undue local grant preparation costs and is not recommended. Streamlining the grant application process and deferring to local IRWM planning and governance should be the abiding principles by which DWR undertakes Prop 1 IRWM Implementation grant funding.

Step 1A proposes holding public workshops to request a list of needs by funding area. The listing of needs requirement runs counter to and duplicates the requirements under local IRWM planning effort wherein each IRWM region selects projects that best meet their IRWM region's needs. This concern particularly applies to two Funding Areas that have only one IRWM region in their Funding Area and would have to then unnecessarily repeat their local IRWM planning. For other Funding Areas, this action seems unfair since DWR has previously made the decision to recognize and accept through their Region Acceptance Process, 48 different IRWM regions with each having their own governance. To now request a list of funding needs by Funding Area in essence appears to be backtracking on that decision to recognize these separate IRWM regions. If DWR is interested in fewer responses or only responses by Funding Area, then DWR may wish to create a new system to incentivize IRWM regions to merge or combine efforts by a mutual funding allocation agreement as some IRWM regions have done within a single Funding Area. Further, we encourage incentives for merging to occur on a watershed or large basin basis in accordance with the Jan 2017 DWR Update: Strategic Planning to Achieve Sustainable Water Resources Management in California's Regions excerpted below.

“The Strategic Plan boldly proposes a gradual evolution towards "river basin" hydrologically-based boundaries to become the new primary point of interface between State and local agencies for governance, financing and regulatory reform. These areas would not necessarily replace existing smaller-scale IRWM or other institutional boundaries, but would evolve from and encompass them and provide a more effective means of State-to-local interaction over time.”

Additionally, as stated on the DWR IRWM Prop 1 website that the Proposition 1 IRWM Grant Program provides funding for projects that help meet the long term water needs of the state, including:

“Providing **incentives** throughout **each watershed** to collaborate in managing the region's water resources and setting regional priorities for water infrastructure.”

This passage reflects the watershed approach as defined under Water Code 79742(a) as previously indicated.

Step 1B and Step 2 grant process proposed suggests the unnecessary step of submitting a suite of projects of 150% of the maximum grant amount which in turn would then be evaluated by DWR staff for their final determination of funding. Again, this approach totally overrides, ignores and second guesses the local IRWM project selection process that should take precedence. This is not a project-by-project grant program. This is a programmatic funding program that supports local decision making. We recommend that that two-step process be entirely eliminated by DWR. We believe that deferring to the local IRWM region governance to assess projects would be an effective way to expedite the grant funding process.

Though no mention is made in DWR’s approach, we recommend the entire elimination of a statewide scoring process by IRWM region to make funding decisions since this thwarts the intent of Prop 1 as it did for Prop 84. We recommend that negotiated discussions and assigning a Pass/Fail approach for each application similar to how DWR evaluated the IRWM plans for acceptance under IRWM Plan Guidelines better respects local IRWM governance. Further, the Pass/Fail approach would simplify the screening process by DWR for eligibility and completeness and save several IRWM regions as well as DWR time and money. If DWR scoring must take place, scoring should only apply to those Funding Areas that continue to have multiple IRWM regions who have not worked out agreements on implementation. Scoring should not apply to Funding Areas with one IRWM or to Funding Areas who have reached agreements among IRWMs on the best interregional use of the funding.

- 3) **Consideration of Innovation.** Under previous workshops with the Roundtable of Regions and DWR, DWR requested feedback on the following requirement under Chapter 4 of Proposition 1 (CWC 79707) which states:

“Special consideration will be given to projects that **employ new or innovative technology or practices**, including decision support tools that support the integration of multiple jurisdictions, including, but not limited to, water supply, flood control, land use, and sanitation.”

