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Linda Ackerman, Regional Water Quality Control Board

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 28, 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. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 27, 2017**
- 4. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - A. **Proposition 1 Update; Invitation to Chief of DWR Financial Assistance Branch (SC#2017.22)** Mark Norton
Recommendation: Receive and file a presentation on timing of Proposition 1 implementation grant disbursement; and direct SAWPA staff to invite Carmel Brown, Chief of the DWR Financial Assistance Branch, to attend and present to the OWOW Steering Committee at a future meeting.
 - B. **OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals & Objectives, Version 4 (SC#2017.17)** Mark Norton
Recommendation: Receive and review version 4 of the draft goals and objectives; discuss and provide direction to SAWPA staff and Pillar workgroups.
 - C. **Allocation for Second Homelessness Symposium (SC#2017.18)** Mark Norton
Recommendation: Approve the allocation of an amount not to exceed \$6,000 from within the Project Development funding of the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program to support a second Homelessness Symposium.



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5. WORKSHOP

- A. [OWOW Call for Projects Preview \(SC#2017.19\)](#) Mark Norton
Recommendation: Review and provide direction and comments to SAWPA staff about the upcoming Call for Projects for Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Round 1.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. [Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Update \(SC#2017.20\)](#) Mark Norton
Recommendation: Review and file update on the status of the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.
- B. [OWOW Plan Update 2018 Status Report \(SC#2017.21\)](#) Mark Norton
Recommendation: Review and provide direction and comments to SAWPA staff about the status of the OWOW Plan Update 2018.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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/s/

Kelly Berry, CMC



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<u>2017 – OWOW Steering Committee Meetings</u> Fourth Thursday of Every Other Month (NOTE: All meetings begin at 11:00 a.m. , unless otherwise noted, and are held at SAWPA.)	
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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January 25, 2018	March 22, 2018
May 24, 2018	July 26, 2018
September 27, 2018	November 15, 2018*
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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 27, 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	Present
Shawn Nelson, Orange County Board of Supervisors	Absent
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors	Present
<u>County Mayor Representatives</u>	
Jon Harrison, Councilmember, City of Redlands	Present
Laura Roughton, Councilmember, City of Jurupa Valley	Present
Jose Solorio, Councilmember, City of Santa Ana	Present
<u>Business Committee Representative</u>	
James Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Present
<u>Environmental Committee Representative</u>	
Garry W. 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
Others Present	
<u>SAWPA COMMISSIONERS:</u>	Susan Lien Longville, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Gil Navarro, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Bruce Whitaker, Alternate, Orange County Water District
<u>SAWPA STAFF:</u>	Rich Haller; Larry McKenney; Mark Norton; Pete Vitt; 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**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 There were no public comments.



3. SEATING OF NEW MEMBER

A. Seating of City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio (SC#2017.10)

Rich Haller, SAWPA Interim General Manager, welcomed City of Santa Ana Councilmember Jose Solorio. Councilmember Solorio was selected to sit on the OWOW Steering Committee by the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) on April 27, 2017.

4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES – March 23, 2017

MOVED, approve the March 23, 2017 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Harrison/Roughton
Ayes:	Ackerman, Ashley, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Harrison, Roughton, Solorio, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. WORKSHOP

A. OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals and Objectives (SC#2017.14)

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the OWOW Plan Update 2018 and reviewed for discussion purposes the proposed goals and objectives (agenda packet pages 14, 15 and 16). Convener Sullivan noted the Committee's input and comments will be provided to the SAWPA Commission for further discussion and consideration. Antos received highlighted comments and suggestions:

- Conjunctive use should be included as an objective.
- Green building practices/low impact development design incorporating onsite water capture and recycling should be included as an objective.
- There should be integration of flood control into sustainable, livable communities by utilizing runoff as basin recharge.
- The goals and objectives have increased by three since the last OWOW Plan update and should be consolidated where possible.
- Educating watershed challenges and successes should include the educational objectives recently outlined by the Land Use Pillar, including water district newsletters, water district presentations at community and council meetings, campaign for educators, watershed signage, utilization of Riverside County Water Task Force, etc. The importance of developing non-typical communication with communities was stressed.
- Add language reflective of providing clean, safe drinking water for a variety of purposes, including cultural purposes.
- Ensure objectives are adequate for and inclusive of the homeless population.
- Ecosystem function is preserved, restored and enhanced in local land use decisions; promote the word "natural."
- Data integration within the broader community of the watershed; keep in mind who actually bears the responsibility for regulatory streamlining.



- Acknowledge grant funding; encourage local agencies to work collaboratively.
- Utilize the educational communities.
- Overall, ensuring wording is composed such that the statement is positive, not negative. Utilize wording such as “enhance relationships” instead of “reduce conflict between.”
- We should consider the concept of water rights for the environment.
- Consideration should be given to a mission statement.
- Our limited resources and effort should be concentrated on the biggest gain.
- Protect and enhance beneficial and recreational use; emphasize an educational element.
- Include the term “economic development.”
- Emphasize human right to water and affordable water.
- Highlight importance of management at the watershed scale; be mindful to emphasize watershed-wide, carried over from the 2.0 Plan.

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. **OWOW Plan Update 2018 Status (SC#2017.15)**

Mike Antos provided an oral presentation and reviewed information contained in the Committee Memorandum on page 19 of the agenda packet.

B. **UC Irvine to Join as a Funded Partner to Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Team (SC#2017.16)**

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on proposed new partner to the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program, the University of California, Irvine. Committee Member Brown asked the approximate cost; Antos replied approximately \$100,000.

Committee Member Brown voiced concern and referenced past funding for consultant studies; specifically, funding provided to the Water Education Foundation, and asked about completion and utilization of the study. Antos noted that a goal of the program is to not only ensure involvement in the moment, but also to build knowledge and institutionalize ways to accomplish that into the future, as well as to ensure funding supports the highest, best use to the low income communities within the watershed.

