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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OWOW STEERING COMMITTEE
SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY
11615 STERLING AVENUE, RIVERSIDE, CA 92503**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026– 11:00 A.M.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (GIL BOTELLO, CONVENER)**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public may address the Committee on items within the jurisdiction of the Committee; however, no action may be taken on an item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Government Code §54954.2(b).

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4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

Pursuant to Government Code §54954.2(b), items may be added on which there is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Committee by one motion as listed below.

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: MAY 28, 2026

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. PROPOSITION 1 ROUND 2 REPLACEMENT PROJECTS APPROVAL (SC#2026.5)

Presenter: Ian Achimore

Recommendation: It is recommended that the OWOW Steering Committee approve transferring \$4,539,803 in Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Round 2 funding currently obligated to the two Monte Vista Water District projects no longer moving forward - 1) Wellhead Nitrate Treatment for Wells 4 & 27 and 2) Well 2 Replacement projects, to the following projects in the amounts shown below:

Project Name	Applicant	Transferred Grant
Lake Elsinore Algae Harvesting and Nutrient Removal	Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority	+\$938,910
Well Pump Replacements	Monte Vista Water District	+\$3,600,893
Total		\$4,539,803

B. PROPOSITION 4 FUNDING UPDATE AND REGIONAL ARUNDO COORDINATION INITIATIVE (SC#2026.6)

Presenter: Erika Beyer

Recommendation: Receive and file.

C. CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN 2028 TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP WORKSHOP 1 UPDATE (SC#2026.7)

Presenter: Erika Beyer

Recommendation: Receive and file.

7. SAWPA GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

8. CONVENER'S COMMENTS/REPORT

9. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

10. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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2026 OWOW Steering Committee Regular Meetings

Fourth Thursday of Every Quarter (February, May, September, November)

(Note: All meetings begin at 11:00 a.m., unless otherwise noticed, and are held at SAWPA.)

February	May
2/26/2026 Regular Committee Meeting	5/28/2026 Regular Committee Meeting
September	November
9/24/2026 Regular Committee Meeting	11/19/2026 Regular Committee Meeting*

*Meeting date adjusted due to conflicting holiday.