

LAKE ELSINORE & SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brenda Dennstedt, Chair, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Phil Williams, Vice Chair, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Robert Magee, City of Lake Elsinore
Kevin Jeffries, County of Riverside

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

Vicki Warren, Secretary/Treasurer, City of Canyon Lake

OTHERS PRESENT

David Wysocki, LESJWA Attorney
Liselle DeGrave, DeGrave Communications
Nicole Dailey, City of Lake Elsinore

LESJWA STAFF

Mark Norton, Karen Williams, Sara Villa

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Board of Directors meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LESJWA) was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Dennstedt at the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was duly noted and recorded by the Clerk of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 19, 2018

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: MARCH/APRIL 2018

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

D. TMDL TASK FORCE REPORT: MARCH 13, 2018

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Jeffries/Magee
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Williams
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Warren

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SUPPORT SERVICES (MEMO 831)

Mark Norton recommended that the Board of Directors approve and extend the multi-year Task Order No. DEGR477-04 with DeGrave Communications for an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 for the LESJWA Education and Outreach Program for Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20. Liselle DeGrave provided a PowerPoint presentation on the public education and outreach accomplishments and the next steps for the upcoming two years. DeGrave referenced the slides and provided examples of News Release, Public Notices, and Media Advisory for the Alum Applications, Fish Die-Off Support, and LESJWA Water Summit through the Friday Flyer, Press Enterprise, Valley News, and Canyon Lake POA. Managing LESJWA's Facebook page and providing feedback of the "likes" and "followers" on the events of the community such as *Splash into Spring* and *Fiesta Day*. It was noted that the next steps would be to continue managing the Facebook page, media outreach, community partnerships and events, the LESJWA booth at the 2018-19 OWOW Conference, and 2019-20 LESJWA Summit.

MOVED, approve and extend the multi-year Task Order No. DEGR477-04 with DeGrave Communications for an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000 (\$20,000/yr.) for the LESJWA Education & Outreach Program for Fiscal Years 2018-19 & 2019-20.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**
Motion/Second: Williams, Magee
Ayes: Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Williams
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Warren

B. LESJWA AUDIT CONSULTANT SELECTION (MEMO 832)

Karen Williams informed the Board of Directors that every three to five years, SAWPA completes a request for proposal for audit services as a best business practice. Teaman, Ramirez & Smith was awarded the contract to provide audit services for both SAWPA and LESJWA. As a new requirement the auditor must communicate the engagement terms to the governing body in addition to management, the engagement letter must be signed by the Board Chair. Williams recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file the Engagement Letter for the FYE 2018 Audit and State Controllers Report and authorize the Board Chair to sign.

MOVED, approve the authorization of the Chair to sign the Engagement Letter for the FYE 2018 Audit and State Controllers Report with Teaman, Ramirez & Smith, Inc.

Result: **Adopted (Unanimously)**
Motion/Second: Williams, Jeffries
Ayes: Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Williams
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Warren

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for information.

A. LAKE CONDITIONS STATUS REPORT (MEMO 834)

Nicole Dailey provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Lake Elsinore water quality conditions. The major challenges of the lake are the drought, algae blooms, and fish kills. The Lake Elsinore is a

freshwater lake and the rainfall for this year was 3.38 inches of rain and in 2017 we had 14.61 inches of rain. There was two (2) tons of Fish Die Off in August 2017, and 41 tons of Fish Die Off in May-June of 2018. It was noted that after the rains in 2017 there was a larger quantity of carp population in both Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake. The Cyanobacteria update (blue green algae) first major bloom was in 2016, and the city conducted sampling from July 2016 to February 2018. LESJWA TMDL Task Force conducted sampling from June 2017 to April 2018, and the State sampled from May to June 2018. The cyanobacteria results were non-detected in February and April, though in May and June the microcystins were at caution levels; therefore, permanent caution signs were posted around the lake. The next steps for LESJWA and the Lake Elsinore Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force are a fish population survey, design of new lake signage, capture economic development opportunities, ongoing water quality monitoring, seek federal and state support, and explore short- and long-term strategies for overall health of Lake Elsinore.

Director Magee questioned when will the fish population survey occur? Mark Norton noted that the new fiscal year begins July 1st and a scope of work is already being developed to prepare a Request for Proposals and is anticipated to move forward in the next few months. Director Magee suggested that the following be part of the fish population survey process; Nicole Dailey, Jonathan Skinner, William Johnson, and Andy Kenney. Director Williams thanked the City of Lake Elsinore and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District for being so quick to respond and clean-up the fish die-off.

Mark Norton noted that additional water quality sampling will be undertaken in Canyon Lake east bay coves due to some detection of brown algae in this area. The Alum Application is done twice a year, and the next one is scheduled in September.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.A.

B. LAKE ELSINORE AERATION & MIXING SYSTEM 2016 EXCESS OFFSET ANNUAL ACCOUNTING REPORT (MEMO 835)

Mark Norton recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file the annual report summarizing the offset credits generated by the Lake Elsinore Aeration & Mixing System (LEAMS) in calendar year 2016. Norton noted that the LESJWA Board approved the License Agreement for Offset Credits generated by LEAMS last year and has been submitted to the Regional Board.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.B.

C. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

There were no Administrator's Comments.

D. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

It was noted that the August 16, 2018 meeting has been cancelled; the next LESJWA Board of Directors meeting will be held October 18, 2018.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTS

Director Magee requested a LEAPS update. FERC has issued comments on the LEAPS project and additional studies have been requested and are due back September 13. A report from staff on what was turned in and the status would be timely for the October meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Dennstedt recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 4:43 p.m. Designated personnel essential to the discussion of Agenda Item No. 7.A. were present during Closed Session.

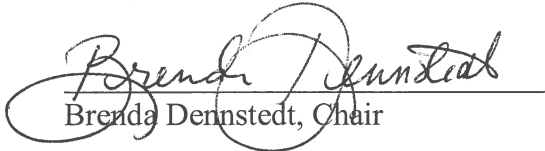
A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION-ONE POTENTIAL CASE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)

Chair Dennstedt resumed Open Session at 5:05 p.m. There was no reportable action.

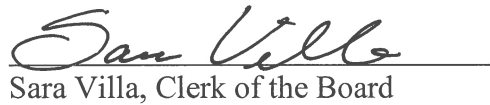
8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Dennstedt adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018.


Brenda Dennstedt, Chair

Attest:


Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board