Committee Member Solorio requested a copy of the overall grant so he could more clearly understand the amount and purpose of the funding allocations. Convener Sullivan requested a future report outlining what funding has been allocated and for what purpose, as well as the amount already distributed and accomplishments/work product provided as a result of those distributed funds.

MOVED, request SAWPA to negotiate and execute a sub-agreement with the University of California, Irvine for services as a partner to the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Evans/Roughton
Ayes:	Ackerman, Ashley, Brown, Evans, Hagman, Harrison, Roughton, Solorio, Sullivan
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None



7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Draft DWR Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant Process (SC#2017.11)**

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation on DWR Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation, including funding amounts, schedule and eligible project implementation. Norton outlined DWR's principles for a process change and the proposed new approach of DWR deciding which projects would be funded at the local level. Staff concerns and reservations regarding the proposed new approach were presented and discussed. Staff will continue meeting with DWR representatives to express SAWPA's concerns. Staff was encouraged to work through SAWPA's state lobbying firm as well as ACWA; a meeting with DWR Director Grant Davis was also suggested.

B. **Homelessness & Water Symposium Summary (SC#2017.12)**

Mike Antos provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Homelessness & Water Symposium, a six-hour event presented in partnership with the Inland Empire Waterkeeper and attended by approximately 65 participants on June 29, 2017.

C. **CivicSpark Water Fellows, Year 1 Review (SC#2017.13)**

CivicSpark Water Fellows Amanda Schallert and Paul Caporaso provided a PowerPoint presentation on their work assisting Mike Antos with the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.

D. **Correspondence from Orange County Stakeholders**

Marsha Westropp, Senior Planner, Orange County Water District, spoke on behalf of the Orange County Stakeholders noting they would like to see changes made to the project prioritization process, which has been expressed in the past, and voiced an interest in continuing to work with SAWPA to make improvements as we approach Proposition 1. Convener Sullivan encouraged the OC Stakeholders to work with Orange County representative Jose Solorio and with Bruce Whitaker, Mayor for the City of Fullerton and Alternate Commissioner representing the Orange County Water District on the SAWPA Commission; he noted the Committee seeks to benefit the entire watershed through the IRWM process. Westropp suggested the Committee create a Stakeholder Advisory Committee where these difficult questions could be discussed and addressed, stating there seems to be a disconnect between the OWOW plan process and the function of the OWOW Steering Committee since there is no stakeholder group working with the Committee to address these questions as they go through the process of implementing the OWOW Plan. Committee Member Solorio and Mayor Whitaker expressed a desire to assist in the process. Committee Member Evans voiced concern in establishing a stakeholder process overlaying the one already in place. A discussion ensued as to current process, and Westropp suggested the Pillar Chairs, which includes the general managers, could function as an advisory body to the Committee and asked to address how we work through this conflict we seem to have regarding harm to one or the other, then come back to the Committee with a recommendation.



8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting came to a close at 1:16 p.m.

APPROVED: September 28, 2017

Ronald W. Sullivan, Convener

Attest:

Kelly Berry, CMC, Clerk of the Board

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.22

DATE: September 28, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Proposition 1 Update; Invitation to Chief of the DWR Financial Assistance Branch

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee receive and file this information about changes at Department of Water Resources and the timing of Proposition 1 implementation grant disbursement; and direct SAWPA staff to invite Carmel Brown, Chief of the DWR Financial Assistance Branch to attend and present to the OWOW Steering Committee at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION

Over the past year two members of Department of Water Resources staff have retired, having an impact on the IRWM program generally, and on the specific timing of Proposition 1 IRWM implementation grants.

Most significantly, in August Governor Brown appointed Grant Davis as the new Director of DWR, starting in August 2018. Mr. Davis prior was the director of the Sonoma County Water Agency, and a long proponent of integrated water management. His DWR bio is attached.

Tracie Billington, Chief of the Financial Assistance Branch within the Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, retired and was replaced by Carmel Brown, also in August. Ms. Brown has been an executive advisor to DWR since 2013 working closely with Gary Bardini, the Deputy Director Integrated Water Management.

Based on conversations with DWR staff at various levels, these personnel changes have delayed the release of the draft Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Round 1 Project Solicitation Package (PSP) to February, 2018. The PSP draft will describe how DWR intends to direct and administer the first of two implementation funding rounds of Proposition 1. For our watershed, the first round is anticipated to approximately \$23,000,000, with possibly an additional amount of up to \$6,300,000 for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities.

With a February 2018 release of the draft, the total timeline can be better estimated. Following the draft and a comment period, DWR will revise and then release a final PSP, probably in the early summer of 2018. That PSP will describe a date in the Fall of 2018 when a proposal from our region for how the money will be spent must be submitted. Following approval of that proposal, project expenditures likely could begin sometime in mid-2019 after grant agreements are executed.

To learn more of DWR's intentions about Prop 1, the future of the IRWM Program, and to re-introduce Ms. Brown to the OWOW process, SAWPA staff feel it valuable to invite her to attend a Steering Committee meeting and to present about the IRWM program.

Attachment:

1. Grant Davis Bio

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Executive Bios

DIRECTOR



Grant Davis, Director
Department of Water Resources

Grant Davis was appointed Director of the California Department of Water Resources by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in August 2017.

DWR operates and maintains the California State Water Project, manages floodwaters, monitors dam safety, conducts habitat restoration, and provides technical assistance and funding for projects for local water needs. Davis will oversee the Department and its mission to manage and protect California's water resources, working with other agencies in order to benefit the State's people and to protect, restore and enhance the natural and human environments.

Davis has been the General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) since 2009, where he also served as the Assistant General Manager from 2007 to 2009. Davis was responsible for SCWA's core functions of maintaining nearly 100 miles of streams and detention basins for flood protection, restoring habitat for three federally listed fish species in the Russian River, delivering drinking water to more than 600,000 residents of Sonoma and Marin counties, and providing wastewater management for 60,000 customers. In cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, he was also responsible for the operation of Lake Mendocino and Coyote Valley Dam and Lake Sonoma and Warm Springs Dam. Davis was instrumental in implementing a renewable energy portfolio that has resulted in a carbon free water supply and distribution system.

