



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

David J. Slawson, Chair, Eastern Municipal Water District
Kati Parker, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Denis R. Bilodeau, Secretary-Treasurer, Orange County Water District

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

June D. Hayes, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Williams, Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Dean Unger, Mark Norton,
Ian Achimore, Kelly Berry

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP

The Regular Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Slawson 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 Clerk of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 21, 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**

Motion/Second: Dennstedt/Parker

Ayes: Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Slawson

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Bilodeau

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **ASSESSING HOMELESSNESS IMPACT ON WATER QUALITY, RIPARIAN AND AQUATIC HABITAT IN UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED | TASK 1 REPORT (CM#2020.8)**

Mark Norton provided the PowerPoint presentation on Assessing Homelessness Impacts on Water Quality, Riparian and Aquatic Habitat in (the) Upper Santa Ana River Watershed contained in the agenda packet on pages 11 – 27. This work is funded by the Proposition 1 IRWM Disadvantaged Communities Involvement (DCI) Program.

On February 5, 2019, a \$74,441 contract was awarded to GEI Consultants; this update provided a report on the completion of Task 1 – Literature Review and Assessment of Existing Information. Key elements of Task 1 include: (a) assessing the current nature and extent of stream and waterbody-adjacent homeless encampments in the upper watershed (above Prado Dam); and (b) providing the best available information about the relationships between the presence of homeless encampments and impacts to water quality and riparian and aquatic habitats. Task 2 is the development of a preliminary monitoring program, aligned with existing monitoring efforts in the upper watershed. Norton emphasized currently there is no funding source to undertake a monitoring program. Committee Member Harrison encouraged staff to work in a coordinated effort with other involved agencies before we move toward a program that is not funded. Norton assured that the consultant is in fact working with other agencies and not duplicating efforts. However, we are under no obligation to move forward with a monitoring program.

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

B. **PURCHASE OF AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR (CM#2020.9)**

It was the consensus of the Commission that they would move the item based on the materials contained in the agenda packet; there was no presentation or discussion of Agenda Item No. 5.B. Staff was encouraged to contact WMWD staff regarding a tagging program they have to monitor movable equipment.

MOVED, authorize the transfer of \$48,000 from Building Reserves to the General Fund and authorize the General Manager to issue a Purchase Order to YC Power Systems in the amount of \$63,243.56 for the purchase of a Generac Model MDG75DF4 portable diesel powered generator and a GTS automatic transfer switch.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Harrison
Ayes	Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Bilodeau

C. **PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR WECAN IN THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE (CM#2020.10)**

Ian Achimore provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 127 – 138. There was no discussion.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to execute a Partnership Agreement between SAWPA and the City of Riverside in support of the City application for a Transformative Climate Communities grant which, if awarded, would fund a component of the Water-Energy Community Action Network (WECAN) Program for approximately \$700,000.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Harrison
Ayes	Dennstedt, Harrison, Parker, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Bilodeau

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no comments/reports from the Chair.

B. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Harrison thanked David Ruhl and Carlos Quintero for a recent tour of the Brine Line and facilities; other Commissioners were encouraged to participate in future tours.

C. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioners' request for future agenda items.

7. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

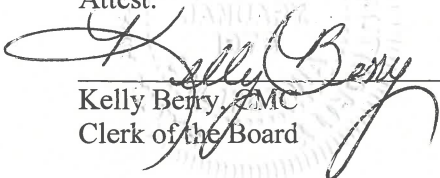
There being no further business for review, Chair Slawson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.



David J. Slawson, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, EMC
Clerk of the Board