



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 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 [remote attendance]

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

**ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Edina Goode, Karen Williams, Rachel Gray, Melissa
Bustamonte, Zyanya Ramirez, Sara Villa, John Leete

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal
Water District; Lisa Haney, Orange County Water District; Adekunle
Ojo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Mallory
O'Connor, Western Municipal Water District; Dawn Coulson, Epps &
Coulson, LLP; Michael Boccadoro, West Coast Advisors

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: NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PLAN UPDATE (CM#2023.69)

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the addition of the Silica Exposure Control Program to SAWPA's Injury and Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP).

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH WEST COAST ADVISORS FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS SERVICES (CM#2023.70)

Jeff Mosher provided a verbal report to the Commission requesting approval to extend the West Coast Advisors' (WCA) Agreement to provide state legislative affairs services for an additional period of one (1) year for an amount not to exceed \$117,000.00. WCA has been SAWPA's legislative consultant for several years and their current contract expired December 2022; rather than going out for a Request for Proposal (RFP), it is requested that the agreement be extended for one year. Beth Olhasso and Michael Boccadoro of WCA host weekly legislative calls with member agency staff and provide an up-to-date view of what is going on in Sacramento, such as tracking things that are relevant to SAWPA, IRWM funding, budget, future bonds, and how the operations are working with the Department of Water Resources. It is a huge benefit for SAWPA to continue to have these services. Mr. Mosher noted WCA have not increased their rates and the current monthly rates equal \$117,000.00 and are consistent with their current contract. Michael Boccadoro noted he appreciates the opportunity and looks forward to a continued relationship.

MOVED, to authorize the General Manager to extend the West Coast Advisors' (WCA) Agreement to provide state legislative affairs services for an additional period of one (1) year for an amount not to exceed \$117,000.00.

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

B. COMMISSIONER KELLY ROWE RESOLUTION (CM#2023.71)

Jeff Mosher provided a verbal report to the Commission requesting approval to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 in memoriam of Commissioner Kelly Rowe for his many contributions and years of public service. Commissioners noted their appreciation for Mr. Rowe's years of service and will miss the opportunity to collaborate with him. He was a big supporter of SAWPA's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) and the Santa Ana River Weather Modification Pilot Program, and his expertise and knowledge will be missed. The signed resolution will be framed and presented to his family.

MOVED, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 in memoriam of Commissioner Kelly Rowe for his many contributions and years of public service.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS/REPORT

Jeff Mosher informed the Commission that the SAWPA Audit Report will be brought forward for review and approval at the December 19, 2023, meeting.

B. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair Bruce Whitaker noted he attended the ACWA Conference and congratulated Kathy Green, OCWD's Board President for also leading ACWA as President. Ms. Green has taken a big interest in legislative matters and will be a good representative for all areas of California.

C. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners' comments received.

D. COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Bruce Whitaker adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m. in memory of Commissioner Kelly Rowe.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

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Bruce Whitaker

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Bruce Whitaker, Chair

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Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board