



**SAWPA COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2025**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Mike Gardner, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District
Denis Bilodeau, Orange County Water District [via – zoom]
Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District [9:35 a.m.]
Philip E. Paule, Eastern Municipal Water District
Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

None

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT;
NON-VOTING**

T. Milford Harrison, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Rachel Gray, Shavonne Turner, Marie Jauregui, Dean Unger, John Leete, Rick Whetsel, Alison Lewis, Sara Villa, Zyanya Ramirez

OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas S. Bunn, Lagerlof, LLP; Lisa Haney, Orange County Water District; John Kennedy, Orange County Water District; Fred Jung, Orange County Water District; Adekunle Ojo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Carly Pierce, Western Municipal Water District; Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District; Mallory O'Connor, Western Municipal Water District; Beth Olhasso, West Coast Advisors; 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 Vice Chair Mike Gardner on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California, and Denis Bilodeau at 301 N. Ross Street, Room 327, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

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

Jeff Mosher informed the Commission that Andy Turner of Lagerlof, who has served as SAWPA's General Counsel, retired at the end of December, and Lagerlof appointed Thomas S. Bunn as SAWPA's new representative. Mr. Bunn introduced himself and noted that he has been working at Lagerlof and its predecessor his entire career, and has been involved with water, public agencies, private clients, and has worked with joint powers agencies, and is looking forward to working with SAWPA and answering any questions that may arise. There were no public comments received via email.

Commissioner Gil Botello joined the meeting at 9:36 a.m., during the public comment item.

Vice Chair Mike Gardner welcomed three (3) new members to the SAWPA Commission: Gil Botello, of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Philip E. Paule of Eastern Municipal Water District, and Denis Bilodeau of Orange County Water District.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no items to be added or deleted.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 17, 2024

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER’S REPORT: NOVEMBER 2024

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Hall/Paule
Ayes:	Bilodeau, Botello, Gardner, Hall, Paule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

6. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Jeff Mosher reported that West Coast Advisors (WSC) serves as our legislative advocate, representing SAWPA, the member agencies, and other agencies within the watershed on issues that have a regional impact. For the benefit of the new Commissioners, it is important to note that weekly calls are held with WSC, led by Beth Olhasso, who provides a quarterly update. During these calls, they track relevant legislation and create a platform for member agencies to discuss ongoing activities, fostering regional collaboration. Additionally, on occasion support letters are issued for specific legislation in Sacramento, contingent upon the agreement of our member agencies. This approach is valuable as it facilitates communication between member agencies and identifies opportunities for collective action.

Michael Boccadoro of WSC provided a presentation on the Sacramento Update. The legislature has reconvened in both special and regular sessions, with the special session expanded to address the Los Angeles (LA) wildfires. This issue is expected to dominate much of the focus in Sacramento during the first several months, potentially longer, given the extent of the devastation in LA. Additionally, a new federal administration took office, and the state is finalizing the establishment of a legal fund, approximately \$50 million, to allow the State Attorney General to pursue lawsuits against the federal administration as needed. This approach mirrors actions taken during the first Trump administration, where states played a similar role. In terms of legislative activity, committee assignments have been released, with the Assembly finalizing the committee chairs and full assignments last week.

The Bill introduction deadline is set for February 14th, and 2025 is shaping up to be the "Year of Affordability." Alongside the focus on wildfire recovery and the new federal administration, affordability is anticipated to be a major theme driving legislative discussions in Sacramento. This topic is already being frequently mentioned in floor debates and can expect further developments in the coming months.

The water supply situation remains positive, with major reservoirs, particularly in Northern California, holding levels at or above the historic average for this time of year. However, despite these favorable conditions, state water project allocations are set at just 15%. While these allocations have been increased, they remain extremely low. From a snowpack perspective, the situation is mixed. Northern California is experiencing a very positive snowpack, which is excellent news for the major reservoirs that supply water to Central Valley and Southern California. However, further south, conditions are less favorable. In the central Sierra, snowpack is at just 74% of the average for this time of year and 37% of the average

for April 1st. The Southern Sierra is at only 54% of the average. Dry conditions are beginning to affect the state, particularly in Southern California. These conditions have contributed to the ongoing wildfire challenges, and with high winds continuing, there is a potential for additional fires across the region.

