



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

OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2022

Committee Members	
<u>Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Representatives</u>	
Bruce Whitaker, Convener, Orange County Water District	Present
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District	Present
<u>County Supervisor Representatives</u>	
Katrina Foley, Orange County Board of Supervisors	Present (11:09 a.m.)
Karen Spiegel, Riverside County Board of Supervisors	Present
Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors	Present
<u>County Municipal Representatives</u>	
Deborah Robertson, Mayor, City of Rialto	Present (11:15 a.m.)
Ted Hoffman, Councilmember, City of Norco	Present
Nicholas Dunlap, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fullerton	Absent
<u>Business Community Representative</u>	
James Hessler, Director of West Coast Operations, Altman Plants	Present
<u>Environmental Community Representative</u>	
Garry W. Brown, President, Orange County Coastkeeper	Absent
<u>Regional Water Quality Control Board Representative</u>	
Joseph Kerr, Regional Water Quality Control Board	Absent
Others Present	
<u>SAWPA COMMISSIONERS:</u>	T. Milford Harrison, Kelly Rowe
<u>SAWPA STAFF:</u>	Jeff Mosher, Mark Norton, Ian Achimore, Rick Whetsel, Edina Goode, Pete Vitt, Sara Villa, Zyanya Ramirez
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof LLP

The OWOW Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Bruce Whitaker, Convener, at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. The record will reflect this meeting was conducted virtually.



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 | JULY 28, 2022

MOVED, approve the January 27, 2022 and July 28, 2022 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Hessler
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Foley, Hagman, Hessler, Hoffman, Spiegel, Whitaker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Brown, Dunlap, Kerr, Robertson

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 2 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT APPROVALS (SC#2022.6)

Ian Achimore provided a presentation on the Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Project Approvals, contained in the agenda packet on pages 19-83. The OWOW Call for Projects was open from January 11, 2022 to June 1, 2022. SAWPA received 24 applications requesting Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM grant funding. Mr. Achimore provided an overview of each project.

Per the 2019, Cooperative Agreement with the North County IRWM group, the recommendation to the OWOW Steering Committee also includes confirmation that the highest ranked North Orange County IRWM projects meet State requirements and thus be included in the DWR application to receive grant funding. Orange County Public Works is the administrator of that process, and SAWPA staff has coordinated closely with their staff to ensure the three projects meet eligibility requirements. If there are no high ranked projects in the watershed-wide category, or if the high ranked watershed-wide projects don't use the full allotment, then the unused funding is distributed between the OWOW and North OC IRWM process using the 66% and 34% ratio. Christy Suppes of Orange County provided a presentation of the three projects that were selected through their process.

Due to DWR's grant application requirements, SAWPA is required to provide "back up" projects that are ranked just below the top projects. "Back up" projects are needed in case a selected project cannot proceed during the implementation phase from Summer 2023 to December 2027. Those two "back up" projects are:

- DAC: Shamrock and Meridian Septic to Sewer Conversion
- OWOW General: City of Rialto Recycled Intertie

Committee Member Dennstedt stated that the goal of this process is to reduce our dependency of state water and rely more on groundwater. She asked staff to provide a summary of anticipated new water and revised water produced by the projects.



MOVED, (1) Recommend the OWOW portfolio of ten projects to the SAWPA Commission in order to receive Proposition 1 IRWM Round 2 grant funding, and (2) Confirm that the three North Orange County IRWM projects meet State requirements and thus be included in the Round 2 list of projects to receive grant funding.

Result: **Adopted by Roll Call Vote**
 Motion/Second: Dennstedt/Robertson
 Ayes: Dennstedt, Foley, Hagman, Hessler, Hoffman, Robertson, Spiegel, Whitaker
 Nays: None
 Abstentions: None
 Absent: Brown, Dunlap, Kerr

B. OWOW PLAN UPDATE 2018 PLAN AMENDMENT WITH ADDITIONAL PROJECT LIST (SC#2022.7)

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled OWOW Plan Update 2018 Plan Amendment with Additional Project List, contained in the agenda packet on pages 99-108.

Through the OWOW Call for Projects, 24 projects were submitted to SAWPA for funding, and 26 were submitted to just be incorporated into the Plan (i.e. “plan only” projects). Through the North Orange County IRWM process described in the previous memorandum, three projects were submitted for funding, and one was submitted to be included in the IRWM Plan from Orange County Public Works.

SAWPA staff recommends including the “plan only” projects and the four North Orange County IRWM projects into the plan. Entities often choose the “plan only” option to be eligible for other State grant opportunities. The OWOW Plan Update 2018, includes a list of projects from Proposition 1 Round 1 per the Steering Committee’s adoption of the Plan in 2019. That list is shown in Appendix B of the Plan and reflects projects submitted to SAWPA by January 24, 2019.

MOVED, to recommend to the SAWPA Commission that it amend the OWOW Plan Update 2018 to add an appendix that includes: (1) 27 “plan only” projects submitted via the 2022 Call for Projects, and (2) 24 projects that requested Proposition 1 Round 2 funding via the 2022 Call for Projects, and (3) Three projects from the 2022 North Orange County IRWM Call for Projects.

Result: **Adopted by Roll Call Vote**
 Motion/Second: Dennstedt/Robertson
 Ayes: Dennstedt, Foley, Hagman, Hessler, Hoffman, Robertson, Spiegel, Whitaker
 Nays: None
 Abstentions: None
 Absent: Brown, Dunlap, Kerr

5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

There were no comments.

6. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee member Dennstedt requested to have Craig Miller speak on the Solve the Water Crisis initiative. This is an educational effort that brings into focus the ongoing water supply crisis to California policymakers.



7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 12:31 p.m.

APPROVED: November 17, 2022

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