Prior to joining the Sonoma County Water Agency, Davis was Executive Director of The Bay Institute – a science-based, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the San Francisco Bay-Delta watershed and improving water management in California. He was Executive Director from 1997 – 2007.

In addition, Davis has an extensive legislative and policy background working at the local, State and federal levels of government.

A graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Davis received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.17

DATE: September 28, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals & Objectives, v4

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee receive and review version 4 of the draft goals and objectives, discuss, and provide direction to SAWPA staff and Pillar workgroups.

DISCUSSION

The final draft of the Goals and Objectives for the OWOW Plan Update 2018 were developed over the past months. Starting with the OWOW 2.0 Plan goals, stakeholders gathered to brainstorm the update. This first effort was brought to the OWOW conference in May, where other stakeholders provided input. Following that, both the Pillar workgroups and the Steering Committee provided input, which resulted in the current version.

The intent is for this version to be used by the Pillar workgroups as they develop their chapters, and recommendations for action. The goals and objectives describe the destination we will together achieve when the OWOW Plan Update 2018 is carried out. The Pillar workgroups are developing their chapters to describe where we are today, and make management and policy recommendations that will take us from today, to the goals.

This version will remain unedited until later in the process, where a final draft of the OWOW Plan Update 2018 will be released for public comment, in the summer of 2018. Comments today and throughout the intervening months will be gathered and included in the input considered when taking the Plan from final draft to final.

First the Steering Committee, then the SAWPA Commission, and later any grant recipient, will formally adopt the plan, starting in the Fall of 2018.

Attachments:

1. OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals & Objectives version 4
2. Comparison table of Goals & Objectives for 2018 Plan and OWOW 2.0 Plan

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The One Water One Watershed Plan Update 2018 describes how collaborative watershed planning, water and land management, and project implementation supports improved sustainability and resilience throughout the Santa Ana River Watershed through 2040.

The six goals¹ of the OWOW Plan Update 2018 are to...

Achieve resilient water resources through innovation and optimization.

- Objectives:
 - Diminish carbon emissions from water resources management
 - Increase the reuse of water
 - Innovate to increase water-use efficiency and conservation
 - Manage precipitation as a valuable watershed resource
 - Safely strengthen links between flood protection and water conservation
 - Sustainably manage groundwater basins

Educate and build trust between people and organizations.

- Objectives:
 - Adopt policies strengthening transparency in water management decision-making
 - Collaborate with educators to broaden youth knowledge about water
 - Develop strong ongoing consultation and partnership with Native American tribes
 - Ensure conservation is a way of life in the Santa Ana River Watershed
 - Innovate communication strategies for diverse communities
 - Maintain and grow watershed and sub-watershed collaborative water management efforts

Engage with members of disadvantaged communities to eliminate environmental injustices.

- Objectives:
 - Adopt best-practices for environmental justice action throughout water management
 - Confront unequal community vulnerabilities to climate impacts
 - Develop regional consensus for compassionate community identification
 - Ensure community cultural values influence watershed management decision-making.
 - Support broad-based collaboratives alleviating homelessness
 - Support community voices to identify strengths and needs

¹ The goals, and each goal's objectives, are listed alphabetically because OWOW Plan Update 2018 considers each to be co-equal, without specific prioritization.

Ensure high quality water for all people and the environment.

- Objectives:
 - Achieve and maintain salt balance in the watershed
 - Ensure every human being in the watershed has safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes
 - Protect and improve source water quality
 - Protect beneficial uses and attain water quality standards in freshwater and marine environments
 - Reduce water systems vulnerability to climate impacts
 - Support alignment of regulatory action with watershed goals

Improve data integration, tracking and reporting to strengthen decision-making.

- Objectives:
 - Apply new technologies to maintain and enhance transparency and efficiency
 - Collaborate to produce regular publicly-accessible watershed health reports
 - Develop standard data formats and data fields for comparative analyses
 - Increase appropriate access to data for decision-makers, managers, and the public
 - Reduce redundancy in data collection in overlapping programs
 - Streamline regulatory reporting requirements

Preserve and enhance ecosystems for open space, habitat, and natural hydrologic function.

- Objectives:
 - Conduct regional effort to remove and manage invasive species
 - Include ecosystem function in new development planning and construction
 - Preserve and restore beneficial hydrologic function of streams, arroyos, water bodies, and the coastal zone
 - Protect and restore wildlife corridors and habitat connectivity
 - Protect endangered and threatened species, and species of special concern
 - Support healthy watershed policies with local land use authority

OWOW Goal Comparison / Matching

OWOW 1.0 Goals	OWOW 2.0 Goals	OWOW Plan Update 2018 Goals
Improve Regional Integration and Coordination	Accomplish effective, equitable and collaborative integrated watershed management	Educate and build trust between people and organizations
Provide Reliable Water Supply	Maintain Reliable and Resilient Water Supplies and Reduce Dependency on Imported Water	Achieve resilient water resources through innovation and optimization
Promote Sustainable Water Solutions		
Manage Rainfall as a Resource		
Preserve Open Space and Recreational Opportunities	Manage at the watershed scale for preservation and enhancement of the natural hydrology to benefit human and natural communities	Preserve and enhance ecosystems for open space, habitat, and natural hydrologic function
Preserve and Enhance the Environment	Preserve and enhance the ecosystem services provided by open space and habitat within the watershed	
Ensure High Quality Water for All Users	Protect beneficial uses to ensure high quality water for human and natural communities	Ensure high quality water for all people and the environment
Maintain Quality of Life		Engage with members of disadvantaged communities to eliminate environmental injustices
		Improve data integration, tracking and reporting to strengthen decision-making
Provide Economically Effective Solutions		

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.18

DATE: September 28, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Allocation for 2nd Homelessness Symposium

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee approve the allocation of \$6,000 from within the Project Development funding of the Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program to support a second Homelessness Symposium.

