

LAKE ELSINORE & SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kasey Castillo, Vice Chair, City of Canyon Lake

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

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 Williams.

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-25-30 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 12, 2020, and Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, any Director may call into the LESJWA Board meeting without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements.

Executive Order N-33-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 19, 2020, ordered all individuals to stay at home or at their place of residence. In concert with state and local efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and until further notice, LESJWA will be holding all Board meetings by teleconference and virtually through the Zoom app.

As set forth on the posted meeting agenda, this LESJWA Board meeting was accessible to the public by teleconference and through Zoom. Members of the public who were unable to participate by teleconference or virtually were invited to submit comments and questions in writing via email for the Director's consideration. All votes taken during this meeting were conducted via oral roll call.

2. ROLL CALL

An oral roll call was duly noted and recorded by the Clerk of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments; there were no public comments received via email.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no added or deleted items.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER’S REPORT: JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT: QUARTERLY REPORT JANUARY – MARCH 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

D. TMDL TASK FORCE REPORT: MARCH 25, 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. FUNDING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH RCFC&WCD (LES#2020.9)

Mark Norton requested that the Board of Directors approve a Funding Agreement Amendment with RCFC&WCD for support of the Implementation and Administration of Watershed Programs for Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake through the end of FY 2022-2023. The funding \$20,000 per fiscal year is to help fund LESWA and the MS4 compliance activities associated with the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL compliance administered by LESJWA JPA. The Funding Agreement Amendment has been reviewed by LESJWA’s Legal Counsel and has been deemed acceptable.

MOVED, to approve a Funding Agreement Amendment with RCFC&WCD for support for the Implementation and Administration of Watershed Programs for Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake through the end of FY 2022-2023.

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

B. LESJWA BUDGET FY 2020-21 (LES#2020.10)

Mark Norton requested that the Board of Directors approve the FY 2020-21 LESJWA budget and invoice each LESJWA member agency at the start of the new fiscal year based on contributions levels as reflected in the budget. The LESJWA Budget covers activities from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and lists existing projects, studies, and administrative costs associated with operating the agency and implementing TMDL projects. Norton noted an additional expense to the budget for the LESJWA Website improvements to meet ADA compliance guidelines. As well as the Education and Outreach Consulting support reflecting an increase of \$5,000 going from \$20,000 to \$25,000 due to costs of inflation and for the LESJWA Summit preparations. DeGrave Communications contract is coming to an end and a Request for Proposal will be distributed to follow with LESJWA’s policy procurement procedures and do an open competitive bid for services.

MOVED, approve the FY 2020-21 LESJWA budget and invoice each LESJWA member agency at the start of the new fiscal year based on contributions levels as reflected in the budget.

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

C. LAKE ELSINORE & CANYON LAKE NUTRIENT TMDL COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM (LES#2020.11)

Mark Norton requested that the Board of Directors approve the following: 1) LESJWA General Services Agreement with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., and 2) Task Order No. WOOD160-03 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$241, 455 for FY 2020-21 and \$233,675 per year for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 for a three year task order with an option to exercise a two year extension to oversee and implement the water quality TMDL monitoring for the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake (LE/CL). LESJWA, on behalf of members of the LE/CL TMDL Task Force posted a request for proposals for the Watershed and Lake Monitoring Program to the LESJWA and SAWPA websites, as well as by direct email to various consulting firms. Only one (1) proposal was received from the solicitation of Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. The Task Order details the three-year agreement with Wood to conduct the LE/CL TMDL Compliance monitoring program for Wet Weather Watershed Monitoring, Dry Weather In-Lake Monitoring, Pre and Post-Alum Application Monitoring in Canyon Lake, Draft and Final LE/CL TMDL Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report, Support in preparation of 2020 TMDL Compliance Progress Report, Data Management, and to attend Task Force meetings.

MOVED, approve the following: 1) LESJWA General Services Agreement with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., and 2) Task Order No. WOOD160-03 with Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$241, 455 for FY2020-21 and \$233,675 per year for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 for a three year task order with an option to exercise a two year extension to oversee and implemenet the water quality TMDL monitoring for the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake.