Beth Olhasso continued the presentation and noted that the Governor released his proposed budget on January 10th, totaling \$322.2 billion. However, many experts believe that the budget will need to be adjusted due to the significant costs associated with the ongoing wildfires. The state is in a special session, and the Governor has already proposed allocating \$2.5 billion from the "Rainy-Day Fund" to support wildfire response and recovery. Additionally, the state will not release the full \$10 billion at once due to the debt service obligations, and it is expected that only about \$1 billion will be allocated to water-related projects this year, as part of the ongoing bond funding. The proposed budget includes \$153.4 million for water recycling. However, this comes with the offset of a \$51 million reduction from the general fund allocation that was received last year, resulting in a net allocation of approximately \$150 million for water recycling.

Ms. Olhasso noted there is a broad category of \$183.2 million allocated for water quality, safe drinking water, and tribal water infrastructure. These funds will be distributed across various departments, and SAWPA, along with member agencies, could explore opportunities to access some of this funding, both through new initiatives and existing programs.

The Governor's budget proposal includes a reduction of \$32 million from the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) watershed climate resilience funds in the general fund. One key issue being closely monitored is the impact of staffing cuts across state agencies, which have been implemented in recent years to balance the budget and address deficits. Last week, the Department of Finance released a report detailing staffing reductions. An update on committee assignments was provided, highlighting key positions relevant to SAWPA member agencies. The deadline for Bill introductions is mid-February. A few key pieces of legislation and issues being monitored include: PFAS legislation, low-income water rate assistance, long-term water supply target bill, water theft legislation, WaterReuse legislation, virtual meeting legislation, brine discharge regulation, and water availability and fire-related legislation.

The Voluntary Agreements to support healthy rivers and landscapes are progressing. A workshop will be held this Thursday. The Advanced Clean Fleets regulation, which would require the conversion of trucks to electric vehicles in various phases, has encountered some challenges. California needed a waiver from the Federal EPA to implement the rule. However, with the inauguration of President Trump, California withdrew its waiver request. It is expected that the state will explore alternative approaches. It is not anticipated that they will drop the clean fleet initiative entirely, so they will continue to monitor developments and keep everyone informed as new information emerges.

Commissioner Botello emphasized the importance of addressing water availability issues, urging that the situation should be thoroughly examined as part of a disaster response and recovery efforts.

This item is to receive and file; no action was taken on agenda item no. 6.A.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF FY 2025 SALARY SCHEDULE (CM#2025.1)

Jeff Mosher provided a verbal report on the Salary Schedule for FY 2025, noting that the Commission is required to approve the salary schedule per requirement of CalPERS. The salary schedule referenced on pages 25-26 on the agenda packet was used in preparing the

FYE 2025 Budget. The following changes were made to the salary schedule from the prior year:

- Increased the minimum and maximum salary amounts by the approved 4.3% CPI,
- Changed Communication Specialist to Communication Specialist I,
- Added Communication Specialist II,
- Added Senior Communication Specialist,
- Added Associate Project Manager,
- Added Communications Program Manager,
- Added Senior Information System Analyst,
- Removed Operations Manager,
- Removed Special Project Manager, and
- Removed Engineering Manager.

Commissioner Hall raised concerns regarding the removal of the Operations Manager position and requested clarification on how this role will be categorized and what the new title and responsibilities will be.

Mr. Mosher provided historical context, noting that the Engineering and Operations Department were originally split into two separate departments, and are now combined. The Operations Manager position has been removed from the previous structure, the newly hired Manager of Operations is still part of the overall department, though reports to the Executive Manager of Engineering and Operations.

