

# LAKE ELSINORE & SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2019

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brenda Dennstedt, Chair, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority  
Kasey Castillo, Secretary/Treasurer, City of Canyon Lake  
Robert Magee, City of Lake Elsinore  
Kevin Jeffries, County of Riverside

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

Phil Williams, Vice Chair, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

### OTHERS PRESENT

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

### 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 4:04 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. NEW BOARD MEMBER WELCOME**

The Board of Directors welcomed Kasey Castillo, Director, representing City of Canyon Lake to the LESJWA Board of Directors.

#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 10, 2018**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

##### **B. TREASURER'S REPORT: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

##### **C. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT: JANUARY 29, 2019**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

##### **D. TMDL TASK FORCE REPORT: JANUARY 9, 2019**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**MOVED**, approve the Consent Calendar.

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| Result:        | <b>Adopted (Unanimously)</b>         |
| Motion/Second: | Magee/Jeffries                       |
| Ayes:          | Castillo, Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee |

Nays: None  
Abstentions: None  
Absent: Williams

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. LAKE ELSINORE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SURVEY (LES#2019.1)**

Mark Norton recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Services Agreement and Task Order No. WOOD160-01 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$241,247.00 to oversee and implement the Lake Elsinore Fishery Management through the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Task Force. The scope of work includes Historic Data Review, Survey of the Lake Elsinore Aquatic Fishery, Fish Tissue Sampling and Analysis, and Future Fishery Management Activities Report, with a future optional task to Conduct Fish Removal. Director Magee noted that he is in support, though he requests that under Task 4 where it lists the fish to be stocked, that the list is tight enough to where the Department of Fish and Game can't push back anymore due to their restrictions. The future lake fishery needs variety, more than the five basics, and he requests that Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions work with Mr. William Johnson, Jr. whom is responsible for the campground and the boat launch, as well as Mr. James Skinner and Ms. Nicole Dailey.

**MOVED**, to authorize General Services Agreement and Task Order No. WOOD160-01 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$241,247 to oversee and implement Lake Elsinore Fishery Management through the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Task Force.

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

**B. SAWPA OWOW PROP 1 IRWM ROUND 1 GRANT APPLICATIONS (LES#2019.2)**

Mark Norton recommended that the Board of Directors approve the letters of support for the Canyon Lake East Bay Dredging Project and the Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass as part of the SAWPA One Water One Watershed (OWOW) "Call for Projects" Proposition (Prop) 1 IRWM Round 1 Grant program. The Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass is a pilot project proposing the removal of lake algae through the use of a floating barge system and harvesting for biofuels, soil amendments or disposal for composting. The Canyon Lake East Bay Dredging project was prepared based on the past Canyon Lake dredging project and is recommended as a possible supplemental project in the TMDL Update report to help remove nutrient laden sediment in the Canyon Lake East Bay.

**MOVED**, to approve the letters of support for the Canyon Lake East Bay Dredging Project and the Lake Elsinore Algae Skimming Project which has submitted grant requests to SAWPA's One Water One Watershed Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Grant program.

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

**C. REPORT ON AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

Karen Williams recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file the FY 2017-18 Report on Audit prepared by Teaman, Ramirez & Smith, Inc., and direct staff to file the Report on Audit with respective government agencies as required by law. Williams noted that the financial states presented contain no qualifications or reportable conditions and is compliant with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations. The Audit report was distributed to each of the member agency's financial staff for review and no comments were received.

**MOVED**, to receive and file the FY 2017-18 Report on Audit prepared by Teaman, Ramirez & Smith, Inc., and directed staff to file the Report on Audit with respective government agencies as required by law.

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| Result:        | <b>Adopted (Unanimously)</b>         |
| Motion/Second: | Magee/Jeffries                       |
| Ayes:          | Castillo, Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee |
| Nays:          | None                                 |
| Abstentions:   | None                                 |
| Absent:        | Williams                             |

**7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

Recommendation: Receive for information.

**A. OUTSIDE FUNDING POLICY (LES#2019.4)**

Mark Norton provided a verbal status update on the work of the LESJWA Board subcommittee on developing an outside funding policy. The subcommittee was formed among two LESJWA Board members, Chair Dennstedt and Director Magee. Meetings were held with the subcommittee and LESJWA staff on January 17 and with the Regional Board staff on February 11. Norton noted that a consensus was reached in developing an outside funding policy and it will be brought forward at the LESJWA Board meeting in April. Director Magee provided an outline and the direction that was given to staff; A Cost Sharing Agreement is to be developed with the following steps: 1) It would have to be a current and complete application only (which means the LEAPS project is out). 2) They would need to be a non-voting member of the Task Force. 3) They would need to submit a deposit to our staff for review of their application. 4) The project will either be deemed consistent or inconsistent with our revised TMDLs or they have the option to perform their own TMDL. 5) Staff will determine the cost of the review and the applicant will receive a closing bill/statement. They can purchase credits, if appropriate, when available. 6) Staff is directed to get legal review of the Cost Sharing Agreement. Director Magee requests that the outline be shared with Director Williams. Chair Dennstedt noted that the Regional Board appreciated that the LESJWA Board is wanting to facilitate in a more efficient and prudent way. The direction given to LESJWA staff is to come up with the draft language, run it by Legal Counsel and then bring it back for first review and incorporate any changes with possible approval in April or the subsequent meeting in June.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 7.A.

**B. LAKE ELSINORE & CANYON LAKE NUTRIENT TMDL REVISION (LES#2019.5)**

Mark Norton provided a verbal status update on the Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake Nutrient (LE/CL) Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) Revision Report. The report has been finalized by the LE/CL TMDL Task Force that was submitted on December 1. On January 16 a Scoping Meeting was held at EVMWD to discuss the potential amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin to revise the TMDL. The Regional Board will be scheduling a Public Workshop on May 2 to present Draft proposed changes to the Basin Plan for a replacement to the 2004 TMDL. Norton

noted that a lot of work has gone into this report with the help of Risk Sciences, CDM Smith and the Regional Board.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 7.B.

**C. LAKE ELSINORE QUALITY AND HOLY FIRE SEDIMENT RUNOFF STATUS**

Nicole Dailey provided a PowerPoint presentation and provided a status update on the recent events for Lake Elsinore. August 2018, the Holy Fire burned over 22,000 acres in five canyons of Cleveland National Forest, November through December 2018 significant rainfall and debris flows. Fish die-off began December 20 and ended January 24 (5 weeks). January 16, Canyon Lake began to spillover through February 21, and February 15 the lake was closed due to debris and reopened February 21. January 9, Wood Environment (previously named AMEC Foster) performed water samples due to the excessive fish die-off and it was determined that Golden Algae was at a high concentration and is very toxic to fishery. Dailey noted that the next steps is to dredge out sediment plume. An application was submitted with the help of Ken Theisen/Regional Board for the cleanup and abatement funds of \$42,000 to do a full monitoring and analysis of the runoff flows to determine the impact of the Lake Elsinore. There is a conference call being organized with the Army Corps of Engineers to avoid permits related to dredging.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 7.C.

**D. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Mark Norton informed the Board of Directors about the Santa Ana River Watershed Conference scheduled March 29 at Cal State Fullerton. Norton noted that Liselle DeGrave will have a LESJWA booth set up with brochures.

**E. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Magee welcomed newest Director, Kasey Castillo and noted that he looks forward to working together. There is a volunteer effort Lake clean-up scheduled Saturday, February 23 at Seaport Boat Launch.

**F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTS**

There were no further requests for future agenda items.


**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Chair Dennstedt adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2019.**

  
Brenda Dennstedt, Chair

Attest:

  
Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board