

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

Date and Location: February 2, 2017 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Laguna Niguel Council Chambers
30111 Crown Valley Parkway
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

****Audio recording for the February 2nd meeting is available [here](#). Recording times noted in the minutes correspond to that item on the recording.****

ITEM # 1 Roll Call/Self-Introductions (Recording: 00:02:20)

Sandra F. Jacobs, Chair, Santa Margarita Water District
Andrew Hamilton, Vice Chair, City of Lake Forest
Elaine Gennawey, City of Laguna Niguel
Brian Probolsky, Moulton Niguel Water District
Dave Harrington, City of Aliso Viejo
Paul Wyatt, City of Dana Point
Victor Cao for Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Mark Monin, El Toro Water District
Jerry Holloway, City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Mary Aileen Matheis, Irvine Ranch Water District
Rob Zur Schmiede, City of Laguna Beach
Jack Hunt, City of San Juan Capistrano
Wayne Rayfield, South Coast Water District
Carol Moore, City of Laguna Woods
Ed Mandich, Trabuco Canyon Water District
Debbie Neev, Laguna Beach County Water District

ITEM # 2 Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items) (Recording: 00:01:45)

None

ITEM # 3 Approval of Minutes (Recording: 00:05:15)

The minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting were presented to the Executive Committee.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting

Motion: *Approve minutes*
First/Second: *Ms. Carol Moore/ Mr. Rob Zur Schmiede*
Outcome: *Approved*

ITEM # 4 Federal Funding Opportunities for Projects (Recording: 00:06:15)

Mr. Gibson, President for the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 10, provided an overview of Federal Funds available through the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act or "WIIN Act" and associated WIFIA Loan Program for water projects. Mr. Gibson provided a handout from ACWA outlining the selected provisions of the WIIN Act and WIFIA that would apply to potential projects in South Orange County. He encouraged members to visit the [US EPA website](#) for information on the application process and for deadlines and fees associated with the application.

Mr. Rayfield requested that the Management Committee track WIIN Act/WIFIA loan information along with State grant opportunities.

Recommended Action: Receive and File

ITEM # 5 Watershed Data Management Integration (Recording: 00:30:05)

a) State Data Management System Requirements & Approach

Jenna Voss, County of Orange, provided an overview of the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) requirements for Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWM) Plan data management related to project implementation and tracking. The Management Committee approved inclusion of a geospatial-based Data Management System to address the DWR IRWM requirements in the proposed 2017-19 Shared-cost budget; a line item for both FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 to develop and implement a Data Management System compliant with these requirements was included for Executive Committee consideration.

Recommended Action: Receive and File

b) Regional Data Integration Opportunities (Recording: 00:43:20)

Grant Sharp, County of Orange, presented on Regional Data Integration Opportunities for the South OC Watershed Management Area. The presentation included a sample of the data capabilities and a demonstration of the approach for utilizing, displaying and storing data from multiple sources, agencies and programs. Mr. Sharp utilized the [Water Quality Improvement Plan \(WQIP\) for South Orange County](#) as an example of how data integration, collaboration, and sharing through an open federated approach has the potential to help South OC Watershed Management Area partners manage resources based upon effective data driven decisions.

Mr. Sharp also summarized the expertise and regional services OC Environmental Resources provides for watershed management, including water quality and post-project performance monitoring. For more information visit www.ocwatersheds.com

Recommended Action: Receive and File

c) Regional Example of Dry Weather Flow Prioritization (Recording: 01:09:38)

Justin Grewal, County of Orange, provided an example of data integration across the Watershed Management Area and the potential benefits for cities and water agencies for both water quality permit compliance and targeted water use studies, respectively. Mr. Grewal provided a specific example of how the WQIP data integration process provided the necessary tools to assess flow from all major outfalls in South Orange County; merging water quality and geospatial data to prioritize outfalls for best management practices (BMPs) and projects. Additionally, water agencies have expressed interest in utilizing these data to overlay with water usage data to assess where high dry weather flows may be the result of excessive water use.

Recommended Action: Receive and File

ITEM # 6 FY 2017-2019 Proposed Work Plan and Budget (Recording: 01:41:20)

Chair Jacobs provided a brief overview of the Cooperative Agreement for the South WMA that states the Executive Committee shall approve a work plan and budget annually that includes administration and activities to implement the IRWM Plan for the Watershed Management Area.