We are concerned that this provision is no longer mentioned or addressed in DWR’s proposed Prop 1 IRWM Implementation grant approach. As part of an IRWM region’s long term water resource management, IRWM regions should be considering these types of projects and seek to support them with grant funding to implement even with expedited time schedules. We recommend that DWR include text to encourage this. In consideration of new or innovative technology or practices, we recommend support for pilot projects that seek initial grant funding to prove out broader larger scale implementation in the future. Another type of innovative practice that we strongly recommend is support for projects that are truly integrated, multi-benefit, multi-jurisdictional and reflect a hydrologic system benefit approach. So often, many past IRWM submittals appear to be a compilation or stapling of diverse projects that as a portfolio projects claim to be integrated or multi-benefit. That was not the intent of IRWM nor the focus on integration and the synergy of benefits that arise when multiple agencies work together to achieve a mutually beneficial project that leverages scarce resources and maximizes the use of grant dollars for the benefit of the State and local IRWM region. Though this approach has been practiced to varying degrees in a few IRWM areas, incentives and preference for innovation should be given to these types of projects.

- 4) **Terminology**

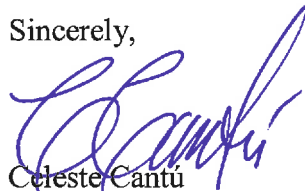
In review of the approach and in recent conference call discussions, we also wish to share the following questions and concerns regarding terminology and their meaning.

- We encourage a shift away from describing the acronym “DAC” as “DACK”. Even worse was “DACKY” that cropped up during the last conference call. Taking care with words and acronym with communities is key to avoid ostracization and a “we” vs “them” mentality. See the Greater Los Angeles County’s Disadvantaged Community Outreach Evaluation Study referenced in the 2016 IRWM Plan Guidelines.

- Eligible Projects “Included, but not limited to” suggests that there is room for regions to make local decisions to pursue a wide diversity of projects. This needs to be confirmed, and adhered to in the grant management process.
- The suggestion that local planning and decision-making must produce projects that address the “most critical statewide needs” is problematic. At its core IRWM Program suggests that the diversity of communities and geography in California precludes an effective “one size fits all” approach, and instead developed a structure where local decision-making was to be supported with state support. In this way, as each region improves its local conditions, the whole state improves. The language requiring local projects meet critical statewide needs will diminish the program’s effectiveness, and very likely will reinforce business-as-usual rather than prompting innovation and collaboration.
- “Limited statewide benefits” may not be an appropriate claim to make about IRWM projects. They were never intended, at the project scale, to provide statewide benefits. The whole program should sum to statewide benefits. We cannot place that burden on each project.
- “Ensuring that projects developed under the disadvantaged community involvement program have the greatest chance to receive funding” is an important goal. However, using a veto pen on proposals isn’t the way to do it. Disadvantaged community needs as other needs will be addressed in the IRWM plans and reflect where the region has gathered to produce local goals, needs, and strategies to achieve these goals. We encourage flexibility in how disadvantaged community set-aside dollars for implementation. It would be great to have a region say “we want it all up front, our process is strong and we have needs”, or “we want it all later, we are still working through our planning process”

We hope that you find these comments helpful. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Celeste Cantu
General Manager

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.12

DATE: July 27, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Homelessness & Water Symposium Summary

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee receive and file this summary of the Homelessness and Water Symposium, a component of the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.

DESCRIPTION

The symposium on Homelessness and Water was held June 29 in Riverside by the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority and the Inland Empire Waterkeeper. About 65 watershed community members attended. Attendees from the water and social services sectors from across the Santa Ana River Watershed convened to identify connections between the challenges of homelessness and water management. The symposium was part of SAWPA's Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program, funded by a Proposition 1 grant administered by Department of Water Resources, and was hosted in partnership with Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

About 9,000 people are homeless on a given night within Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, according to the 2017 point in time count, and many live along the Santa Ana River and its tributaries. In areas of Orange County alone, about 480 unsheltered people were counted living in the riverbed earlier this year, according to the Orange County Health Care Agency. People who are homeless in the watershed are considered an underrepresented community in water management planning. This is because they often do not have safe and affordable access to water for drinking or sanitation and can be at risk from flooding.