Commissioner Hall noted that the titles currently used may not adequately capture the full range of responsibilities now associated with the combined department. The differentiation between roles within the department should be carefully considered to ensure titles accurately reflect the work being done. Mr. Mosher noted that Ralph Andersen & Associates, when working on the Classification and Compensation Study and reviewing the surveyed agencies, will look for positions that are comparable, though not necessarily exact matches. They will focus on roles within the operations and engineering department head positions and may recommend changes to the title if needed. What they do is carefully examine the job descriptions for each position. This is a process they manage regularly and are experts in, ensuring they make well-informed recommendations based on their experience.

MOVED, to approve the salary schedule for FY 2025 as required by CalPERS.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Botello/Hall
Ayes:	Bilodeau, Botello, Gardner, Hall, Paule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

B. AMENDMENT TO THE PA 24 AGREEMENT – APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES (CM#2025.2) 37:59

Jeff Mosher provided a verbal report and referenced the Amendment to the PA 24 Agreement – appointment of alternate representatives, contained in the agenda packet on pages 29-30.

The proposal to amend the PA 24 Agreement came out of discussions with the general manager’s member agencies regarding increasing flexibility for the PA committees, specifically PA 24. Previously, an amendment was made to allow both commissioners and general managers to serve on the PA committees. However, there was a request to explore further flexibility, as there are times when both positions have other meeting conflicts.

Currently, each committee member must be either a commissioner or a general manager, but it is suggested that we add the option of two (2) alternates. The primary member would still be a commissioner or general manager, and the alternates could be another commissioner, general manager, or a senior-level manager from one of the member agencies. Mr. Mosher noted that the goal is to provide more flexibility in terms of representation. The inclusion of a senior staff member as a third alternate addresses the flexibility requested by the member agencies, allowing for better participation in meetings and overseeing potential conflicts.

Commissioner Botello asked if SAWPA has experienced situations where tracking these conflicts or participation challenges made it clear that this adjustment was necessary? What are the costs? Ramifications of adding a second alternate? Mr. Mosher noted there have been instances where conflicts have arisen, though it is not a frequent issue, though in those situations, the decision had to be made whether one of the parties should skip the meeting or attend the PA 24 Committee meeting. While we have managed to work through these conflicts, adding this flexibility would certainly make things smoother. If the alternate is a senior staff member or a general manager, they are already compensated in their regular roles, so there would not be additional stipends or compensation for their participation in the meetings.

Vice Chair Gardner noted that this flexibility could be beneficial for WMWD, there have been situations we have been faced with a conflict between attending the PA 24 Committee meeting and Western’s Standing Committee, and Craig Miller, being the alternate for PA 24 Committee also attends the Standing Committee meeting. Having the option of additional alternates for PA 24 Committee could ensure full participation.

MOVED, to recommend to the PA 24 Committee the amendment to the PA 24 Agreement dated July 17, 2019, allowing for the appointment of two (2) alternate representatives.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Botello/Hall
Ayes:	Bilodeau, Botello, Gardner, Hall, Paule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

C. FYE 2026 AND 2027 BUDGET GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (CM#2025.3)

Jeff Mosher provided the presentation on the FYE 2026 and 2027 Budget Goals and Objectives, contained in the agenda packet on pages 43-84. An outline of SAWPA’s Vision, Budget Approach, Goals and Objectives, and Agency Operations was briefly described to reflect the current strategy elements in setting up the goals and objectives based on SAWPA’s Vision and Mission. Mr. Mosher provided a brief background of the three (3) main program areas that SAWPA operates; Inland Empire Brine Line, One Water One Watershed, and the Roundtables.

Karen Williams continued the presentation on the FY 2026 and 2027 Budget Approach, contained in the agenda packet on pages 52-57. The budget process is a collaborative effort involving all department managers. The budget is based on SAWPA’s mission, vision, and goals, and aligns it with the strategic plan adopted and reviewed by the Commission. The process includes preparation, integration, and adoption by the Commission.

Ms. Williams provided the following timeline overview:

- December - February: Departments develop their budget needs by funds or projects (e.g., Brine Line, OWOW, Round Tables, and Agency Operations).