Ms. Voss provided an overview of the proposed FY 2017-2019 Work Plan and Budget, including background information for previous work plans and budgets approved by the Executive Committee. The proposed work plan included committee support, grant applications, IRWM Plan list management, grant administration, data management and monitoring, Team Arundo and regional project development. The total shared-cost contribution from each member agency in the proposed budget was \$9,095.24 for FY 2017-18 and \$7,619.05 for FY 2018-19. For reference, the cost share contributions were \$6,071.43 per member agency in FY 2015-16 and \$6,309.52 in FY 2016-17.

The key difference between the two annual proposed budgets was inclusion of funding for a Stormwater Resource Plan to comply with Proposition 1 requirements for FY 2017-18; a Stormwater Resource Plan is required to fund any stormwater capture project, in any Proposition 1 grant program. The County produced a plan on behalf of Orange County stakeholders and agencies; however, State requirements may necessitate major revisions for future grants. A revised Stormwater Resource Plan may not be needed; however, County staff is awaiting further guidance from the State Water Resources Control Board on requirements for the 2018 grant cycle. If funding is not needed for the plan but is approved in the budget, funds may be re-allocated by the Executive Committee to another task or not expended; all allocated funds not expended are refunded to the member agencies.

Mr. Jerry Holloway requested more detailed background information for the proposed FY 2017-19 budget line items. Mr. Victor Cao requested a compiled list of the SOCWMA accomplishments to illustrate what activities have taken place over the past several years.

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff.

Direction Received: County staff to provide more in-depth background on proposed budget items, previous budgeted versus actual expenditures, staff allocations for committee support and other applicable line items, and a presentation of Watershed Management Area accomplishments.

ITEM # 7 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (Recording: 02:01:33)

Chair Jacobs, provided an overview of Executive Committee Handbook guidelines on establishing a nominating committee for election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Ms. Jacobs requested four volunteers from the Executive Committee to convene as the nominating committee. Ms. Elaine Gennawey, Mr. Ed Mandich, Ms. Carol Moore, and Mr. Wayne Rayfield volunteered. Nominations will be considered and elections will be held at the May 4, 2017 meeting.

Recommended Action: Establish a nominating committee to return with a slate for Chair and Vice-Chair for a two-year term of 2017-2019.

Action Taken: Nominating Committee formed to discuss and nominate candidates for Chair and Vice Chair for approval at the May 4, 2017 meeting.

ITEM #8 Executive Officer’s Report (Recording: 02:03:40)

Amanda Carr, County of Orange, provided the following updates to the Committee:

- The Management Committee to review the draft IRWM Plan and keep the Executive Committee apprised of the process, including opportunities for public review and comment. The IRWM Plan is slated for completion in 2017 for submittal to DWR; submittal will qualify the WMA for Proposition 1 IRWM Grant funding in 2018.
- DWR now intends to make available Proposition 1 IRWM Grant funding in two solicitations; it is estimated that funding will be released in spring 2018 and again in 2019.
- The Management Committee is updating the Executive Committee member handbook; a revised version will be provided to the Executive Committee for their reference.
- Municipal Water District (MWD) to hold a technical conference on February 23rd on “Reducing Barriers to Future Production of Groundwater, Recycled Water, Seawater Desalination and Stormwater.”
- The final Orange County Water Reliability Study is available on [MWDOC Website](#).

ITEM # 9 Executive Committee Member Comments (Recording: 02:05:55)

None

ITEM # 10 Adjournments (Recording: 02:05:55)

Chair. Jacobs adjourned the meeting in honor of Mr. Robert Moore, who served on the South Coast Water District for 18 years. Mr. Moore passed away at age 93.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2017.

Non-Committee Attendees:

Asal Askirazadeh	County of Orange
Brian Diaz	Recupero & Assoc.
Charles Busslinger	Municipal Water District of Orange County
Chuck Gibson	Santa Margarita Water District
Devin Slaven	City of Lake Forest
Hector Ruiz	Trabuco Canyon Water District
Jinger Wallace	Laguna Bluebelt
Joey Soto	Soto Resources
Mark Denny	City of Dana Point
Mark Tetterer	Irvine Ranch Water District
Michael Beanan	South Laguna Civic Association
Moy Yahya	City of Laguna Woods and City of Aliso Viejo
Peter Meier	City of Lake Forest
Raymond Miller	City of San Juan Capistrano
Richard Gardner	Capo Beach Resident
Richard Schlesinger	City of Mission Viejo
Rick Wilson	Surfrider Foundation
Roger Butow	Clean Water Now
Shaun Pelletier	City of Aliso Viejo
Ziad Mazboudi	City of Laguna Niguel