The event consisted of two panels and a keynote speaker, with time for networking between attendees. The event's first panel focused on the people who live in encampments along the river and the challenges they encounter when trying to access water for drinking and sanitation. Panelists also discussed the causes of homelessness, cross-county collaboration, and the Housing First homeless assistance approach. Housing First seeks to connect individuals and families who are homeless with permanent supportive or affordable housing without barriers to entry.

The panel included Emilio Ramirez, the deputy director for Community and Economic Development for the City of Riverside, Deputy Sheriff Michael Jones, who is part of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) team, Damien O'Farrell, the CEO of Path of Life Ministries, the largest homeless shelter and housing provider in western Riverside County, and Eve Garrow, the homelessness policy analyst and advocate for the ACLU of Southern California.

The second panel talked about the Human Right to Water measure and its future implications. Members also discussed other creative efforts to help people who are homeless with access water as well as how water districts and retail water agencies can contribute to current efforts by cities and counties.

In 2012, California became the first state to recognize that “every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes” (Assembly Bill 685). Despite the measures and other related resources, many challenges still exist in securing funding that will subsidize water rates paid by low-income individuals and in operating and maintaining drinking water systems. There is also the challenge of ensuring this right is upheld for people who cannot access water at a home or apartment and whose access to other facilities is barred.

The panelists were Anne Rios, executive director of Think Dignity, a San Diego nonprofit with a Transitional Storage Center, Mobile Showers, and Homeless Youth Legal and Advocacy Project, Adam Fischer, the chief of the Inland Storm Water Unit at the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board, Rev. Amanda Therese Ford, the coalition coordinator at the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, and Angel Mayfield, a homeless advocate in Orange County and a member of the Orange County Poverty Alleviation Coalition. Due to a lack of affordable housing, Mayfield has been living on the Santa Ana Riverbed since November, though she works part-time.

Chris Brokate, founder of the Clean River Alliance, was the keynote speaker. Brokate started the nonprofit CRA with sponsorship from the Russian Riverkeeper to remove trash from the river, educate citizens about the consequences of pollution, and create more watershed clean-up events. Brokate organized a trash pickup service for people who are homeless by giving them trash bags and offering a set location where they could deliver the trash they collected each week. In eighteen months people who were homeless delivered 70,000 lbs of trash that would have otherwise been in the river, he said at the event.

BACKGROUND

The DCI Program is a component of the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Program funding. The Bond language required ten percent of the funding in the IRWM chapter be used to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged, economically distressed, and underrepresented communities.

The SAWPA-managed DCI Program is the second in the state to start its three-year scope of work. Included are three program elements which include a total of twenty separate tasks. The Homelessness & Water Symposium was developed to reveal synergies and develop new partnerships between those seeking to manage homelessness in the watershed and those engaged with water management.

Attachment:

1. Homelessness & Water Symposium Handout

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JUNE 29, 2017



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SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

This symposium is part of an ongoing effort to engage with people who live in low-income and overburdened communities in the watershed and to bring their voices into water management planning.

The ideas and collaboration generated in this event will contribute to a watershed-wide strengths and needs assessment for the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program, funded by the California Department of Water Resources.

Welcome to the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's first symposium on homelessness and water management. This convening is a starting point for relationships between people in the water and social services sectors as well as an opportunity to strengthen existing cross-sector partnerships.

About 9,000 people are homeless on a given night within Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, and many live along the Santa Ana River and its tributaries. In areas of Orange County alone, about 480 unsheltered people were counted living in the riverbed earlier this year.

People who are homeless in our watershed are an underrepresented community in water management planning. They often do not have safe and affordable access to water for drinking or sanitation and can be at risk from flooding. This symposium will be a place to learn about the challenges people who are homeless face and efforts to connect them to housing, sanitation, and water.

