

SAWPA COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District Kati Parker, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Denis R. Bilodeau, Secretary-Treasurer, Orange County Water District (9:38 a.m.)

Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District

T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS

Jasmin A. Hall, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

PRESENT; NON-VOTING June D. Hayes, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Carlos Ouintero, David Ruhl, Rick Whetsel, Ian Achimore, Marie Jauregui,

Kelly Berry

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chair Sullivan at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:

Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second:

Dennstedt/Parker

Ayes:

Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Sullivan None

Nays: Abstentions:

None

Absent:

Bilodeau

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (DCI) PROGRAM STATUS –</u> <u>EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS (CM#2019.101)</u>

Rick Whetsel provided a PowerPoint presentation briefly highlighting the nine (9) projects received prior to the September 27, 2019 application deadline for Technical Assistance for the DCI Program; copies were provided to the Commission, staff and the public.

Commissioner Bilodeau arrived at 9:38 a.m., during the PowerPoint presentation for Agenda Item No. 5.A.

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

B. 2020 MEDICAL INSURANCE CAP (CM#2019.102)

Rich Haller provided a brief report on the changes expected for the ACWA/JPIA 2020 Medical Plan Rates effective January 1, 2020. Haller reported that the Kaiser Family Plan rate will increase by \$36.48 per month, necessitating staff's recommendation to increase the medical cap from \$1,745.45 to \$1,781.93 commencing January 1, 2020.

MOVED, direct staff to adjust the medical insurance cap from \$1,745.45 to \$1,781.93, which reflects the ACWA/JPIA 2020 Kaiser Family Plan rate.

Result: Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second: Harrison/Dennstedt

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Sullivan

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: None

C. <u>OWOW PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 1 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT</u> PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION AND RELATED AGREEMENTS (CM#2019.103)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation about the Proposition 1 Round 1 IRWM project grant application, which was slightly revised from the presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 20 – 24. DWR provided feedback on the eleven projects during a pre-application workshop; several project proponents are making changes based on DWR feedback. None of the presented projects were deemed ineligible based on DWR's review. Upon Commission approval, final submittal will be presented to DWR by the November 1 grant application deadline.

MOVED, adopt Resolution 2019-7 authorizing the General Manager, or designee to do the following: (1) submit a Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant application to the Department of Water Resources; and, (2) enter into a Grant Agreement with the Department of Water Resources and agreements with the Round 1 project proponents.

Result: Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second: Parker/Harrison

Ayes: Bilodeau, Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Sullivan

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: None

D. <u>PROPOSITION 84 ROUND 2 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT</u> (CM#2019.104)

Marie Jauregui provided the PowerPoint presentation about the Proposition 84 Round 1 and Round 2 Projects status update contained in the agenda packet on pages 28 – 38. Due to a delay that will push construction past the grant termination date, staff will request removal of a portion of the *Enhanced Stormwater Capture/Recharge Along the Satna Ana River* project (portion 1B). The construction will proceed, but it will be constructed without grant funding. The delay was due to a NEPA requirement necessitated by a federal land exchange approved by Congress on March 12, 2019. Chair Sullivan asked if DWR would extend the grant deadline and the costs associated with the delay; Jauregui responded DWR will not extend the deadline past 2020. Jauregui did not immediately know the cost associated with the delay and noted she would research and provide an update.

MOVED, direct staff to execute an amendment to the Grant Agreement between SAWPA and the Department of Water Resources.

Result:

Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second:

Harrison/Dennstedt

Ayes:

Bilodeau, Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Sullivan

Nays:

None

Abstentions:

None

Absent:

None

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGERS MEETING NOTES

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B. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Sullivan noted recent efforts by EMWD and OCWD promoting science-based PFAS limits, and encouraged other agencies to contact their elected representatives.

C. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Commissioners.

D. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Dennstedt requested a future agenda item about iPads for some of the staff who are trying to make agendas easier for Commissioners to read utilizing iAnnotate and other technology. Rich Haller noted staff has been researching and will be able to present a recommendation at the next meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION

The Commission took a brief recess at 10:07 a.m., then Chair Sullivan commenced Closed Session at 10:16 a.m. General Manager Rich Haller was present during portions of the discussion of Agenda Item No. 7.A.

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

Title: General Manager

Chair Sullivan resumed Open Session at 12:17 p.m. There was no reportable action.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Ronald W. Sullivan, Chair

Attest:

Clerk of the Board