DESCRIPTION

The awarded DCI Program grant describes how the OWOW Steering Committee and SAWPA Commission will serve as the governance bodies 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.

Following the successful Homelessness & Water Symposium conducted in June 2017, there has been significant interest among OWOW stakeholders in further considering how effective watershed management and homelessness intersect. So too, across the watershed there is a growing sense of both a homelessness crisis, and an effort to engage in solutions.

The DCI Program team would like to conduct a second symposium. The first was designed to start conversations within and between the social services sector and the water sector, and in that light was a strong success. The second event, as proposed, will help these conversations and new partnerships consider what practical things can be done in the short, middle and long terms, to align work within watershed management with the efforts to alleviate homelessness.

In our original grant budget, \$20,000 was set aside for a single Homelessness & Water Symposium. In conducting the first, we expended \$13,204.30 through our contractor, Inland Empire Waterkeeper. Using the remnant from our original budget, and an additional \$6,000 from the available resources within the grant, we can conduct a second event of a similar scale, to further this critical work. SAWPA staff will also seek additional partners to support the program, allowing us to expand to a larger venue and increase the number of participants.

Following an action from the Steering Committee, SAWPA staff will engage with DWR to confirm this additional work will comply with the grant requirements, and assuming their concurrence, move forward scheduling a second Symposium, in early November.

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.19

DATE: September 28, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: OWOW Call for Projects Preview

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 the upcoming Call for Projects for Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Round 1.

DESCRIPTION

The One Water One Watershed Plan describes a shared vision for how the Santa Ana River Watershed can be made more sustainable over the coming decades. Following, but greatly exceeding, the guidelines of the Department of Water Resources, the OWOW Plan Update 2018 will include refreshed goals and objectives, descriptions of work that has come before or is underway, and will explain the recommended management and policy strategies that should be followed to achieve the goals of the Plan.

As an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, the OWOW Plan Update 2018 must contain a list of projects that are appropriate actions to undertake in pursuit of the goals and objectives. There are two reasons for a project to be on the OWOW project list:

1. Proponents of a project wish to have the project within the IRWM Plan. This is often due to requirements for other non-IRWM funding, or as part of a compliance pathway.
2. Proponents want their project to be considered for the next round of IRWM implementation funding.

This distinction is critical. A project within the OWOW Plan Update 2018 project list does not have to be considered for the next implementation round, or any round of funding for that matter. Therefore, the requirements of the next implementation round should not drive the process of how a project is submitted and included in OWOW Plan Update 2018. Once DWR releases its requirements for the implementation funding, proponents whose projects are in the OWOW Plan Update 2018 who wish to compete for the funding will be required to explain how the proposed project meets those requirements.

In the short term, however, SAWPA and the stakeholders are developing a "Call for Projects" for inclusion in the OWOW Plan Update 2018. It is important that the Steering Committee provides input to the process, and be aware and contribute to the qualifications for a project to be included in the plan. Discussion questions are included at the end of the memo for consideration during the Steering Committee meeting.

Projects submitted to be included in the OWOW Plan Update 2018 will be asked, along with the basic details about who, what, where and when, to describe the benefits the project will convey to the watershed.

In the past, each project was designated as belonging to a certain category of project (water supply, water quality, environmental benefit, recreation, etc.). In this next round, SAWPA is proposing to allow projects to describe all relevant benefits that will accrue from the project. This will allow a project to claim multiple benefits more easily than in the past.

For example, imagine a project that will retrofit a debris basin so that it can capture more storm flows, infiltrate some of that water to the aquifer, provide native riparian habitat around the basin, and develop a hiking and equestrian trail alongside the project. In the past OWOW Call-for-Projects method, this project would likely choose to be called a Flood Risk Management project, with multiple benefits. In the proposed method, this project would not hold one classification, it instead would carry a descriptor of ALL the benefits it would provide. Using the proposed method, the example project would claim a flood risk management benefit (% increased capacity), a water supply benefit (acre-feet/year increased recharge), a habitat benefit (acres) and a recreation benefit (expected users/year).

By classifying each project with all its benefits, it will be easier to see the extent of benefits being proposed across all submittals (and revealing gaps and overlaps), and will allow sorting and counting along multiple axes.

The draft benefit classes are currently being developed by SAWPA staff, and will be circulated first to the Pillar workgroups and stakeholders, and later to the Steering Committee for comment. Following in the footsteps of a process undertaken in Orange County, at a future workshop, the Steering Committee members will be asked to help weight the benefit classes. The weighting, drawn from the expertise of the Pillar chairs and the Steering Committee, will help contextualize the suite of projects submitted to OWOW Plan Update 2018.

In February 2018, we expect to hear from DWR about the specific project types that will be allowed within Prop 1 Implementation funding round 1. These requirements will be used to produce another layer in our project submittal system, whereby any project previously submitted to OWOW will need to enter new information and assert how that project fulfills both the OWOW Plan and the DWR requirements.

Discussion Questions:

1. Is a two-step project submittal process a positive innovation? The first step will be less burdensome and tailored to the goals and objectives of OWOW Plan Update 2018 while the second step is more intensive, but only required for those seeking grant funds.
2. Is the Steering Committee comfortable with the benefit classes being weighted, that is, having some of the benefits achieved by projects to be more sought-after than others?
3. Often IRWM Plans, OWOW included, allow any proposed project to be included on the project list, regardless of the details of the project. Does the Steering Committee agree that any submitted project should be included in OWOW Plan Update 2018, or, rather, should there be a minimum level of benefit or detail that a project must provide?

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.20

DATE: September 28, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Update

PREPARED BY: Mike Antos, Senior Watershed Manager

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee review and file this update about the status of the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program.