The good news is there are already innovative projects to address these challenges in our watershed and across the state. In Los Angeles and San Diego, nonprofits have set up mobile showers; along the Russian River, the Riverkeeper has sponsored a trash pick-up service; in Contra Costa, the flood control district produced a report on encampments with ethnographic elements; and in Marin County, agencies and residents have used a website to share information about encampments and increase coordination. These are just a few examples, and there are more efforts to discuss today.

What is the Human Right to Water?

In 2012, California became the first state to recognize that "every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes" (Assembly Bill 685). Three years later, the state also adopted a series of steps to ensure access to safe and affordable water, called the "Resilient, Affordable, Safe Drinking Water for Disadvantaged Communities Framework." In February, the State Water Board launched a portal on the Human Right to Water, which includes information on California water systems and efforts to assist communities with contamination problems.

Despite these measures and resources, there are still many challenges in securing funding that will subsidize water rates paid by low-income individuals and in operating and maintaining drinking water systems. There is also the challenge of ensuring this right is upheld for people who cannot access water at a home or apartment and whose access to other facilities is barred.

What is the Housing First homeless assistance approach?

Housing First seeks to connect individuals and families who are homeless with permanent supportive or affordable housing without barriers to entry. Permanent supportive housing has been shown to improve outcomes and increase retention for people who are chronically homeless. The approach, which is growing in our watershed, is based on the principle that everyone can achieve housing stability and that homelessness is rooted in a housing crisis in the United States. Housing First differs in its lack of preconditions for housing, such as treatment programs or sobriety.

AGENDA

8–8:30 a.m.	Check-in and breakfast
8:30–9 a.m.	Welcome and symposium overview
9–10:15 a.m.	PANEL ONE: <i>The State of Homelessness in the Santa Ana River Watershed</i>
10:15–10:45 a.m.	Networking break
10:45–12 p.m.	PANEL TWO: <i>Considering a Human Right to Water</i>
12–12:50 p.m.	Lunch with keynote speaker
12:50–1 p.m.	Closing remarks

PANEL ONE: *The State of Homelessness in the Santa Ana River Watershed*

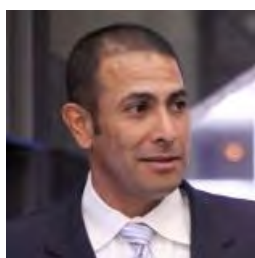
This panel will focus on the people who live in encampments along the river and the challenges they encounter when trying to access water for drinking and sanitation. Panelists will also discuss the causes of homelessness, cross-county collaboration, and the Housing First homeless assistance approach.



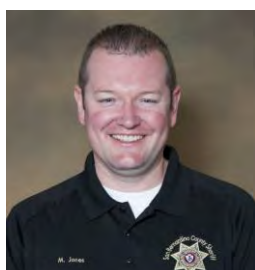
EVE GARROW joined the ACLU of Southern California in November 2014. She is the homelessness policy analyst and advocate for the Dignity for All Project, which seeks to promote policies that prevent and reduce homelessness and end the criminalization of people who are homeless. Her work includes policy analysis, research, public education, and advocacy to advance the human right to basic needs, such as housing, water, and food and to promote policy changes that will end homelessness and increase the human dignity of all persons.



DAMIEN O'FARRELL is the CEO of Path of Life Ministries, the largest homeless shelter and housing provider in western Riverside County. Since 2014, he has led the organization through a growth of over 30 percent while overseeing the incubation and launch of two other nonprofit organizations. Those groups include Health to Hope Clinics, which provides free and low-cost healthcare, and Path of Life Enterprises, which provides transitional employment opportunities and served as the director of **Community Development of Today's Urban Renewal Network (TURN)**, where he is now a board member, and he has served in leadership positions in multiple other local community and professional organizations.



