



**SAWPA COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 16, 2018**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT** Mark Bulot, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Ronald W. Sullivan, Vice Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District  
Jasmin A. Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Bruce Whitaker, Orange County Water District  
Thomas P. Evans, Western Municipal Water District

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT** None

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT; NON-VOTING** None

**STAFF PRESENT** Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Mark Norton, Dean Unger, David Ruhl,  
Carlos Quintero, Alison Lewis, Regina Patterson

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Bulot at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 2, 2018**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**B. TREASURER REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2018**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**MOVED**, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**

Motion/Second: Whitaker/Hall

Ayes: Bulot, Evans, Hall, Sullivan, Whitaker

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE REACH 4D REHABILITATION WORK PLAN (CM#2018.106)**

Woodard & Curran Senior Principal Scott Goldman provided the PowerPoint presentation (pages 163 – 183) and reviewed the Draft Reach 4D Rehabilitation Work Plan (pages 23 – 161) contained in the agenda packet. Based on inspections and testing and the condition of the pipe, Goldman stated they have concluded that SAWPA may have 10 or 20 years of useful life remaining on this pipe. All deterioration was measured to be less than an inch and no exposed rebar was found in any of the five locations which would indicate the pipe remains structurally sound. However, the rate of deterioration is not known. The deterioration could have occurred within the first five years of installation due to low water levels or it could be a slow deterioration over time. Goldman stated the appendices to the report provide a full detailed summary of the investigation.

In the near-term, Goldman recommended doing a physical inspection in the two MAS located upstream of the two siphons and CCTV the one segment they were not able to see and that had the worse condition. The cost estimate is \$50,000 to do this additional inspection and he recommended doing it within a year. With that full baseline condition, he recommended going back within 5 years doing another full inspection repeating what was just done. This would allow a comparison of the condition of the pipe over time, and will determine a rate of deterioration. If we see additional deterioration we can estimate the rate of deterioration and whether we need to accelerate the timing for the full repair. In today's dollars that cost is estimated at \$468,000 to do a full repeat of the inspection process. In the long-term, Goldman recommended rehabilitation of the pipeline within the boundaries as identified using CIPP liner; the estimated cost is at \$40M in today's dollars, assuming it's the full seven (7) miles.

Vice Chair Sullivan inquired about the location, whether it is under a roadway, and if it has sewage. David Ruhl replied that the roadway is Pine Avenue which turns into Schleisman Road within the cities of Chino and Eastvale. This Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) line does have sewage in the line permanently. Vice Chair Sullivan suggested evaluating the option to increase the rates for those using the line as sewage disposal.

Commissioner Evans asked if it would be beneficial to have a regular cleaning operation; Ruhl said that part of the 5-year recommendation is to thoroughly clean the pipe. Following this draft report presentation, staff will come back to the Commission in early 2019 with the near-term recommendation to do the two additional man-entry inspections and the 1,000-foot section. Staff needs to refine the cost with Woodard & Curran and coordinate a shutdown of the dischargers for the work to be scheduled. Chair Bulot asked if there is enough grade in the pipe to drain it quickly so that the work can be done within 24-hours. Ruhl replied there is residual flow and we do have domestic flows in the line that cannot be shutoff but are low enough that we can enter and work within that reach of the pipeline. Chair Bulot noted that additional sulfur loading is part of the problem. Goldman said that is why much of this deterioration may have occurred in the first few years. Chair Bulot stated the sewage flows also contribute to the solids problems.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.A

**B. 2019 MEDICAL INSURANCE CAP (CM#2018.103)**

Rich Haller provided a brief report on the changes expected for the ACWA/JPIA 2019 Medical Plan Rates beginning January 1, 2019. Haller reported that the Kaiser Family Plan rate will increase by \$44.55 per month, necessitating an increase in the medical cap from \$1,700.90 to \$1,745.45.

**MOVED**, direct staff to adjust the medical insurance cap from \$1,700.90 to \$1,745.45, which reflects the ACWA/JPIA 2019 Kaiser Family Plan rate.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**  
Motion/Second: Evans/Hall  
Ayes: Bulot, Evans, Hall, Sullivan, Whitaker  
Nays: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: None

**C. OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO OC STAKEHOLDERS LETTER AND OWOW PROGRAM STATUS REPORT (CM#2018.107)**

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation beginning with an update on the OWOW Plan reporting that a draft is anticipated to be released for review and comment by the end of October and those comments will be taken to the OWOW Steering Committee in November. Recommendation to adopt will go before the OWOW Steering Committee in January 2019, and then before the SAWPA Commission in February with a recommendation for final adoption.

The Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program is a Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant funded program to support disadvantaged communities and their water needs primarily focused on three separate program elements regarding the water needs of disadvantaged communities, underrepresented communities and economically distressed communities. The education / engagement element of the program reaches out to the elected leaders with programs such as Trust the Tap.

Regarding the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, the Draft Project Solicitation Package (PSP) was released on October 5, 2018; staff has reviewed the PSP in detail and Norton briefly outlined the activities and timeline associated with the grant program. For some it will be a challenge to meet the criteria to have all permits and CEQA completed within six (6) months. There is a 50 % local match; DWR would like to see a minimum of 50 % funding provided under round 1.

Commissioner Evans asked if the OWOW Steering Committee and SAWPA Commission still had the final approval to distribute the funding. Norton noted that SAWPA has pursued ensuring that we have the authority to choose our projects locally, rather than DWR dictating which projects should be funded. The upcoming DWR workshops will serve as a screening process to ensure each of the funding areas have considered submitted projects in detail. DWR will continue to review proposed projects, as it has done in the past; a key focus is funding projects that will be completed timely.

Commissioner Sullivan commented that given the six-month CEQA completion requirement, some projects may not be ready for funding until round 2 and asked if staff will be taking this into consideration. Norton responded staff will be taking that into consideration; there will be a call for projects through an online information form within the next month or so. One of the questions will be whether the CEQA will be complete within the six (6) months after executing the grant agreement. If there are numerous projects seeking funding that will not be ready in time, we may suggest a second round.

Norton advised DWR has increased its required grant administration costs by an additional 3%, up from 7% to 10%, thereby lowering the grant funding available for the implementation grant from approximately \$49M to \$44M. DWR's current total administration cost is 10% broken down as follows: 5% for DWR grant administration costs; 3% for planning and monitoring costs; and, 2% for other state costs such as issuance of bonds.

Norton reviewed the July 13, 2018 letter from OCWD, OCSD and OC Public Works (OC Stakeholders) to the OWOW Steering Committee. The OC Stakeholders have been engaged in the OWOW process,

during which time staff have effectively tried to incorporate all OC projects into the OWOW Plan. The OC Stakeholders primarily desire: (1) A direct distribution of 38% of total grant funding to priority projects set forth in the OC Plan, (2) Incorporation of the OC Plan as a separate chapter within the OWOW Plan, and (3) Utilization of the rating and ranking process developed for the OC Plan in determining Proposition 1 funding. OC Stakeholders have stressed, based on the rating and ranking, that at this stage they don't believe that their projects will be competitive. Many portions of their downstream areas are not hydrologically connected to the upper watershed by surface water. If a project is not more regional in nature, with the intent of benefiting upstream and downstream areas, it would be very difficult to be competitive. They have stated that the rating and ranking system currently under consideration does not prioritize surface water quality as high as where they would have placed it.

The intent of the program was to have a unique and specialized call-out to do something different on a regional basis. Our funding area is the Santa Ana River Watershed; the OWOW Steering Committee is representing a broad spectrum of voices (three counties) overlaying our watershed. The OWOW Steering Committee is a committee of SAWPA and will recommend a plan and a suite of projects which will come before the Commission to make that final decision. The OWOW Steering Committee indicated a desire to have a better understanding of the proposed 38% direct funding allocation to OC. Vice Chair Sullivan, SAWPA representative and Convener of the OWOW Steering Committee noted the rating and ranking process and the defined use for the 38% direct funding allocation to OC are of equal importance, and it is incumbent on the OC Stakeholders to set forth how the 38% direct funding allocation would be utilized.

Commissioner Whitaker thanked staff for accurately setting forth the differences of opinion at this point, and noted that items brought forward by the OC Stakeholders came from the county and different agencies within the county not necessarily from OCWD. OC Stakeholders are looking out for those needs/requirements, primarily for water quality.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.C

**D. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR WECAN EXPANSION IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE (CM#2018.108)**

Mark Norton presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to fund expansion of the Water-Energy Community Action Network (WECAN) program. The MOU is to support a grant application, but this is not a SAWPA grant application; it is a partnership with the City and County of Riverside applying for a \$35M grant from the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC). They approached SAWPA staff seeking to extend efforts with the WECAN program as a component of this overall grant. The MOU is needed to demonstrate to SGC that there is a broad partnership of entities.