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

D. REGULATORY AND FACILITATOR SUPPORT FOR LAKE ELSINORE AND CANYON LAKE TMDL TASK FORCE (LES#2020.12)

Mark Norton requested that the Board of Directors approve a new Agreement and Task Order in order to secure continued support of Tess Dunham under the following: 1) LESJWA General Services Agreement with Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP, and 2) Task Order KSC160-01 with Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP in the amount not-to-exceed \$78,389 for the remainder of FY 2019-20 and FY 20-21, to provide strategic and regulatory support for the Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force. On March 16, 2020, Tess Dunham of Somach Simmons & Dunn announced to LESJWA staff that she was transitioning to a new firm, Kahn Soares & Conway effective March 31,

2020. Ms. Dunham has supported the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force as the regulatory advisor since her agreement for services and task orders were approved by LESJWA on August 14, 2019. Ms. Dunham replaced Tim Moore of Risk Sciences who has now semi-retired and is providing limited support to LESJWA.

MOVED, approve a new Agreement and Task Order in order to secure continued support of Tess Dunham under the following: 1) LESJWA General Services Agreement with Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP, and 2) Task Order KSC160-01 with Kahn, Soares & Conway, LLP in the amount not-to-exceed \$78,389 for the remainder of FY 2019-20 and FY 20-21, to provide strategic and regulatory support for the Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. 2020 LESJWA WATER SUMMIT (LES#2020.13)

Mark Norton reported that the LESJWA Water Summit originally scheduled for April 29, 2020 has been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19. The Summit was going to be held at the Community Hall located at the Launch Point Recreation Center. Norton welcomed the Board's feedback on whether LESJWA postpones the Summit to the next fiscal year or possibly having a virtual summit. Chair Williams suggested postponing until further notice especially due to a budget standpoint. Director Magee noted he wouldn't support a virtual meeting because people wouldn't get a full impact of the results of all the hard work that's been put into this effort.

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

B. LAKE ELSINORE ADVANCED PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT (LEAPS) UPDATE (LES#2020.14)

Mark Norton provided a verbal status update on the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project (LEAPS) project. On March 10, 2020, Nevada Hydro offered a tour of the Lake Hodges Pump Storage Project for interested parties. The tour was effective in helping visualize operations of a pump storage project. This project located in San Diego County was originally not designed to be a power generation project but rather was a modification made to a larger county-wide Emergency and Carryover Storage Project to improve water supply reliability by the San Diego County Water Authority. The pump stations for the Lake Hodges project extends 10 stories underground and houses two 28,000 horsepower pump turbines. Each turbine is capable of generating 20 megawatts of electricity. In comparison, the proposed LEAPS project will be far larger in depth and amount of electricity generated.

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

C. LAKE ELSINORE PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION STATUS (LES#2020.15)

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 Department of Water Resources

(DWR) released the draft recommendations for funding for the Proposition 1 IRWM Round 1. Based on early feedback from DWR, SAWPA expects all projects that were submitted to be funded under Round 1 by the State. DWR is expected to release its final Grant Award announcement later this month. A funding agreement between DWR and SAWPA would then be developed over the following months along with a subgrantee agreement between SAWPA and Lake Elsinore.

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

D. LAKE ELSINORE & CANYON LAKE NUTRIENT TMDL TASK FORCE UPDATE (LES#2020.16)

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. All work is completed and submitted by the LE/CL TMDL Task Force consultants in responding to extensive peer review comments. The next step after the review if the responses are deemed adequate would be the scheduling of a new Public Hearing for the Board to consider adoption before June 2020. As part of the Fishery Management Plan and Survey being conducted by Wood Environment, the results of the fish tissue analysis have been completed. All fish tissue samples collected and analyzed so far showed DDT and PCB levels were well below State standards. The fish are healthy and non-toxic and there is sufficient justification for removing this water segment-pollutant combination from the section 303(d) list for these constituents. Chair Williams suggested coordinating with Public Relations for a Press Release and sharing the news with the public. Norton noted he will coordinate with DeGrave Communications in posting a Press Release.

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

E. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

There was no Administrator's comments.

F. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Dennstedt requested the iAnnotate capabilities to navigate through future Agenda Packets.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTS

Recommendation for LESJWA's Education and Outreach Consultant.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business for review, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020.



Phil Williams, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board