EMILIO RAMIREZ is the deputy director for Community and Economic Development for the City of Riverside. Ramirez is responsible for oversight of the Successor Agency, Housing Authority, Neighborhoods and Historic Preservation, Real Property Services, and Economic Development. Prior to working for the city in 2011, he spent 12 years at the County of Riverside working his way from a development specialist to assistant director, a position he held for the last four years of his tenure. Ramirez graduated from UC Riverside **with a bachelor's degree** in sociology and economics. He received his Master of Science in economics from California State University, Pomona. He holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Whittier Law School and is an active member of the State Bar of California.



DEPUTY SHERIFF MICHAEL JONES started with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in 2006. In 2013, he was tasked with researching a better way for the department to deal with quality of life crimes. Working with Sheriff McMahon, the Office of the Sheriff, and the Department of Behavioral Health, a pilot program was implemented to better assist people who are homeless. In January 2014, Jones was reassigned to the Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement (HOPE) team where he is part of a committee to work on a county-wide approach to assist people who are homeless, along with the Interagency Council of Homeless, SBC Homeless Youth Task Force, Homeless Veteran Planning Group, and other community boards.

PANEL TWO: Considering a Human Right to Water

This panel will talk about the Human Right to Water measure and its future implications. Members will address other creative efforts to help people who are homeless access water. This panel will also focus on what water districts and retail water agencies can contribute to current efforts by cities and counties.



ANNE RIOS joined Think Dignity in 2016 as executive director and managing attorney. She oversees the San Diego nonprofit's Transitional Storage Center, Mobile Showers, the Homeless Youth Legal and Advocacy Project, the Legal Referral and Advocacy Clinic, and the Know Your Rights resource guide. Prior to Think Dignity, Rios represented hundreds of sexual assault, domestic violence, and elder abuse victims in positions with the San Diego Family Justice Center Foundation and the Center for Community Solutions. Rios attended UC Berkeley and the California Western School of Law. She has received the Center for Community Solutions' Freedom Award and the State Bar of California Wiley W. Manuel Award for Pro Bono Legal Services.



ADAM FISCHER is the chief of the Inland Storm Water Unit at the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. His unit regulates pollution in storm water runoff from construction and industrial sites and from municipal storm drain systems in western Riverside County and southwestern San Bernardino County. This pollution can include pathogens and trash from homelessness encampments. Fischer holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science from UC Riverside, a Master of Environmental Science and Management from UC Santa Barbara's Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, and a Master of Civil Engineering from Norwich University.



REV. AMANDA THERESE FORD is the coalition coordinator at the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, a statewide coalition of groups pushing for a community-based movement for democratic water allocation in California. In addition to being an interfaith minister, she has a master's degree in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Ford leads the development, coordination, and implementation of EJCW's environmental justice coalition efforts, programs, and advocacy campaigns at a statewide level, including the Human Right to Water (AB 685) implementation, pollution prevention, democratic water governance, and tribal outreach. She has worked on environmental peacebuilding and environmental justice projects in more than 20 countries.



ANGEL MAYFIELD is a homeless advocate in Orange County and a member of the Orange County Poverty Alleviation Coalition. Due to a lack of unaffordable housing, she has been living on the Santa Ana Riverbed since November, though she works part time for the Kroger Company and is a caregiver once a week. She is also the administrator of the Santa Ana Riverbed Roundtable, an organization for people living on the riverbed to discuss issues, plans, and actions for the welfare of the community. As an advocate she has called for more services and resources, including affordable and sustainable housing, for people who are homeless.

KEYNOTE: Chris Brokate, Clean River Alliance Founder

CHRIS BROKATE, founder of the Clean River Alliance (CRA), started volunteering for the Russian Riverkeeper in 2009 and was named the Volunteer of the Year in 2010. In late 2014, he noticed the devastating effects of pollution in the Russian River Watershed and on beaches after heavy rains. In response, Brokate held his first beach clean-up and started thinking about ways to hold more similar events. With sponsorship from the Russian Riverkeeper, he started the nonprofit CRA to remove trash from the river, educate citizens about the consequences of pollution, and create more watershed clean-up events. Brokate has also owned a cleaning business, having been a green janitor for over 27 years, earning the Green Business of the Year award from the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce.