DISCUSSION

Since October 2016 when work began on the Disadvantaged Communities Involvement (DCI) Program, five main efforts have been undertaken by SAWPA and the program team.

The first effort developed the scope of the program, which included SAWPA staff, partner organizations, and two CivicSpark Water Fellows. This development was completed through extensive engagement with stakeholders and leaders throughout the watershed (see attachment 1).

The second effort developed an agreement with Local Government Commission for the services of two CivicSpark Water Fellows. The first two fellows have now left SAWPA after their year of service, and two new fellows joined us on September 19, 2017 for the coming year. A third pair of fellows will join in Fall of 2018.

The third effort programed and conducted the Homelessness & Water Symposium, on June 29 2017. This event and its outcomes were previously reported to the OWOW Steering Committee. A SAWPA blog post was recently posted to report on the event (see attachment 2).

The fourth effort designed and started Community Water Internship program. Launched in July, this program receives applications from water agencies and non-profits that include project proposals. Once accepted as appropriate, those project proposals are made available for students to apply for. If selected, the students then are hired by the California State University to support one of the projects proposed by the agencies or non-profits. To-date we have received project proposals from Eastern Municipal Water District, the Inland Empire Waterkeeper, the ACLU of Orange County, and the Jurupa Community Services District. Interns have applied and been interviewed by JCSD, hopefully starting work soon.

The fifth effort supports the One Water One Watershed Plan Update 2018. Members of the DCI team and the CivicSpark fellows are supporting multiple pillars, with special attention to the Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Communities Pillar.

The DCI Program team met in October 2016 to kick-off their partnership and develop the program. On August 24, 2017, the team met on teleconference to share next steps, and develop plans for conducting the next components of the program.

For the rest of the calendar year, the team will focus on tasks in the Strengths & Needs Assessment Program Element, which includes engagement with elected leaders, water agencies, and mutual water

companies, as well as community listening sessions. A select team from California Rural Water Association and the CSU will be consulting with California native tribes. Following action today by the Steering Committee, a second symposium about Homelessness may be programmed in November.

The Strengths & Needs Assessment Program Element will culminate in summer 2018 with the release of a Community Water Ethnography for the Santa Ana River Watershed report, revealing the watershed-related strengths and needs of disadvantaged and underrepresented communities in the Santa Ana River Watershed.

BACKGROUND

The Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program is a Prop 1 funded effort within the Integrated Regional Water Management Program to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas, and underrepresented communities in integrated regional water management planning. As the Santa Ana River Watershed approved Regional Water Management Group, SAWPA was awarded a \$6.3 million grant in June 2017. With permission from DWR, SAWPA and our partners have been working on the scope since October 2016.

SAWPA manages the program with five program partners: California State University, Local Government Commission (a 501c3 nonprofit), the California Rural Water Association (a 501c3 nonprofit), the Water Education Foundation (a 501c3 nonprofit), and the University of California Irvine. Each partner organization has a defined scope of work, and together is responsible for project management and reporting.

The program includes three main elements, which contain twenty-three individual tasks and efforts. The first element is the Strengths & Needs Assessment, the second is Engagement & Education, and the third is Project Development. A fourth element contains grant administration tasks. The tables below reveal the program budget, and the included tasks.

Program Element	Budget	Remaining	% expended	Invoiced to DWR through 6/30/2017
1 Strengths & Needs	\$ 898,644	\$ 837,905.18	6.76%	\$ 60,738.82
2 Engagement / Education	\$ 1,853,068	\$ 1,807,617.46	2.45%	\$ 45,450.54
3 Project Development	\$ 3,233,288	\$ 3,176,242.17	1.76%	\$ 57,045.83
4 Administration	\$ 315,000	\$ 306,440.48	2.72%	\$ 8,559.52

Program Element Components	
PE1	DCI Technical Advisory Committee
	Disadvantaged Communities & Tribal Communities Pillar
	Engage Local Elected Leaders
	Engage Mutual Water Companies
	Engage Water Agencies
	Community Listening Workshops
	Community Water Ethnography of the Santa Ana River Watershed (PE1 Final Report)
	Homelessness & Water Convening
PE2	Tribal Consultation
	Value of Water / Trust the Tap campaign
	Translation Services
	Engagement Best Practices Publications
	State of the Santa Ana Watershed Conferences
	Community Water Education
	Water Agency Community Engagement Training
	Local Elected Leader Training
	Community Engagement Intern Program
PE3	Technical Assistance for Community Needs
	OWOW Plan Update 2018
	CivicSpark Water Fellows
PE4	Agreement Administration
	Invoicing
	Progress Report and Final Report

ATTACHMENTS

1. List of Meetings conducted by SAWPA staff and CivicSpark Fellows
2. SAWPA blog post report-out about Homelessness & Water Symposium

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List of Meetings by SAWPA Staff & CivicSpark Water Fellows

Additions to the list since the previous submittal will be **bolded**.

Local Elected Leaders

1. Jon Harrison, mayor pro tem City of Redlands
2. Gil Navarro, alternate commissioner
3. Beth Krom, former Irvine City Council member
4. Ron Loveridge, former City of Riverside mayor
5. Michael Camacho, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
6. Linda Gonzalez, West Valley Water District
7. Maha Rizvi and Daniel Peeden, field reps, Assm. Gomez-Reyes, 47th CA assembly district
8. Manuel Saucedo, District Director, Sen. Connie Leyva, 20th CA senate district
9. Jeremiah Brosowski, San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor's Office
10. Laura Roughton, City of Jurupa Valley
11. Jasmin Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
12. Steven Farrell, Crestline Village Water District

Water Agency Representatives

1. Linda Ackerman, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California director
2. Anecita Agustinez, DWR tribal policy advisor
3. Greg Gauthier, Julia Elkin, CA Coastal Conservancy
4. Ron Sullivan, Eastern Municipal Water District
5. Garry Brown, Ray Hiemstra, Orange County Coastkeeper
6. Thomas Evans, Western Municipal Water District
7. Leslie Cleveland, Bureau of Reclamation
8. Kurt Berchtold and staff, Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Community Members