The overall grant program supports efforts to diminish greenhouse gas emissions while fostering public health and environmental benefits. The focus is within the area of the City of Riverside. Norton displayed a brochure reporting the WECAN program is highly praised by the state. The work recently increased to \$600,000 and would cover SAWPA administration costs. Further program expansion under this MOU is contingent on whether the grant is successful. If successful, the MOU parties would develop a separate agreement regarding use of the grant funding. Staff recommends assigning grant oversight to the PA22 Committee where the focus is on water use efficiency. Commissioner Evans stated this is a logical step forward. Vice Chair Sullivan noted that the MOU is not to build housing; it is to supply drought tolerant landscaping. Chair Bulot clarified this would be for retrofit and landscape, only.

**MOVED**, (1) Authorize the General Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SAWPA, the City of Riverside and the County of Riverside in support of the City application for a Transformative Climate Communities grant which, if awarded, would fund expansion of the Water-Energy Community Action Network (WECAN) Program; and, (2) If the WECAN Program is expanded, assign oversight of the program to Project Agreement (PA) 22 Committee.

Result:	<b>Adopted (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Hall/Evans
Ayes:	Bulot, Evans, Hall, Sullivan, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

The following oral/written reports/updates were received and filed.

**A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – AUGUST 2018**

**B. INTERFUND BORROWING – AUGUST 2018 (CM#2018.104)**

**C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – AUGUST 2018 (CM#2018.105)**

**D. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Rich Haller reviewed the General Manager report contained in the agenda packet. Haller provided an update on the recently issued Request for Proposals (RFP) for lobbying services. One proposal was submitted, from SAWPA's current lobbying firm West Coast Advisors. Contract award will be brought before the Commission for consideration in November.

Haller congratulated SAWPA's IT Department for recently receiving an award for Quality Information Technology Practices from the Municipal Information Systems Association of California (MISAC). MISAC has over 200 member agencies; 7 awards were distributed.

**E. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES**

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**F. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Rich Haller referenced page 271 in the agenda packet for the legislative report. Staff has been working with West Coast Advisors to conduct meetings with legislators after the November 2018 elections to focus on other greenhouse gas reduction funding opportunities to support efforts within the watershed.

**G. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT**

There were no further Chair comments or reports.

**H. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

There were no further Commissioners' comments or reports.

**I. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Vice Chair Sullivan suggested a future agenda item to investigate Reach 4D and determine how much sewage flow is committed to that line, for what period of time and the impact and cost to SAWPA to maintain that flow. Rich Haller advised this affects IEUA and WMWD as well. SAWPA staff will come back with an informational presentation on who the dischargers are, what their discharge contains and where they put that discharge into the system.

7. **CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Bulot recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 10:35 a.m. During Closed Session, designated personnel essential to the discussion of Agenda Item Nos. 7.A. and 7.B. were present; only Rich Haller was present during portions of the discussion of Agenda Item No. 7.C.

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

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

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

Name of Case: County of Riverside v. MGP X Vernola, LLC, et al (Superior Court of Riverside RIC 1801451)

Name of Case: County of Riverside v. Anthony P. Vernola, et al (Superior Court of Riverside RIC 1801464)

Name of Case: County of Riverside v. Lowes HIW, Inc., et al (Superior Court of Riverside RIC 1801454)

C. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957**

Title: General Manager

Chair Bulot resumed Open Session at 11:07 a.m. The following Closed Session reports were given.

Agenda Item No. 7.A. Final settlement has been reached and all parties have executed settlement documentation.

Agenda Item No. 7.B. SAWPA counsel was directed to prepare disclaimers of interest in these matters for execution by the General Manager.

Agenda Item No. 7.C. Chair Bulot proposed the Commission consider a motion to approve a 3% merit increase and 2% adjustment to base salary for General Manager Richard E. Haller, and then called for a motion.

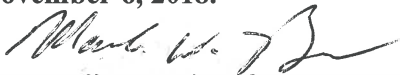
**MOVED**, approve a three percent (3%) merit increase and a two percent (2%) adjustment to base salary for General Manager Richard E. Haller.

Result:	<b>Adopted (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Evans/Sullivan
Ayes:	Bulot, Evans, Hall, Sullivan, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**


There being no further business for review, Chair Bulot adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.**



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Mark Bulot, Chair

Attest:



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Kelly Berry, CMC  
Clerk of the Board