SAWPA AND THE INLAND EMPIRE WATERKEEPER

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) and the Inland Empire Waterkeeper collaborated to host this symposium as part of SAWPA's Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program, funded by a Proposition 1 grant administered by Department of Water Resources. SAWPA conducts the One Water One Watershed Plan for a region that includes more than six million people and spans across Riverside, Orange, and San Bernardino counties. SAWPA coordinates with planners, engineers, community members, and government agencies to develop creative solutions to water management issues. The joint-powers authority is commissioned by five water agencies: Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Orange County Water District, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, and Western Municipal Water District.



The Inland Empire Waterkeeper protects the quality of the waters in the upper Santa Ana River Watershed through community advocacy, education, enforcement, and restoration. The nonprofit is the inland chapter of the Orange County Coastkeeper.



MIKE ANTOS is a senior watershed manager for the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, facilitating the One Water One Watershed program and leading engagement with members of disadvantaged communities for ongoing and future water management. He holds a PhD in geography from UCLA, where he remains a member of the Water Resources Group of the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability. Antos serves as co-chair of the American Water Resources Association Integrated Water Resources Management technical committee and sits on the **Technical Advisory Council of California's Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resilience Program.**



MEGAN BROUSSEAU is an associate director of the Inland Empire Waterkeeper. Megan is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the organization, including all programs under Waterkeeper's five pillars: advocacy, education, research, restoration, and enforcement. Brousseau, a lifelong Riverside resident, has a comprehensive background in administration, managing nature and science education venues and developing science education programs. She works on projects to increase community livability and sustainability in the Inland Empire, from fundraising for **nonprofits to the development of Southern California's largest family nature club.** Her academic background is in environmental studies with a degree in zoology.

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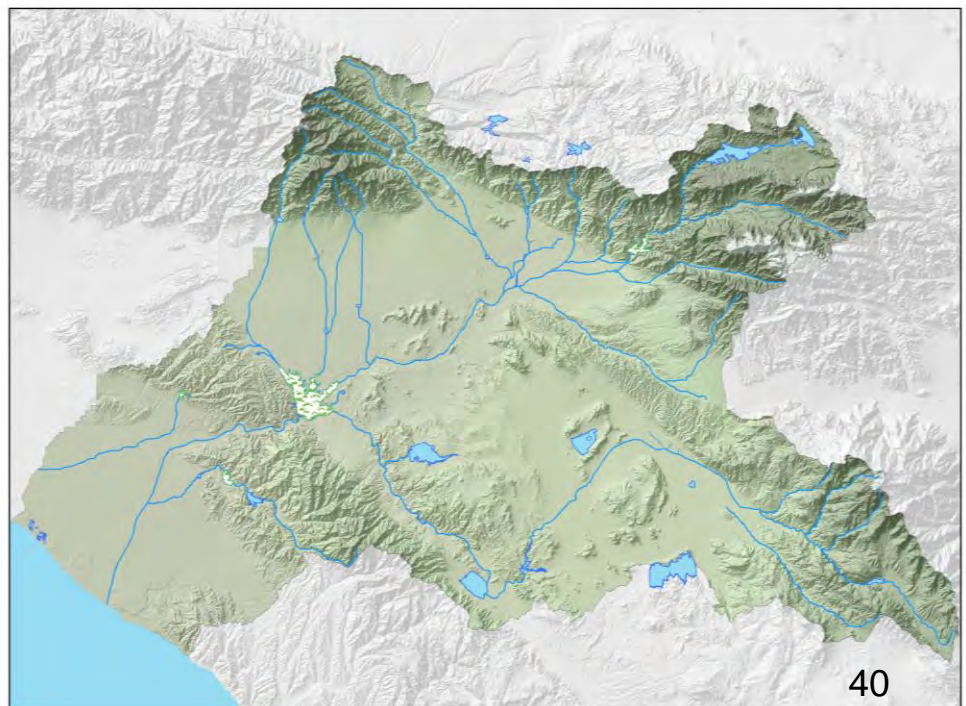
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Santa Ana River Watershed Rivers and Lakes



OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.13

DATE: July 27, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: CivicSpark Water Fellows, Year 1 Review

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager
Amanda Schallert, CivicSpark Water Fellow
Paul Caporaso, CivicSpark Water Fellow

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Steering Committee receive and file this informational report.