1. Jim Hessler, Altman Plants SoCal general manager
2. Sam Martinez, SB LAFCo
3. Carolyn Emery, OC LAFCo
4. Dr. Devid Feldman, UC Irvine
5. Irving Hendrick, Moreno Valley College
6. George Spiliotis, Riverside LAFCo
7. Dean Spivacke, Riverside County Sheriff
8. Amy Sausser, Inland Funding Alliance



9. **Bobbi Jo Chavaria, Catalina's List**
10. **Dr. Brinda Sarathy, Pitzer College**
11. **Megan Moscol, Deborah Diep, CSU Fullerton**
12. **Susan von Zabern, Riverside DPSS**
13. **Sarah Eberhardt-Rios SB County DBH assistant director**
14. **Mike Jones, SB Sheriff HOPE team**
15. **Susan Price, OC County director of CARE coordination**
16. **Tom Hernandez, SB County homeless services manager**
17. **Elizabeth Baca, Office of Planning and Research**
18. **Karen Watkins, SB County Planning Manager**
19. **Bob Page, SB County principal management analyst**
20. **Megan Brousseau, Korina Rangel, Inland Empire Waterkeeper**
21. **Jasmin Mouflard, Lava Mae LA director**
22. **Chelsea Richardson, Anne Rios, Think Dignity**
23. **Celia Cudiamat, The Community Foundation**
24. **Damien O'Farrell, Path of Life Ministries**
25. **Rory O'Sullivan, Starting Over Inc.**
26. **Eve Garrow, ACLU**
27. **Ipyani Lockert, Maribel Nunez, Luis Nolasco, CA Partnership**
28. **Penny Newman, Jean Kayano, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice**
29. **Rebecca Gifford, Inland Communities Organizing Network**
30. **Lauren Fieberg, The Ecology Center**
31. **T.S. Harvey, UC Riverside**
32. **Valerie Olson, Emily Brooks, UC Irvine**
33. **Tonya Huff, Riverside City College**
34. **Stephen McClean, Santiago Canyon College**
35. **Sean Brennan, Moreno Valley College**
36. **Melita Caldwell-Betties, San Bernardino Valley College**
37. **Emilio Ramirez, City of Riverside**
38. **Angel Mayfield, Orange County homeless advocate**
39. **Rev. Amanda Ford, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water**
40. **Dr. Bo Cutter, Pomona College**
41. **John Covington, Morongo Band of Mission Indians**
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Mutual Water Company Representatives

1. (none to date)



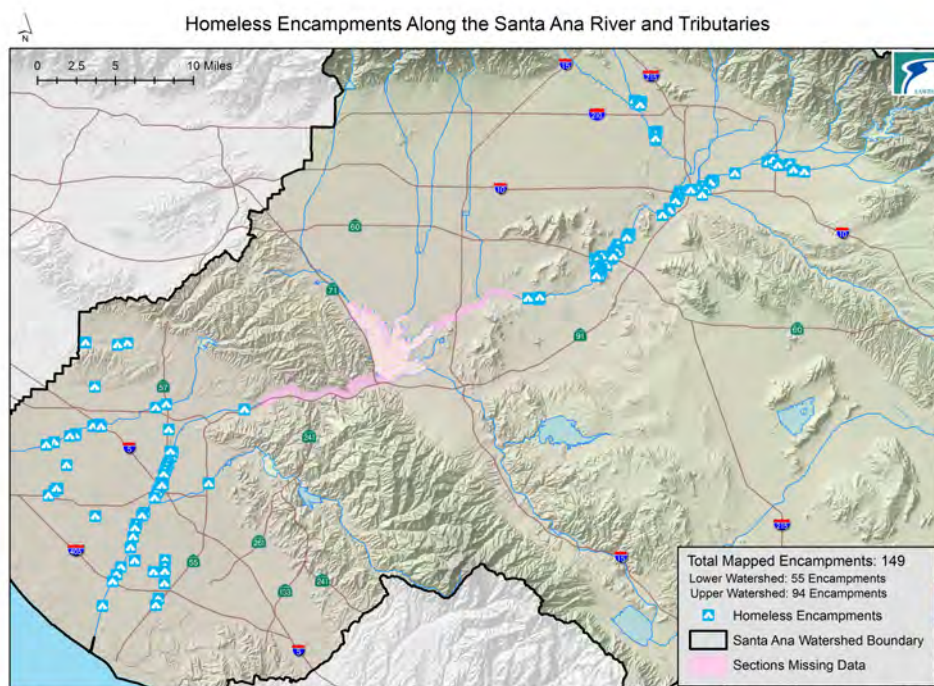


Homelessness & Water Symposium

Homelessness & Water Symposium

Members of the water and social services sectors from across the Santa Ana River Watershed convened at a symposium last month to identify connections between the challenges of homelessness and water management. The event was part of grant-supported effort to identify the strengths and needs of underserved communities through the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's Disadvantaged Communities Involvement (DCI) Program.

People who live in encampments along the Santa Ana River and its tributaries can be at risk from flooding, and they often do not have safe or affordable access to water for drinking and sanitation. Some regulators point to trash from encampments as a source of pollution, and some high costs of cleaning them up.



Note: Encampment data provided by the Orange County Department of Public Works, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Data for the Santa Ana River tributaries is incomplete or absent.

After six months of talks with homeless services providers, sheriff departments, flood control districts, the ACLU, and nonprofit leaders, SAWPA held the Homelessness and Water Symposium to look for ways the water sector could ensure the human right to water is upheld for people who are homeless. SAWPA, a joint-powers authority created by five water districts, develops, plans, and undertakes common projects to address water resources needs and water quality control and protection. The agency partnered with the Inland Empire Waterkeeper to host the symposium on June 29 at Fairmount Park in Riverside. About 65 people attended.

