

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

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 20, 2020

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

Phil Williams, Vice Chair, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

### OTHERS PRESENT

Nicole Dailey, City of Riverside  
Liselle DeGrave, DeGrave Communications  
Greg Khalen, The Khalen Group

### 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, CA 92531.

#### **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: OCTOBER 17, 2019**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

##### **B. TREASURER'S REPORT: SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2019**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

##### **C. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT: QUARTERLY REPORT OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2019**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

##### **D. TMDL TASK FORCE REPORT: SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 | OCTOBER 23, 2019 | NOVEMBER 12, 2019 | JANUARY 15, 2020**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**MOVED**, approve the Consent Calendar.

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

Abstentions: None  
Absent: Williams

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (LES#2020.1)

Mark Norton said in accordance with LESJWA's JPA, the Board is to conduct nominations of its officers every two years. Chair Dennstedt opened the floor for nominations and recommended Phil Williams as Chair. Director Jeffries nominated Kasey Castillo as Vice Chair, and Director Dennstedt nominated Robert Magee as Secretary/Treasurer for the LESJWA Board of Directors for a two-year term through December 31, 2021.

**MOVED**, to appoint Director Phil Williams/EVMWD as Chair.

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

**MOVED**, to appoint Director Kasey Castillo/City of Canyon Lake as Vice Chair.

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

Director Castillo chaired the meeting at this point.

**MOVED**, to appoint Director Robert Magee/City of Lake Elsinore as Secretary/Treasurer.

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

### B. CANYON LAKE ALUM TREATMENT PROGRAM – AQUATECHNEX, LLC (LES#2020.2)

Mark Norton requested that the Board of Directors authorize a Change Order and exercise the first of two (2) one-year Aquatechnex Agreement to oversee and implement the 2020 Canyon Lake Alum Treatment Program. Additionally, to grant the Authority Administrator authorization to execute the second of two (2) one-year Aquatechnex Agreement to oversee and implement the 2021 Canyon Lake Alum Treatment Program and apply alum twice a year for an amount not-to-exceed \$220,000 per year.

**MOVED**, approve the Change Order and exercise the first of two (2) one-year Aquatechnex Agreement to oversee and implement the 2020 Canyon Lake Alum Treatment Program.

Additionally, to grant the Authority Administrator authorization to execute the second of two (2) one-year Aquatechnex Agreement to oversee and implement the 2021 Canyon Lake Alum Treatment Program and apply alum twice a year for an amount not-to-exceed \$220,000 per year.

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

**C. PHASE 2 TMDL COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM – WOOD ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS, INC. (LES#2020.3)**

Mark Norton requested that the Board of Directors approve Change Order No. 2 to Task Order No. WOOD160-02 for Wood Environment & Infrastructure for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Consultant is to assist in preparing responses to comments from the scientific peer-review of the Draft Basin Plan Amendment to incorporate Revised Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for Nutrients in Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake for the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake (LE/CL) TMDL Task Force through the ongoing FY2019-20 Phase 2 Nutrient TMDL Compliance Monitoring Program. All funding for this Change Order is approved and provided by the LE/CL TMDL FY2019-20 Budget for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

**MOVED**, approve Change Order No. 2 to Task Order No. WOOD160-02 for Wood Environment & Infrastructure for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDL Phase 2 Compliance Monitoring Program.

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

**D. REPORT ON AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 (LES#2020.4)**

Karen Williams recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file the FY2018-19 Report on Audit prepared by Teaman, Ramirez & Smith, Inc., and to direct staff to file Report on Audit with respective government agencies as required by law. Williams noted the financial statements presented herein contain no qualifications or reportable conditions. This indicates that LESJWA's financial reporting 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 2018-19 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.

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

Absent: Williams

## **6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

### **A. 2020 LESJWA WATER SUMMIT (LES#2020.5)**

Mark Norton introduced Liselle DeGrave, representing DeGrave Communications and she provided a PowerPoint presentation titled *2020 LESJWA Water Summit*, hardcopies were provided to the Board of Directors. The LESJWA Water Summit is held every other year and this year marks the 20-year anniversary of LESJWA. Planning is underway and is scheduled for April 29, 2020 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Hall at the Launch Pointe Recreation Destination and RV Park in Lake Elsinore. The LESJWA Chair will introduce the Summit and the great lineup of speakers will be on hand to reflect a good cross-section of the current and future activities of LESJWA and the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force. The summit is a sponsorship event of \$30 per person including a meal. The invite letter will be distributed to a list of Stakeholders including the Agenda for the event showing the speakers and topics recommended by the LESJWA Education and Outreach Committee. Director Magee noted that the venue is going to be exceptional and everyone will be happy to see what the city has done.

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

### **B. LAKE ELSINORE ADVANCED PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT (LEAPS) UPDATE (LES#2020.6)**

Mark Norton introduced Greg Kahlen, representing The Khalen Group for Nevada Hydro and he provided a verbal status update on the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project (LEAPS) project. Nevada Hydro has filed a license application with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the LEAPS project. Scoping meetings with FERC are anticipated to be scheduled soon. Nevada Hydro will be meeting with Forest Service to go over some of the issues that have arisen. There is a tour to be held in Lake Hodges in Escondido on March 10. It's a pump storage project very similar to the LEAPS project. Mark Norton informed the LESJWA Board if there is any interest to attend to let him know. Transportation will be provided to and from the location leaving from Lake Elsinore. Director Magee questioned the removal of the Nevada Hydro's attorney. Mr. Kahlen noted that the attorney is pretty expensive, and they are currently on retainer.

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

### **C. LAKE ELSINORE PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION STATUS (LES#2020.7)**

Mark Norton provided the Board of Directors with a verbal status update on the Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass in Lake Elsinore, a pilot project seeking grant funding from SAWPA's One Water One Watershed Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1 Grant program. The final grant application was submitted to Department of Water Resources (DWR) on November 1, 2019. On January 10, 2020, DWR sent an email to SAWPA requesting additional documentation for the application. The documentation was compiled and submitted to DWR on January 17, 2020. It is anticipated the announcement of award funding will be made by late February 2020 by DWR. Thereafter, a funding agreement between DWR and SAWPA will be developed along with subgrantee agreements.

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

**D. LAKE ELSINORE & CANYON LAKE NUTRIENT TMDL TASK FORCE UPDATE  
(LES#2020.8)**

Mark Norton provided the Board of Directors with a verbal status report on the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient (LE/CL) TMDL Revision Report and Task Force activities. Work continues by the Regional Board and the LE/CL Task Force consultants in responding to extensive peer review comments for the Draft Staff Report/TMDL Revision Technical Report for Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, and the San Jacinto Watershed. It is anticipated to submit the response to comments to the Regional Board by the end of the month. With the forthcoming 10-year deadline for TMDLs approaching, December 31, 2020, the Regional Board requested that the Task Force conduct analysis to determine if the TMDL parties follow the 10-year rolling average values. The Fishery Management Plant Survey, preliminary reports show that there is not excessive population of carp so there is no need for the carp removal project. A report on the fish analysis survey is expected by June 2020.

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

**E. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

None at this time.

**F. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Magee noted that on Saturday, February 22, 2020, Lake Elsinore is preparing for a big spring by releasing 4,000 pounds of catfish. They are anticipating using the results of the fish survey to future expand their menu of types of fish to stock.

**G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTS**

None at this time.

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

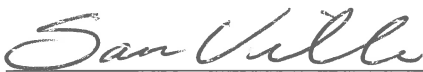
There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Castillo adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2020.**



Phil Williams, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board