DESCRIPTION

Two CivicSpark Water fellows, Paul Caporaso and Amanda Schallert, have been assigned to SAWPA since October 2016 to support the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program. The fellows have helped develop the scope of the program, supporting the Disadvantaged and Tribal Communities Pillar workgroup, coordinating the Homelessness and Water Symposium, and planning a community engagement internship for California State University and community college students in the watershed.

As part of their AmeriCorps service, the fellows also led a volunteer project to expand programs related to watershed resilience. With four other fellows in the Inland Empire, Caporaso and Schallert partnered with the California Data Collaborative to create and conduct a 1,000-home door-to-door survey on residents' outdoor water use, landscape preferences, and knowledge of turf retrofit rebates. Fellows recruited and trained 40 volunteers for this project. Additionally, fellows organized a river cleanup and water quality testing event with the Inland Empire Waterkeeper in April for 15 community college student volunteers.

Caporaso and Schallert will provide a presentation that recaps the work they completed during their year at SAWPA. Both will be finishing their term in August 2017.

Two new fellows, whose work will also be funded by the DCI Program, will join us in September to carry on the project.

BACKGROUND

The DCI Program is a component of the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Program funding. The bond language required 10 percent of the funding in the IRWM chapter be used to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged, economically distressed, and underrepresented communities.

The SAWPA-managed DCI Program is the second in the state to start its three-year scope of work. Included are three program elements, which include a total of twenty separate tasks. The CivicSpark Water fellows are a critical capacity for the program's completion, and the Program will support two fellows a year for the three-year scope of the effort.

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July 19, 2017

Mr. Ron Sullivan
Chairman
OWOW Steering Committee
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
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Dear Commissioner Sullivan:

On behalf of stakeholders in Orange County we wish to thank you and the other members of the One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Steering Committee for your willingness to consider our concerns and suggestions regarding improvements in the OWOW program.

Our suggestions for revisions to the OWOW process as stated in previous correspondence can be summarized as follows:

- Maintaining a fair and transparent process in selecting projects for funding and insuring that future funding rounds address previous perceptions of inequalities in project selection;
- Reviewing existing project eligibility requirements and developing a means to incorporate sub-regional planning and project prioritization as part of the OWOW process; and
- Establishing a fundamental principle that improvements in one area of the watershed are not to be achieved at the expense or detriment of another.

We request that the OWOW Steering Committee engage in a discussion of these three topics with Orange County representatives as soon as possible.

The County of Orange is working with stakeholders to update the North and Central Orange County Management Areas IRWM plan. We expect this plan to be completed by the end of this year. Stakeholders are using this planning process to identify water resource management priorities for North and Central Orange County and develop concepts for regional, multi-benefit projects. SAWPA staff has been attending our meetings and participating in the plan development. We expect that completion of our local plan will be useful in the effort to update the OWOW plan.

Mr. Ron Sullivan

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During the next few months, prior to DWR initiating the implementation round for the Proposition 1 IRWM funding, watershed stakeholders have an excellent opportunity, under the leadership of the OWOW Steering Committee, to improve the OWOW program. Through our past participation in the OWOW pillar groups and in our more recent experience with our local planning preparation, we have developed some concrete recommendations for improvements that may be helpful to the Steering Committee.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to work with stakeholders to effectively manage water resources in the watershed.

Sincerely,



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General Manager, Orange County Water District



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OC Public Works

cc: OWOW Steering Committee members
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