

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

Date and Location: August 3, 2017 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Laguna Niguel Council Chambers
30111 Crown Valley Parkway
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

****Audio recording for the August 3rd meeting is available [here](#). Recording times noted in the minutes correspond to that item on the recording. ****

ITEM # 1 Roll Call/Self-Introductions (Recording: 00:00:24)

Andrew Hamilton, Chair, City of Lake Forest
Debbie Neev, Vice Chair, Laguna Beach County Water District
Carol Moore, City of Laguna Woods
E. Max Maximous for Jerry Holloway, City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Ed Mandich, Trabuco Canyon Water District
Elaine Gennawey, City of Laguna Niguel
Jack Hunt, City of San Juan Capistrano
Mark Monin, El Toro Water District
Mary Aileen Matheis, Irvine Ranch Water District
Matt Collings for Brian Probosky, Moulton Niguel Water District
Megan Yoo Schneider, Municipal Water District of OC
Paul Wyatt, City of Dana Point
Rich Schlesinger for Trish Kelley, City of Mission Viejo
Rick Erkeneff, South OC Wastewater Authority
Rob Zur Schmiede, City of Laguna Beach
Saundra F. Jacobs, Santa Margarita Water District
Shaun Pelletier for Dave Harrington, City of Aliso Viejo
Victor Cao for Lisa Bartlett, County of Orange
Wayne Rayfield, South Coast Water District

ITEM # 2 Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items) (Recording: 00:03:35)

Mr. Michael Beanan representing Laguna Bluebelt Coalition presented information on the importance of removing urban runoff for reuse and restoring Aliso's Watershed and Coast.

Ms. Hoi Yin representing the Sierra Club provided information regarding California's New Statewide Trash Prohibition. Informational handouts were available for members and guests.

ITEM # 3 Approval of Minutes (Recording: 00:9:16)

The minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting were presented to the Executive Committee.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting

Motion: Approve minutes by member consensus

Outcome: Approved unanimously

ITEM # 4 Heal the Bay's 2016-17 Beach Report Card (Recording: 00:9:34)

Ms. Amanda Carr, County of Orange provided an overview on Heal the Bay's 2016-17 Beach Report Card (BRC) for South Orange County beaches. Mrs. Carr shared that the full BRC is available for download at: healthebay.org.

Mr. Michael Beanan representing Laguna Bluebelt Coalition provided public comment on Item #4.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

ITEM # 5 South Orange County Wastewater Authority's (SOCWA) Regional Partnership in Water Quality Improvements (Recording: 00:16:00)

a) Betty Burnett, General Manager and Amber Baylor, Director of Environmental Compliance, South Orange County Wastewater Authority

Ms. Burnett and Ms. Baylor presented information on water quality improvement efforts in South Orange County. The presentation also included SOCWA's roles, diversions to the sewer system, SOCWA member agencies roles, and nuisance flow diversion policy and permits.

Ms. Sandra Jacobs commented on the importance of capturing stormwater for treatment. The expansion of treatment capabilities could potentially be grant-funded projects.

Chair Hamilton acknowledged Ms. Burnett and Ms. Baylor for presenting information on water quality improvement efforts.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

ITEM # 6 Proposition 84 2015 Grant Funded Project Updates (Recording: 00:41:18)

a) Dairy Fork Wetland Project, Moy Yahya, Environmental Program Manager, City of Aliso Viejo

Ms. Marilyn Thoms, County of Orange, announced that the two presentations are updates on completed or soon to be completed projects that were funded by the Proposition 84 2015 grant. Ms. Thoms also stated she will be providing an update on the entire Proposition 84 and 50 funded projects during the Executive Officer's report.

Mr. Shaun Pelletier, City of Aliso Viejo, and on behalf of four partner cities, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, and Lake Forest acknowledged the Executive Committee members for their support on the project and announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the Dairy Fork project was held on June 5, 2017.

Mr. Yahya provided an update on the Dairy Fork Wetlands Project. The Dairy Fork sub-watershed includes the following cities: Aliso Viejo, Laguna Woods, Laguna Hills, and Lake Forest.

For more information on the Dairy Fork Constructed Wetland and Habitat Restoration visit:
<http://www.cityofalisoviejo.com/city-hall/departments/public-works/dairy-fork-constructed-wetland-and-habitat-restoration/>

The total cost for this project is estimated at \$1,374,000, which is funded as follows:

- \$305,900 – Local Match from lead and participating agencies
- \$568,100 – OCTA M2 Tier 2
- \$500,000 – Proposition 84

b) Recycled Water Distribution Upgrade, Rick Shintaku, P.E, Chief Engineer, South Coast Water District (SCWD)

Mr. Shintaku, South Coast Water District, provided an update on the Coast Highway Recycled Water Distribution Upgrade. He acknowledged the Executive Committee, City partners and County of Orange for their support on the project. The South Coast Water District Service Area includes the following cities: Dana Point, South Laguna Beach, and portions of San Clemente and San Juan Capistrano.

