



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2023**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Bruce Whitaker, Chair, Orange County Water District
Mike Gardner, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District
T. Milford Harrison, Secretary-Treasurer, San Bernardino Valley
Municipal Water District
David J. Slawson, Eastern Municipal Water District
Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Kelly Rowe, Orange County Water District
Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Western Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Mark Norton, Edina
Goode, Rick Whetsel, Marie Jauregui, Sara Villa, Zyanya Ramirez,
John Leete, Dean Unger

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Martin Koczanowicz, Eastern
Municipal Water District; Cathy Pieroni, Inland Empire Utilities
Agency; Greg Newmark, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Shivaji
Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Ken Tam, Inland Empire
Utilities Agency; Kevin O'Toole, Orange County Water District;
Michael Markus, Orange County Water District; Ed Connor, Orange
County Water District; Mallory Gandara, Western Municipal Water
District; Ryan Shaw, Western Municipal Water District; Meredith
Nikkel, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Brian
Dickinson, City of Colton

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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 4, 2023

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: MARCH 2023

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SAWPA BUILDING – LOBBY SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS: DESIGN, BID, AND CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT (CM#2023.25)

David Ruhl provided a presentation titled SAWPA Building Phase 3 – Lobby Security Improvements Design, Bidding Support, and Construction Administration contained in the agenda packet on pages 19-28. In December 2022, the Commission directed SAWPA to prepare bid documents for the Lobby Security Improvements project. Gillis & Panichapan provided a proposal for architecture and engineering services for alterations to the main lobby and required interior and exterior retrofits related to the American with Disability Act (ADA). The total cost for this work is \$74,600 and includes plan set development for plan check with the City of Riverside, bidding support, and construction administration. The timeframe for the architect to complete the design and bidding documents is estimated to be four (4) months and the estimated range for total project cost is \$430,000 - \$490,000. As of March 31, 2023, the building reserve fund has \$813,536.00 available, and the staff's recommendation is to approve \$74,600 from the building reserve fund for the design, bidding support, and construction administration. It was noted that the final design for the lobby improvements will be coordinated with Commissioner Brenda Dennstedt for approval. There was no discussion.

MOVED, to approve \$74,600 from the building fund for the design, bidding support, and construction administration for the SAWPA Building Lobby Security Improvements project, including improvements to provide equal access to persons with disabilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Jeff Mosher informed the Commission that SAWPA staff attended an Outreach Event, EVMWD's Splash into Spring. Informational handouts about SAWPA's activities including the Inland Empire Brine Line, One Water One Watershed, and Roundtables were shared. SAWPA staff is also participating in the California Water Plan 2023 Update with the Department of Water Resources and the focus is on Watershed Resilience. The plan is anticipated to be available by the end of the year.

B. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Commission approved the AB1567 Resource Bond Support Letter and SAWPA staff coordinated with Beth Olhasso of West Coast Advisors in submitting the support letter.

C. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no Chair's comments.

D. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners' comments.

E. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Mike Gardner requested adding an agenda item to discuss to support Senate Bill 366, which is a bill that compliments the Solve the Water Crisis effort.

Chair Bruce Whitaker recessed the meeting at 9:44 a.m. for Closed Session.

8. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: one case | PFAS Regional Analysis Phase I Consultant Contract and Funding

9. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Chair Bruce Whitaker resumed Open Session at 10:21 a.m. and Legal Counsel, Andy Turner announced that the SAWPA Commission received a report from SAWPA staff and counsel; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 8.A.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Bruce Whitaker adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

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