The symposium helped establish a link between water sector members and people who cannot access water for drinking and sanitation because they do not have homes or money. While collaborative efforts exist to end homelessness in the watershed, including Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, water management is generally not part of these efforts, and it is unclear where exactly it should fit.

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“A homeless person is invisible to (water sector engineers) and their services,” said Mike Antos, SAWPA senior watershed manager, at the event. “Absent a connection, they are at a loss.”

One homeless assistance approach with growing county support in the watershed is “Housing First.” It connects homeless individuals and families with permanent supportive or affordable housing, and it differs because it does not include barriers to entry, such as treatment programs or sobriety. Housing First is based on the principle that everyone can achieve housing stability and that homelessness is rooted in a housing crisis in the United States. Permanent supportive housing has been shown to improve outcomes and increase retention for people who are chronically homeless.

In the Housing First homeless assistance approach, water resources issues are present in the cost of water at businesses and in utilities for people placed in housing, said Damien O’Farrell, the CEO of Path of Life Ministries, during the first panel on homelessness in the watershed.

Give people who are homeless a home, and you solve their needs for water for bathing, drinking, and toilets, said O’Farrell, whose organization provides housing in western Riverside County. He added that ongoing utility payments can be difficult for shelters to cover and can be difficult for formerly homeless people to afford.

To start the second panel on the Human Right to Water and its implications, Rev. Amanda Therese Ford of the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) described Assembly Bill 685, which took effect in 2012 and recognized that “every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.” EJCW is based in Sacramento and advocates for a community-based movement for the democratic allocation of water statewide.

The coalition can’t implement or ensure the Human Right to Water in a meaningful way as it is currently written, Ford said.

There may be room in municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permits to get cities to provide assistance to homeless communities, specifically for sanitation issues, said Adam Fischer, chief of the Inland Storm Water Unit of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and a panelist. The permittees—the cities and counties—could have a significant role to play, he said.

“The question for us is, ‘How do we write a permit that addresses the Human Right to Water?’” he said.

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board protects the beneficial uses of water from any source of pollution. On the Human Right to Water panel, Fischer said it would take a community involvement effort to change the perception of what constitutes a beneficial use of the river to include people who are homeless living by it.

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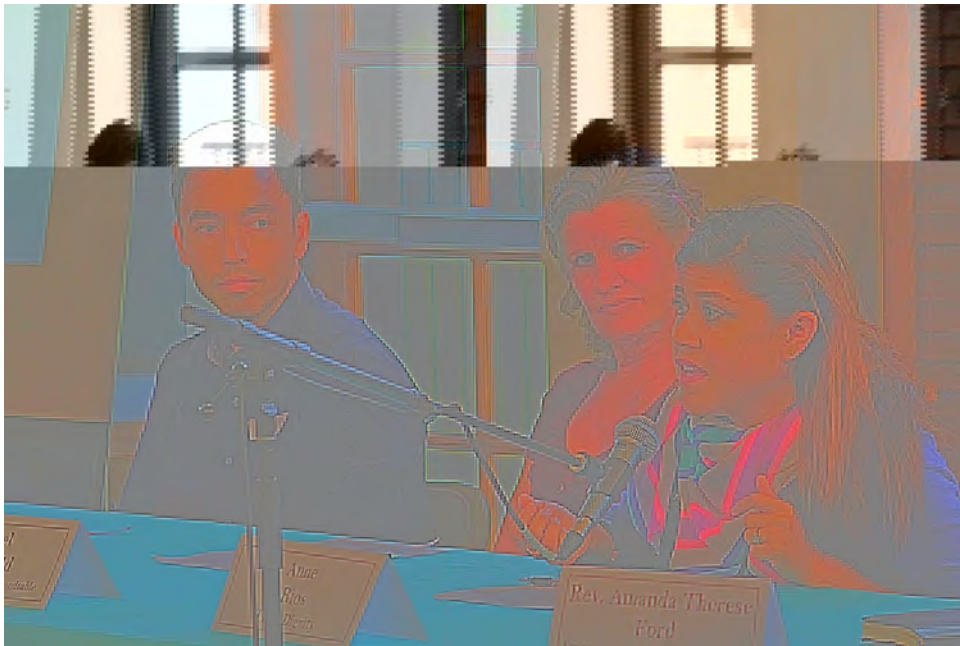
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“Who are you protecting the water for?” asked Anne Rios, a panelist and executive director of Think Dignity, a San Diego nonprofit with a mobile showers and water distribution program for people who are homeless. “When my agency thinks about dignity, it’s dignity for all.”

The room was silent when Angel Mayfield, a homeless advocate in Orange County and a member of the OC Poverty Alleviation Coalition, shared her experiences living in an encampment along the riverbed, buying baby wipes to stay clean, watching another homeless woman spend five hours filling up jugs of water, and moving her tent seven times in eight months because of flooding or law enforcement.

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.

Mayfield said being homeless is expensive and time consuming, and many homeless people feel they’re being treated like animals, having to fight day in and day out for survival. To improve water management and county programs, Mayfield emphasized how important it would be to establish trust with the people in encampments first.

“There are many people by the river who are hiding, like I first did when I was homeless,” she said. “I hid from you because of the stigma.”

“We need to cross this barrier of fear that I don’t know you. Because I do know you, I know you went through something,” Mayfield added.



For the keynote, Chris Brokate spoke about founding the Clean River Alliance, a nonprofit sponsored by the Russian Riverkeeper in Guerneville in Sonoma County. 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 18 months people living in riverbed encampments delivered 70,000 lbs of trash that would have otherwise polluted the water, he said at the event.

As reflected by Brokate's work, the Santa Ana River Watershed is not the only region trying to tackle this issue. In Los Angeles, nonprofits have also set up mobile showers; in Contra Costa, the flood control district produced a report on encampments related to their customs and living conditions; and in Marin County, agencies and residents have used a website to share information about encampments and increase coordination.

