

**ACTION MINUTES
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AREA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Date and Location: May 12, 2016 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Laguna Niguel Council Chambers
30111 Crown Valley Parkway
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

****Audio recording for the May 12th meeting is available [here](#). Recording times noted in the minutes correspond to that item on the recording.****

ITEM # 1 Roll Call/Self-Introductions (Recording: 00:00:00)

Sandra F. Jacobs, Chair, Santa Margarita Water District
Andrew Hamilton, Vice Chair, City of Lake Forest
Jerry McCloskey, City of Laguna Niguel
Carlos N. Olvera, City of Dana Point
Mark Monin, El Toro Water District
David Shissler for Rob Zur Schmiede, City of Laguna Beach
Carol Moore, City of Laguna Woods
Ed Sachs, City of Mission Viejo
Debbie Neev, Laguna Beach County Water District
Susan Hinman, Municipal Water District of OC
Victor Cao for Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
E. Max Maximous for Mike Vaughn, City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Raymond Miller, City of San Juan Capistrano
Rick Erkeneff, South OC Watershed District
Ed Mandich, Trabuco Canyon Water District

ITEM # 2 Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items) (Recording: 00:01:55)

Kelly Rowe, hydrogeologist consultant in Costa Mesa, completed a study of the San Juan Basin and SESPE formation as a potential aquifer. Mr. Rowe noted that he will provide updates on his findings at future meetings.

Michael Beanan, South Coast Civic Association, acknowledged the South Coast Water District for collaborating with South Laguna Civic Association for the May 18, 2016 meeting to be held at the South Coast Water District Office to discuss the new pipeline expansion on Coast Highway.

ITEM # 3 Approval of Minutes (Recording: 00:07:20)

The minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting were presented to the Executive Committee.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 meeting

Motion: Approve minutes
First/Second: Ms. Hinman/Ms.Neev
Abstained: None
Outcome: Approved

ITEM # 4 San Juan Basin Optimization Program (Recording: 00:07:40)
Presenter: Dan Feron, Santa Margarita Water District

Mr. Feron provided an overview of the San Juan Basin Optimization Project. The project is a partnership with the City of San Juan Capistrano, Mouton Niguel Water District, South Coast Water District, Santa Margarita Water District, and other jurisdictions. The project will be completed in phases; the first of which includes installation of rubber dams in San Juan and Trabuco Creeks to hold flows for instream recharge. Later phases include live stream recharge of recycled water. The primary goals of the project are to supplement local water supply via groundwater replenishment, whilst addressing mandates for treatment of storm and urban runoff. Santa Margarita Water District anticipates completion of a Programmatic EIR inclusive of the rubber dams and acknowledging other projects (e.g. Doheny Desalination) and implementation of Phase I in fiscal year 2016-17.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

ITEM # 5 2014 Proposition 84 Drought Grant Recycled Water Project Update
(Recording: 00:57:10)
Presenter: Rick Shintaku, South Coast Water District

Mr. Shintaku provided an update on the Recycled Water Extension Project, which received \$500,000 in funding through the Proposition 84 Drought Grant in 2014. The project covers 8.3 square miles, including portions of Laguna Beach, Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente. Project construction took place from May to October, 2015. As a result of the project, 50 million gallons per year (the equivalent of 350 homes worth) of water used for irrigation was converted from potable to recycled water. The total project cost was \$1,306,000.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

ITEM # 6 Management Committee Update: IRWM Plan & Objectives (Recording: 01:16:40)
Presenter: Brad Fowler, City of Dana Point

Mr. Fowler provided an update on Management Committee progress made to date on updating the Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (IRWM Plan) and associated objectives. Per Executive Committee direction, the Management Committee formed an ad hoc to review necessary updates to the IRWM Plan, including modification of the goals and incorporation of the strategic visioning priorities. Additionally, consultant support was secured on April 12, 2016 for the IRWM Plan update process. The Management Committee ad hoc has recommended with Management Committee support:

- 1) Aligning IRWM Plan update to address direction from Executive Committee with State guidance on grants and IRWM Planning Standards – a requirement to receive funding;
- 2) Aligning State IRWM grant schedules and local planning efforts to assure accuracy and the most up-to-date IRWM Plan updates;
- 3) Evaluating and defining overall IRWM Plan update needs, incorporating modifications to goals, objectives and local priorities with modifications to metrics and project assessment tools to be addressed after guidance is received from the State; and

- 4) Management Committee to update the Executive Committee on progress made at the August 4, 2016 Executive Committee.