- February 6: Budget Workshop with member agency CFOs.
- March 4: Commission presentation of first draft of the OWOW and Roundtable funds Budget.
- March 18: Commission presentation of first draft of general fund budget.
- April 1: Commission presentation of budget review of all funds.
- May 6: Commission presentation to approve budget.
- June 30: Commission presentation for member agency budget ratification.

Ms. Williams noted that for PA 24 Committee, the budget will be reviewed on March 4, and aim for approval by April 1. The dates for the PA 22 and PA 23 Committee presentations are still being finalized. Once the budget is adopted, it will be reviewed periodically for progress, comparing actual performance against the budget throughout the two-year cycle.

Commissioner Hall asked if there is anything that stands out that may be a concern to the member agency staff. Ms. Williams noted that a concern for the member agencies is the Brine Line rates and how much it is anticipated they are expected to increase so they can work it within their budgets. Additionally, the member agency contributions and making sure they are not increasing substantially.

Commissioner Botello asked when the budget gets presented to the member agency CFOs. Mr. Mosher noted that SAWPA staff meet with the general managers on a monthly basis to update them on upcoming Commission items, including the budget. During these meetings, there's discussions on various topics, though regarding the budget, the general managers are particularly more interested in the input from their CFOs. Based on feedback from recent years, their preference has been to first review the budget with their CFOs to address any questions before bringing it forward.

David Ruhl continued the presentation on the FY 2026 and 2027 Brine Line Goals and Objectives, contained in the agenda packet on pages 58-66. The Engineering and Operations Department is responsible for managing the Brine Line's operations, overseeing capital projects, and administering grants for programs like Prop 84 and Prop 1. They also handle cloud seeding and pilot projects. Key activities include conducting annual inspections, maintaining air vacuum valves and manholes, and ensuring the right of way is accessible. The department updates the sewer system management and emergency response plans each year and works with external agencies to prevent any impact on the Brine Line. Additionally, they manage regulatory compliance, including preparing for a fleet transition to electric vehicles by 2027.

Mr. Ruhl noted that staff has recently completed a Brine Line Master Plan, which will be presented to the PA 24 Committee in February. The plan recommends several follow-up studies to be included in the next two-year budget, such as enhanced monitoring, offline storage feasibility, brine management technology, PFAS monitoring, and green hydrogen feasibility. We will also continue to review discharge or capacity agreements as they arise, including a recent capacity agreement approved with Valley for facility expansion.

Coordination with agencies and developers in the region is ongoing to ensure infrastructure plans do not impact the Brine Line, and we continue our partnership with OC San through the pretreatment program and the Joint Operations and Policy Committees.

In terms of permitting and pretreatment, SAWPA's focused on standard tasks such as inspections, monitoring, issuing permits, and enforcement. We are also looking to update the Brine Line Ordinance, which has not been revised since 2017. Other ongoing work includes

auditing our pretreatment program, conducting a solids and balance study, and monitoring at the OC San metering station for billing purposes.

For capital projects, we have planned inspections and condition assessments for parts of the Brine Line, including Reach 4B, where we will add maintenance access structures and raise those affected by Prado Basin inundation. Two significant upcoming projects include the Euclid Bridge Project and a new off-ramp in the City of Chino, both of which will require careful planning to prevent impacts to the Brine Line.

Rachel Gray continued the presentation on FY 2026 and 2027 Planning Goals and Objectives, contained in the agenda packet on pages 67-77. SAWPA's efforts are organized under two primary programs, the OWOW program and the Roundtables program. The OWOW program focuses on our Climate Adaptation Resilience Plan (CARP), which includes implementing projects and seeking future funding. The Roundtables program involves the task forces we manage for stakeholders in the watershed.

SAWPA is a state-approved Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) agency, and our goal is to collaborate with watershed stakeholders. Our original plan, finalized in 2010, is now being supplemented with a Climate Adaptation Resilience Plan. In addition, we conduct basin planning and partnership studies, engaging stakeholders to understand local needs and pursue federal funding. Our CARP initiative, funded by a grant from the Governor's office (Land Use and Climate Innovation), focuses on understanding local climate risks, identifying adaptation strategies, and developing regional projects. We are creating an interactive platform to track these projects and strategies, ensuring the process remains dynamic and not just a static document.