The Inland Empire Waterkeeper and SAWPA are eager to consider another event on homelessness and water management or to contribute to a workshop held by city and county officials, who have expressed interest in forming a special task force on this issue. Through the DCI Program, SAWPA will also continue to work with stakeholders to incorporate the strengths and needs of homeless communities in the One Water One Watershed plan and in an ethnographic report by mid 2018.

Below is a full list of the panelists:

Panel One: The State of Homelessness in the Santa Ana River Watershed

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

Panel Two: Considering a Human Right to Water

- Adam Fischer, chief of the Inland Storm Water Unit at the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Rev. Amanda Therese Ford, coalition coordinator at the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
- Angel Mayfield, Orange County homeless advocate and member of the Orange County Poverty Alleviation Coalition
- 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

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OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM NO. 2017.21

DATE: September 28, 2017

TO: OWOW Steering Committee

SUBJECT: OWOW Plan Update 2018 Status Report

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.

During August, a Pillar Integration Meeting, and a Special meeting of the Pillar chairs and delegates were held. At the Integration meeting, attendees brainstormed conceptual projects that could be included in the OWOW Plan Update 2018, and using stickers placed those ideas on a map of the watershed.

The Special meeting was called at the suggestion of Doug Headrick, the Water Resource Optimization Pillar Chair, to have the chairs and delegates together consider what broad types of programs and projects should be prioritized for the Proposition 1 implementation grant round, expected in mid-2018. The meeting produced a series of notes, which are attached.

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 July.

Pillar Updates:

Beneficial Use Assurance

Pillar Delegate Greg Woodside is leading the workgroup to develop data and distribute tasks for writing new content. The pillar is considering water quality in streams, waterbodies and the coastal zone, and has also decided to include aspects of drinking water quality in disadvantaged communities.

Climate Change Response Pillar

The climate change response pillar has not met over the summer. However, SAWPA staff are working with the US Bureau of Reclamation to develop a scope of work for the Bureau to assist with the update of this chapter.

Data Management & Monitoring

SAWPA staff and delegate Liz Hurst conducted a kick-off meeting in August, where the gathered workgroup considered 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. Initial ideas are now being incorporated into a draft chapter outline.

Disadvantaged and Tribal Communities Pillar

This Pillar has two internal working groups, one for updating a chapter about disadvantaged communities, and another updating a separate chapter about tribal communities. At the August meeting both chapter outlines were finalized, and volunteer workgroup members are now writing their sections of the chapters.

Integrated Stormwater Management Pillar

This pillar has not met since the previous update, but during that time the workgroup is developing a list of recommendations for management and policy actions that will be included in the chapter. Following consensus being reached, specific workgroup members will provide background information in support of the recommendations.

Land Use and Water Planning

The pillar has been meeting to prioritize their focus areas to develop right policies and management strategies. In particular, the intersection between land use planning and authority and questions of watershed sustainability are a focus for the group. Next the group plans to draft the chapter outline, and move forward into writing.

Natural Resources Stewardship

This pillar has been meeting regularly, and over the summer divided up the work of completing chapter updates. It is on-track to have a completed draft by the end of the calendar year.

Water Recycling

This pillar did not meet over the summer, but has been working to develop projections of existing and planned capacity for recycling, groundwater desalting, and ocean desalination. The pillar plans to make recommendations of anticipated supplies of the various resources within the planning horizon. This pillar chair is working closely with the water resource optimization pillar on future joint projects that may be eligible for future grant funding.

Water Resource Optimization

This pillar has met in partnership with members of several other pillars to consider appropriate overlaps between the various 'water' pillars. In addition, a document has been distributed for agencies in the watershed to fill in their demand and supply forecasts.

Water Use Efficiency

This pillar kick-off meeting was September 12. A group of ten participants talked through the task of updating the chapter and the timeline to get the work done, and brainstormed about project concepts. An extensive conversation about the water conservation framework being developed by the state for long-term policy took place, where the group recognized it will be important for the OWOW Plan Update 2018 to engage with whatever system the state settles upon, if the timing can work out. Unlike in the drought where the state imposed a percentage conservation mandate across the board, instead they are considering efficient budget-based allocations for each region / agency as the tool for encouraging conservation as a way of life in California.

Attachments:

1. OWOW Pillar Special Meeting Notes
2. OWOW Pillar Special Meeting Sign-in

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Water Resource Optimization Pillar Project Brainstorm Notes

- 1) **Brainstorm regional projects for consideration during the next round of grant funding.** The following regional projects were submitted for consideration and will be reviewed with other Pillars:
 - a) Habitat projects in the Santa Ana River
 - b) Change MS4 permitting process to a regional concept
 - c) Relocate homeless people out of the SAR
 - d) Big Bear water recycling
 - i) An alternative for this project was suggested where Big Bear would continue to discharge their treated wastewater downstream to the high desert in exchange for Mojave Water Agency providing a like amount of State Water Project water to Valley District for delivery to Big Bear lake through the existing "in lieu" program with Big Bear Municipal Water District. This alternative would provide the same amount of water to Big Bear but would not require construction of new facilities.
 - e) Strand Ranch Recharge project
 - i) Could be used to increase the reliability of SWP deliveries
 - ii) Logical extension of the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Project (SARCCUP)
 - f) Forest First study to determine water savings associated with forest thinning
 - g) Sediment removal from behind Seven Oaks and Prado dams. Helps maintain the storage capacity of the reservoirs and could provide sand for beaches



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**OWOW Pillar Chairs & Delegates Special Meeting
August 31, 2017**

For purposes of our records, we would like you to sign in. However, section 54953.3 of the California Government Code states that you, as a member of the public, are not required to do so as a condition of attendance.

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2	<i>Greg Woodside</i>	<i>OCWD</i>
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7	<i>LIZ Hurst</i>	<i>FEVA - Data Pillar</i>
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