

...A United Voice for the Santa Ana River Watershed

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 28, 2022

Committee Members				
Santa Ana Watershed Pr	oject Authority Representatives			
Bruce Whitaker, Convener, 0	Present			
Brenda Dennstedt, Western	Municipal Water District	Present		
County Supervisor Repr	<u>esentatives</u>			
Katrina Foley, Orange Count	Absent			
Karen Spiegel, Riverside County Board of Supervisors		Present		
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors		Absent		
County Municipal Repres	sentatives			
Deborah Robertson, Mayor, City of Rialto		Absent		
Ted Hoffman, Councilmember, City of Norco		Present		
Nicholas Dunlap, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fullerton		Absent		
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Business Community Re	epresentative			
James Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants		Present		
Environmental Commun	ity Representative			
Garry W. Brown, President, Orange County Coastkeeper		Absent		
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Regional Water Quality (Control Board Representative			
Joseph Kerr, Regional Water Quality Control Board		Absent		
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	Others Present			
SAWPA	T. Milford Harrison, Kelly Rowe			
COMMISSIONERS:				
SAWPA STAFF:	Jeff Mosher, Mark Norton, Ian Achimore, Rick Whetsel, Karen Williams, Edina			
	Goode, Alison Lewis, Pete Vitt, Sara Villa, Haley Mullay			
OTHERS PRESENT:	Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof LLP			

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Bruce Whitaker, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503; however, a quorum was not present. Accordingly, the record will reflect that no actions were taken by the Committee. The Committee did receive informational reports as outlined below.



1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pursuant to the provisions of AB 361, this meeting was conducted virtually.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 27, 2022

Due to lack of quorum, Agenda Item No. 3 will be brought before the Committee for consideration at a future meeting.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. <u>Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Status Update</u> (SC#2022.4)

Marie Jauregui provided a presentation, contained on pages 9-25 of the agenda packet, updating the Committee on Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM).

On June 30th, SAWPA received a request from the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) to withdraw the Evans Lake Tributary Restoration and Camp Evans Wilderness Park project due to numerous challenges that surfaced since the grant award date. The request indicated that they were unable to obtain permanent mitigation value from the proposed restoration efforts. The \$2 million in grant funds originally awarded to Valley District will be rolled into Proposition 1 Round 2. This will require a formal amendment with the Department of Water Resources to update the budget and remove Valley District's project.

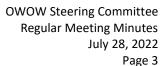
Committee member Hoffman asked if Valley District was able to meet any of their goals or if they retracted from the project completely. Joanna Gibson, from Valley District, stated that they were able to complete some components of the project that will benefit the area, but were unable to fulfill all the required benefits of the grant.

This item was for discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.A.

B. <u>Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Call for Projects</u> <u>Update (SC#2022.5)</u>

lan Achimore provided a presentation titled *Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Call for Projects Update*, contained in the agenda packet on pages 31-41.SAWPA received 24 projects through the OWOW Call for Projects. SAWPA staff is currently reviewing the projects with stakeholders through the participatory budgeting process. A final list of projects will be recommended to the OWOW Steering Committee on September 22, 2022, and then the SAWPA Commission Board on October 4, 2022. Mr. Achimore then provided a summary of the benefits claimed from the 24 projects. The final grant application to DWR is due by February 1, 2023.

Committee member Spiegel was pleased to see how the projects were evenly distributed through the Santa Ana River Watershed and recalled a previous round where that wasn't the case. Committee member Dennstedt informed her that it was intentional; a discussion between the five member agencies took place a few years ago where they agreed on how funding should be allocated evenly between the counties and disadvantage communities within the Watershed.





This item was for discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.B.

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Committee member Spiegel inquired regarding alternates for the Committee members given the many instances of absences and inability to meet a quorum. SAWPA's legal counsel will review the OWOW Steering Committee formation agreement to recommend an appropriate amendment that will allow for alternates.

Convener Whitaker requested an update on meeting in person and indicated a preference to hybrid meetings. Jeff Mosher stated that SAWPA staff is tracking the ability to maintain brown act meetings via zoom and will consider future hybrid meetings.

6. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

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The meeting ended at 11:43 a.m.

APPROVED: September 22, 2022

Bruce Whitaker, Convener
Attest:
Sara Villa. Clerk of the Board