The total cost for this project is estimated at \$2,673,053, which is funded as follows:

- \$305,900 – Local Match From Lead
- \$750,000 – Proposition 84

Mr. Rob Zur Schmiede, City of Laguna Beach, acknowledged SCWD for their work on the project.

Mr. Victor Cao, County of Orange, acknowledged SCWD for their public outreach efforts.

Ms. Sandra Jacobs asked if the grant-funded projects are monitored for compliance with the criteria that was originally approved by the Executive Committee.

Ms. Thoms stated the grant-funded projects are currently monitored.

Ms. Megan Yoo Schneider, Municipal Water District OC also acknowledged SCWD for the project.

ITEM #7 Executive Officer’s Report (Recording: 01:26:12)

Ms. Marilyn Thoms, County of Orange provided an update on the expenditures for six Proposition 50 and 84 Grant funded projects. The Proposition 50 and 84 Grant Summary is as follows:

Grant Numbers	Agreement Dates	Total Grant Award Amount	Local Match Amount	Total Project Costs
1 07-542-550-0	5/2/2012 – 4/15/2016	\$25,000,000.00	\$44,981,994.00	\$69,981,994.00
2 4600009360	10/5/2011 – 9/30/2013	\$457,416.00	\$447,244.00	\$904,660.00
3 4600009702	5/2/2012 – 4/15/2016	\$2,316,780.00	\$2,833,560.00	\$5,150,340.00
4 4600010626	7/16/2014 – 10/01/2017	\$1,708,647.00	\$106,206,903.00	\$107,915,550.00
5 4600010893	5/19/2015 – 4/01/2017	\$1,500,000.00	\$5,725,000.00	\$7,225,000.00
6 4600011489	9/19/2016 – 6/30/2020	\$4,949,368.00	\$19,584,138.00	\$24,533,506.00
Grand Totals		\$35,932,211.00	\$179,778,839.00	\$215,711,050.00

Ms. Thoms also provided the following updates:

- Mr. Ziad Mazboudi was acknowledged for his efforts on the Arundo removal in South Orange County. Chair, Hamilton also acknowledged Ziad and Team Arundo for their efforts in Arundo removal in South Orange County.
- The County of Orange on behalf of the IRWM group applied for a grant through California Wildlife Conservation Board, the grant funding is for Arundo removal in other areas besides Aliso Creek. The three-year award amount is \$2.3 million and covers Orange County, Camp Pendleton and San Diego regions. Jason Giessow may be contacting City and Water District staff regarding the areas on the maps that indicate Arundo is present. The County is currently developing an agreement. Ms. Thoms shared maps that identify high priority areas where Arundo needs to be removed. The maps will be shared with the Management Committee.
- Mr. Ziad Mazboudi will be presenting information on the Crown Valley Park Entry Improvements at the November 2, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. The Crown Valley Park Entry Improvements groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Crown Valley Park.

Chair, Andrew Hamilton acknowledged the County of Orange and participants for providing the updates.

ITEM # 8 Executive Committee Member Comments (Recording: 01:53:35)

Mr. Richard Schlesinger, City of Mission Viejo announced the passing of Ms. Deborah Carson, Water Quality Engineer for Mission Viejo.

Mr. Rick Erkeneff, South OC Wastewater Authority and on behalf of South Coast Water District announced the completion of the ocean friendly and butterfly garden off of South Laguna and West Street and encouraged individuals to visit the park.

Ms. Megan Yoo Schneider congratulated the City of Laguna Beach for winning the Wyland Foundation's challenge that was co-sponsored by the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). MWDOC will be demonstrating a "How to plant a California Friendly Garden" and offers free California friendly landscape design assistance. For more information visit: www.mwdoc.com. She also announced MWDOC's interest in the [Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life Legislature](#). Feedback and those interested in collaborating to support this effort contact Ms. Schneider. The study is for the development of an investigation of the indoor water conservation and long-term impacts on the wastewater and recycled water supply.

Ms. Elaine Gennaway invited individuals to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the Crown Valley Park Entry, Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 10:00 am. The park is currently in tier 2 of 3 and Mr. Ziad Mazboudi will be providing an update at the next Executive Committee meeting in November.

ITEM # 9 Adjournments (Recording: 02:00:42)

Chair, Andrew Hamilton adjourned the meeting in honor of Ms. Deborah Carson.

Non-Committee Attendees:

E. (Max) Maximous	City of Rancho Santa Margarita
Joey Soto	Soto Resources
Kate Freshley	Laguna Woods Village
Katie Klein	Surfrider Foundation
Lisa Zawaski	City of Dana Point
Mark Tetteimer	Irvine Ranch Water District
Mary Vondrak	City of Laguna Beach
Moy Yahya	City of Aliso Viejo
Zachery Salazar	OC Parks
Ziad Mazboudi	City of Laguna Niguel

County Staff: Amanda Carr, Marilyn Thoms, and Iris Corpus