



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Jasmin A. Hall, Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bruce Whitaker, Vice Chair, Orange County Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Secretary-Treasurer, Western Municipal Water District
David J. Slawson, Eastern Municipal Water District
June D. Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

T. Milford Harrison, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Kelly E. Rowe, Alternate, Orange County Water District
Mike Gardner, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Dean Unger, David Ruhl,
Carlos Quintero, Marie Jauregui, Rick Whetsel, Kelly Berry

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP

The Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Hall on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting was conducted virtually and all votes were taken by oral roll call.

2. ROLL CALL

An oral roll call was duly noted and recorded by the Clerk of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments; there were no public comments received via email.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no added or deleted items.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 2, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Hayes
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Hayes, Slawson, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. FYE 2022 AND 2023 OWOW AND ROUNDTABLES FUND DRAFT BUDGETS (CM#2021.19)

Karen Williams provided the PowerPoint presentation on pages 11 – 67 of the agenda packet, *FYE 2022 and 2023 OWOW and Roundtables Funds Draft Budget*. Ms. Williams advised these draft budgets were reviewed by the member agency Chief Financial Officers and any comments or concerns were addressed. A comprehensive budget presentation will be provided to the Commission at the April 20 meeting, with budget approval anticipated on May 4. Chair Hall referred to the Member Contributions slide (page 65 of the agenda packet) and asked what determines the amounts collected; Ms. Williams noted this is based on what the member agencies have approved in each budget. For instance, this year homelessness water monitoring and weather modification projects were approved; in prior years, the OWOW Plan updates would have increased member contributions. There was discussion regarding Basin Monitoring Program Task Force and Middle Santa Ana Riverside (MSAR) TMDL Task Force participant fees. Chair Hall noted that key local city and county staff have been replaced recently due to retirement and asked how information about these task force efforts could be presented to incoming leadership. Mark Norton noted city representatives attend quarterly task force meetings and SAWPA staff regularly provide presentations covering task force efforts; in addition to these efforts, staff will reach out to local county public works, flood control, municipal leadership, and city council members. Commissioner Dennstedt requested General Manager Mosher make a presentation about the WECAN project to the WMWD Board at a future meeting.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.A.

B. PROPOSITION 84 ROUND 2 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT AND PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 1 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT STATUS UPDATE (CM#2021.20)

Marie Jauregui provided the PowerPoint presentation on pages 77 – 94 of the agenda packet, *Proposition 84 & Proposition 1 Status Update*. The Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant consists of 18 projects (not including grant administration) and has a total project cost of approximately \$124 million. Fifteen projects are complete or pending final reporting; three projects are on schedule and expected to be completed by June 2021. The Proposition 1 Round 1 Implementation Grant is under review with DWR. Staff and legal counsel are drafting sub-agreements which will be sent to each of the project proponents for review in order to reduce the time between execution of the DWR-SAWPA grant agreement and the SAWPA-Agency sub-agreements.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.B.

C. DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (DCI) PROGRAM STATUS (CM#2021.21)

Rick Whetsel provided the PowerPoint presentation on pages 98 – 112 of the agenda packet, *Disadvantaged Communities Involvement Program Status Report*. The Disadvantaged Community Involvement (DCI) Program is a Proposition 1 funded effort within the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program to ensure the involvement of disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas, and underrepresented communities in integrated regional water management planning. In collaboration with program partner the Local Government Commission, SAWPA is hosting an online virtual mini series – the Santa Ana River Watershed Ambassador Program for Local Policymakers. A Watershed Ambassador

certification is awarded after participants complete three workshops about the watershed, collaboration during uncertainty, and communicating the value of water.

For more information, reference: <https://www.lgc.org/sawpa/>

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.C.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS-

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

- A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – JANUARY 2021**
- B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – JANUARY 2021 (CM#2021.17)**
- C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – JANUARY 2021 (CM#2021.18)**
- D. PROJECT AGREEMENT 25 – OWOW FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, DECEMBER 2020**
- E. PROJECT AGREEMENT 26 – ROUNDTABLE FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, DECEMBER 2020**
- F. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**
Staff recently met with Councilmember Ted Hoffman, City of Norco, the newest member appointed to the OWOW Steering Committee. It is anticipated that the Orange County Council of Governments will appoint its member to the vacant Orange County seat during their March board meeting. The Commission workshop regarding the 100-day plan will take place at the second meeting in April.
- G. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**
General Manager Mosher noted that the member agencies are working on a regional letter in opposition to AB 377 (Rivas).
- H. CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT**
There were no comments/reports from the Chair.
- I. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS**
Commissioner Hayes referenced a letter recently provided by the CSDA signed by a coalition of associations opposing AB 377 (Rivas), a copy of which will be provided to the Commission and member agency general managers.
- J. COMMISSIONERS’ REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
There were no Commissioner requests for future agenda items.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on
Tuesday, April 6, 2021.**



Jasmin A. Hall, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Acting Clerk of the Board