Ms. Jacobs provided input on the process to the Management Committee, noting that the recommendations align with direction received from the Executive Committee previously. Ms. Jacobs also requested that the three regional priorities developed by the Strategic Visioning Ad Hoc be considered in the IRWM Plan update. Ms. Hinman requested that the planning effort utilize the term “regional” versus “local” with regard to projects.

Recommended Action: Provide direction to Management Committee

ITEM # 7 Executive Officer’s Report (Recording: 01:36:20)

Marilyn Thoms, County of Orange, provided the following updates to the Committee:

- The date for the Study of Aliso Creek Mainstem Ecosystem Restoration Project Chief’s Report was changed from November 2016 to November 2017; the stakeholder meeting will now more likely take place sometime in the summer.
- The Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP), Orange County is working on the plan and submitted the first chapter (B.2) to the San Diego Water Board on April 1, 2016. The next two submittals are due to the San Diego Water Board on October 1, 2016 and April 1, 2017.
- The Storm Water Resource Plan is a requirement for all stormwater projects seeking State Bond funds. Orange County has taken the lead on the plan development to limit costs and provide the plan as an eligibility requirement for all projects in Orange County. The County has estimated that seven projects in Orange County are likely to submit for funding. Updates on the plan development will be provided at future meetings.
- The Management Committee accepted the resignation of Mary Jane Foley, Public Member to the Management Committee. A recommendation for next steps will be determined and the Management Committee will bring discussion points back to the Executive Committee at a future meeting.
- The DWR/NWRI/SCWC Drought Response Workshop (2016) Held: May 16-17, 2016
Location: Irvine, California [Click here for more information on this event.](#)
- The Smart and Sustainable Cities conference is on May 19, 2016 for more information visit: [Smart Cities UCLA.org.](#)
- The 9th Annual OC Water Summit in Costa Mesa is on May 20, 2016.
- Lisa A. Bartlett, Chairwoman of the Board Supervisor, Fifth District is organizing a Water Expo for the summer of 2016 with a tentative date of July 30, 2016. Marilyn asked requested assistance from the committee for potential venues; the date will be moved if a facility is not confirmed.

ITEM #8 Executive Committee Member Comments (Recording: 01:47:20)

- Ms. Hinman invited Committee members and stakeholders to attend the upcoming WACO meeting on May 13, 2016 at 7:30am. A topic of discussion will be on the Phase II of the OC Water Reliability study.

- Brad Fowler, City of Dana Point, noted that the city had received the Governors Executive Order and that the city is prepared to assist South Coast Water District in meeting compliance.
- The Santa Margarita Water District Water Awareness Day is on Saturday, May 20, 2016.
- The Trabuco Canyon Water District Water Awareness Day is on Saturday, May 27, 2016.
- Sandra Jacobs, Chair acknowledged Marilyn Thoms as the new Executive Officer.

ITEM # 9 Adjournments (Recording: 01:49:24)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2016.

Non-Committee Attendees:

Brad Fowler	City of Dana Point
Dan Ferons	Santa Margarita Water District
Kelly Rowe	Water Resource Consultant/Resident
Devin Slaven	City of Lake Forest
Hasan Nouri	Fluvial Tech Inc.
Ken Rosenfield	City of Laguna Hills
Mark Tetteimer	Irvine Ranch Water District
E. Max Maximous	City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Michael Beanan	South Laguna Civic Association
Moy Yahya	City of Laguna Woods & City of Aliso Viejo
Richard Gardner	Capo Beach Resident
Richard Schlesinger	City of Mission Viejo
Rick Shintaku	South Coast Water District
Roger Butow	Clean Water Now
Shaun Pelletier	City of Aliso Viejo
Tim Nguyen	County of Orange – OC Public Works

Committee Staff: Marilyn Thoms and Jenna Voss