



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2022**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Marco Tule, Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Bruce Whitaker, Vice Chair, Orange County Water District
Mike Gardner, 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**

Kelly Rowe, Orange County Water District
T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, David Ruhl, Edina Goode,
Rick Whetsel, Marie Jauregui, Sara Villa, Dean Unger, Zyanya
Ramirez, Haley Mullay, Alison Lewis, Jessica McDermott, John Leete

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal
Water District; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Ken
Tam, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Michael Markus, Orange
County Water District; Greg Woodside, Orange County Water
District; Mallory Gandara, Western Municipal Water District; Brooke
Jones, Yorba Linda Water District; Nicole Greenwood, City of
Riverside; Jonathan Abadesco, Fedak & Brown, LLP.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of AB 361, 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 items to be added or deleted.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 5, 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF REMOTE COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CM#2022.23)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2022-5 Proclaiming A State of Emergency Persists, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom, and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of all Commission and Committee meetings of

the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority for the period of April 19, 2022 to May 19, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act Provisions.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Gardner/Hayes
Ayes:	Gardner, Hayes, Slawson, Tule, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **AUDIT SERVICES FYE 2022, 2023, AND 2024 (CM#2022.24)**

Karen Williams provided a presentation on the Professional Audit Services Contract, contained in the agenda packet on pages 23-32. The Professional Audit Services Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on February 15, 2022. Of the sixteen firms that were sent the RFP, four (4) proposals were received. Based on the proposal rating criteria and receiving the highest score, staff recommends awarding the contract to Fedak & Brown, LLP. Commissioner Whitaker noted that SAWPA staff has maintained good practice in going out for RFP's periodically and is fully supportive of staff's recommendation. Jonathan Abadesco of Fedak & Brown, LLP thanked the Commission for the opportunity and looks forward to working with SAWPA staff.

MOVED, to award the contract for Audit Services for FYE 2022, 2023, and 2024, to Fedak & Brown, LLP.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Whitaker/Gardner
Ayes:	Gardner, Hayes, Slawson, Tule, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

B. **SUPPORT ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM APPEALING TO FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO PASS THE PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) LEGISLATION (CM#2022.25)**

Jeff Mosher provided a brief verbal report to support Orange County Water District (OCWD) legislative platform appealing to federal legislators to pass the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) legislation. OCWD approached SAWPA staff requesting support for their efforts in sending support letters to representatives of Washington D.C. advocating for the Resolution 2022-6 that supports federal PFAS legislation that protects ratepayers and water/wastewater agencies. The Commission expressed the importance of the topic and the significant benefit to all water agencies and were in full support to move forward with the support letters and Resolution 2022-6.

MOVED, to authorize staff to send the support letters advocating for the Resolution 2022-6 that supports federal PFAS legislation that protects ratepayers and water/wastewater agencies.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Gardner/Hayes
Ayes:	Gardner, Hayes, Slawson, Tule, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – FEBRUARY 2022 (CM#2022.26)

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – FEBRUARY 2022 (CM#2022.27)

D. PROJECT AGREEMENT 25 – OWOW FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, JANUARY 2022

E. PROJECT AGREEMENT 25 – OWOW FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, FEBRUARY 2022

F. PROJECT AGREEMENT 26 – ROUNDTABLE FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2022

G. PROJECT AGREEMENT 26 – ROUNDTABLE FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2022

H. OWOW QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: JANUARY – MARCH 2022

Jeff Mosher informed the Commission that the OWOW Call Por Projects deadline has been extended to May 13, 2022.

I. ROUNDTABLES QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT: JANUARY – MARCH 2022

Jeff Mosher referenced the Roundtables Quarterly Status Report contained in the agenda packet on pages 257-269 and noted that it lists the description and activities for all Task Forces.

J. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Jeff Mosher introduced SAWPA's new hiree, Jessica McDermott as SAWPA's Communications Specialist. Jessica McDermott thanked the Commission and noted that she looks forward to supporting SAWPA's communications and outreach efforts and has already been in contact with our member agencies.

K. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jeff Mosher noted that the Legislative Committee is meeting weekly and getting a lot of good participation from the member agencies and discuss the impacts of the watershed and track all the bills that are being introduced.

L. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no Chair comments.

M. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Hayes noted that the weather modification proposal was discussed at their Valley Districts Board meeting and overall, it was a good discussion, and the recording of the meeting is available on their website.

Commissioner Gardner noted that Alternate Commissioner Brenda Dennstedt is currently coordinating with SAWPA staff in redoing the SAWPA lobby in terms of safety and interior decorating.

N. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no Commissioners' request for future Agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business for review, Chair Marco Tule adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on
Tuesday, May 17, 2022.**



Marco Tule, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board