Ms. Gray noted that other projects that are being implemented include a PFAS regional study, a cloud seeding pilot program, a turf removal program in partnership with Riverside Public Utilities, and projects supporting disadvantaged communities funded by Proposition 1. Additionally, SAWPA manages grants administration for various programs, including Prop 84, Prop 1, and the current CARP grant, ensuring compliance and reporting for these funds.

The Roundtables program oversees several task forces, many with regulatory components. These task forces often collaborate with the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Key task forces include Basin Monitoring Program Task Force, Santa Ana River Fish Conservation Task Force, Middle Santa Ana River Task Force, Regional Water Quality Task Force, Arundo Management and Habitat Restoration, Emerging Constituents Task Force, Lake Elsinore, and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force. Additionally, the administration of LESJWA, which is undergoing its first strategic planning process.

Commissioner Hall suggested addressing the impacts of septic systems on groundwater quality, particularly within disadvantaged communities, while considering both the environmental and economic benefits. She proposed that roundtable groups could work together to identify the number of septic systems in each city, then use this data to develop a project that could attract state funding and bring benefits to the community. Commissioner Hall emphasized the need for a proactive approach within the region and for SAWPA to help drive these discussions forward, even if it means overcoming the resistance to the upfront costs. This could become a valuable task force for the region to address groundwater contamination from various sources, including septic systems, while providing a solution that improves both water quality and property values.

Mr. Mosher noted that if there's interest from the member agencies in exploring this idea, it could be evaluated further. One potential avenue for this is through the CARP (Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan) process. This platform could be an ideal space for discussing

septic system projects, particularly those that aim to recycle wastewater for reuse, potentially contributing to climate resilience efforts.

Commissioner Botello noted that a key step is conducting asset mapping to identify where septic systems are located and assess the need for upgrades. However, when discussing the option of hooking up to sewer systems, many residents express concerns about becoming city residents, which creates resistance to change. It highlights the importance of education and raising awareness among the community to address these concerns.

Mr. Mosher continued the presentation on FY 2026 and 2027 Agency Operations Goals and Objectives, contained in the agenda packet on pages 78-84. There is a strategic plan in place which is funded for this fiscal year. Additionally, the focus on state advocacy efforts and communications. This area is integrated across all SAWPA's activities, ensuring effective communication on projects like cloud seeding, as well as ongoing updates to the Commissioners through monthly highlights. Internally, we also work on communication efforts, aiming to enhance SAWPA's ability to share information with stakeholders and the public. This has been a focus, and we continue to improve these efforts. A significant portion of the budget is dedicated to maintaining security, ensuring that our software, hardware, and network applications remain up to date. Additionally, our IT program supports GIS services, which are crucial for both the brine line operations and our planning projects.

This item is to receive and file, no action was taken on agenda item no. 7.C.

D. RFP FOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES (CM#2025.4)

Karen Williams provided a presentation on the RFP for Investment Management Services, contained in the agenda packet on pages 109-124. SAWPA staff are preparing to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for investment management services. This move comes as part of the succession planning for the Finance Department, as she will be retiring, and the goal is to hire a new Director of Finance by Fall 2025, with at least three (3) months of overlap to ensure a smooth transition.

The new Director of Finance will oversee the external firm managing the organization's investments, which have historically been managed in-house. The decision to outsource investment management is aimed at bringing in expert guidance, improving investment policy review, enhancing asset allocation strategies, and providing comprehensive performance reporting and risk management.

The current investment portfolio, valued at approximately \$80 million, is largely held in short-term securities and certificates of deposit (CDs). Outsourcing to an external firm will also provide benefits such as better investment options, portfolio management, and the ability to rebalance investments effectively. The RFP will allow for flexibility in fee structures, including fixed, variable, or performance-based fees, and negotiations will take place once proposals are received.

SAWPA anticipates reviewing the proposals with the Member Agency financial staff before bringing the RFP back for approval, likely in February or March. This initiative aims to support the Finance Department in its operations while preparing for the transition of CFOs.

Vice Chair Gardner noted that Western recently went through an RFP for investment management services, and some of your other member agencies may have done the same recently. The member agency CFOs could be a great resource to help structure the RFP and recommend firms to ensure it reaches the right candidates. Their insights will be valuable as you move forward with the RFP process.

Commissioner Botello asked how the RFP will be solicited. Ms. Williams noted by relying on recommendations from the member agencies and using PlanetBids to distribute as well as

posting on SAWPA’s website. As for the review process, she plans to reach out to the member agencies to see if they would be interested in participating in reviewing the RFPs and be part of the interview panel.

This item is to receive and file; no action was taken on agenda item no. 7.D.

E. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY UPDATE (CM#2025.5)

Jeff Mosher provided a presentation on the Classification and Compensation Study Update, contained in the agenda packet on page 127-134. Ralph Andersen & Associates conducted a compensation study to assess various positions at SAWPA, the general managers raised questions about the composition of the survey agencies. Initially, there were 12 agencies included in the study, which was reviewed last fall. Based on feedback, it was suggested some changes to make the survey more representative. The recommendation is to remove larger agencies, which may have more complex structures than SAWPA, and replace them with agencies that are Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) with a similar scope and size to SAWPA.

The proposed changes involve removing four (4) large agencies Riverside County, Irvine Ranch Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, and Inland Empire Utility Agencies and replacing them with six (6) JPAs that are more comparable to SAWPA in terms of employee size and operational scope. These agencies include the Big Bear Regional Wastewater Authority, Water Facilities Authority, Encina Wastewater Authority, South Orange Coast Wastewater Authority, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, and Sweetwater Authority.

In terms of resource impact, we would need Ralph Anderson Associates to update the study to include these new agencies. The estimated cost is about \$1,000 per agency, totaling an additional \$6,000, for which we have budgeted.

MOVED, to approve the removal of four (4) labor market survey agencies and the addition of six (6) labor market survey agencies from the Classification and Compensation Study being conducted by Ralph Andersen & Associates.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Paule/Botello
Ayes:	Bilodeau, Botello, Gardner, Hall, Paule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. CASH TRANSACTIONS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

Presenter: Karen Williams

B. INTER-FUND BORROWING – NOVEMBER 2024 (CM#2025.6)

Presenter: Karen Williams

C. PERFORMANCE INDICATORS/FINANCIAL REPORTING – NOVEMBER 2024 (CM#2025.7)

Presenter: Karen Williams

D. PROJECT AGREEMENT 25 – OWOW FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, OCTOBER 2024

Presenter: Karen Williams

E. PROJECT AGREEMENT 26 – ROUNDTABLE FUND – FINANCIAL REPORT, OCTOBER 2024

Presenter: Karen Williams

F. STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Presenter: Jeff Mosher

G. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Jeff Mosher informed the Commission that the Rotation of Officers will be held at the February 4th meeting. The new office positions will be as follows, Commissioner Gardner will serve as Chair, Commissioner Botello as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Paule will take on the role of Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Mosher also noted that staff will be presenting the results of the Brine Line Master Plan. This is an important presentation, as we will not only discuss the findings but also the proposed studies that will be considered for inclusion in the budget.

H. CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT

There were no Chair comments received.

I. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Botello commended staff for the informational reports. Commissioner Paule noted that he has been on EMWD’s Board for 18 years and has never had the opportunity to serve on the SAWPA Commission and is happy to be a participant. Commissioner Bilodeau noted that this is his third term on SAWPA and is looking forward to another term.

J. COMMISSIONERS’ REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Gardner requested two (2) future agenda items for discussion on Senate Bill 72, and whether SAWPA wishes to support it. Additionally, to look into whether the Commission wishes to issue an RFP for general counsel services.

9. CLOSED SESSION

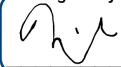
There was no Closed Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Mike Gardner adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Commission on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

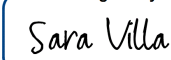
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