

LAKE ELSINORE & SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT

Phil Williams, Chair, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

Kasey Castillo, Vice Chair, City of Canyon Lake

Robert Magee, Secretary/Treasurer, City of Lake Elsinore

Brenda Dennstedt, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

Kevin Jeffries, County of Riverside

OTHERS PRESENT

T. Milford Harrison, SAWPA Commissioner

Nicole Daily, 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 4:00 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: APRIL 16, 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: MARCH-APRIL 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT: QUARTERLY REPORT APRIL – JUNE 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

D. TMDL TASK FORCE REPORT: APRIL 21, 2020

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH SUPPORT SERVICES – CONSULTANT SUPPORT (LES#2020.17)

Mark Norton requested that the Board of Directors authorize the General Services Agreement and Task Order No. DEGR477-05 with DeGrave Communications, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000/yr. for the LESJWA Education and Outreach Program for Fiscal Years 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23. Norton informed the Board that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on April 20, 2020 to a list of public relation firms and was posted to the LESJWA Website. Three proposals were received from DeGrave Communication, Inc., CV Strategies, and MBI Media. On June 2, 2020, interviews were held with all three firms virtually. The LESJWA Education and Outreach Committee was unanimous in recommending DeGrave Communications, Inc. as the consultant to conduct the work for the next three-year term as described in the RFP. Norton referenced a handout displayed on the screen of the Proposal Evaluation Sheet ratings among the three firms. Liselle DeGrave of DeGrave Communications provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Education and Outreach Support Services and referenced all the highlights of her involvement with the social media related efforts. Director Dennstedt requested that the proposal evaluation ratings sheet be emailed to her.

MOVED, to authorize the General Services Agreement and Task Order No. DEGR477-05 with DeGrave Communications, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000/yr. for the LESJWA Education and Outreach Program for Fiscal Years 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (4-1)
Motion/Second:	Magee/Castillo
Ayes:	Castillo, Dennstedt, Magee, Williams
Nays:	Jeffries
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

B. LAKE ELSINORE & CANYON LAKE NUTRIENT TMDL COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM (LES#2020.18)

Mark Norton requested that the Board of Directors authorize a General Services Agreement and Task Order No. CDM160-04 with CDM Smith, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 to further support the Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake (LE/CL) TMDL adoption process and provide technical support services to the LE/CL Nutrient TMDL Task Force for fiscal year 2020-21. The members of the LE/CL TMDL Nutrient TMDL Task Force reviewed and recommended for approval a proposal from CDM Smith to further support the TMDL adoption process and ongoing Basin Plan Amendment support. CDM Smith will also provide additional TMDL implementation support activities; Regional Project Implementation, Lake Simulation Modeling, 2020 TMDL Compliance Report, and Task Force meeting participation.

MOVED, authorize a General Services Agreement and Task Order No. CDM160-04 with CDM Smith, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00 to further support the LE&CL TMDL adoption process and provide technical support services to the Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake (LE/CL) Nutrient TMDL Task Force for fiscal year 2020-21.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. LAKE ELSINORE ADVANCED PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT (LEAPS) UPDATE (LES#2020.19)

Mark Norton provided a verbal status update on the Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage Project (LEAPS) Update. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) released a Notice of Intent, and an MOU contract must be developed to fulfill CEQA requirements between the State Water Board, Nevada Hydro, and Cardno. A joint public scoping meeting for the NEPA and CEQA process will be scheduled soon after. All comments relating to scoping document are due August 17, Norton noted he will distribute the link to the FERC website to all the Board of Directors.

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

B. LAKE ELSINORE PROPOSITION 1 GRANT APPLICATION STATUS (LES#2020.20)

Mark Norton provided a verbal status update on the Lake Elsinore Proposition 1 Round 1 Grant Application Status. On June 4, 2020, SAWPA received notice from DWR that the final grant award for the SAWPA projects was approved, which includes the Physical Harvesting of Algal Biomass in Lake Elsinore, a pilot project for \$297,000. The next steps will be for the City staff to gather documentation related for any CEQA approval if needed for the project. SAWPA will be preparing a draft Sub-agreement with the City of Lake Elsinore that will append the DWR/SAWPA Grant Agreement.

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

**C. LAKE ELSINORE & CANYON LAKE NUTRIENT TMDL TASK FORCE UPDATE
(LES#2020.21)**

Mark Norton provided the Board of Directors with verbal status update on the Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake (LE/CL) Nutrient TMDL Task Force update. Work continues by the Regional Board on the Draft Staff Report/TMDL Revision Technical Report (TMDL Revision Technical Report) for Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, and the San Jacinto Watershed. There was a delay on receiving feedback on the comments from peer reviewers due to the Regional Board bringing new Regional Board staff up-to-speed. A public workshop is anticipated for the peer review and public comments, and then a Public Hearing for the Board to consider adoption later this year. The LE/CL TMDL Task Force activities continue to support the monitoring on both lakes, Lake Elsinore, and Canyon Lake. The Fishery Management Plan and Survey is being finalized and it was discovered that there is not a lot of population of carp, so the need for a carp removal operation is not anticipated. In addition, the fish tissue sampling data results show that the fish is healthy, and PCBs is no longer a factor and can be de-listed as a constituent. Chair Williams questioned if it is expected to have any issues with Lake Elsinore and the constituent PFAs? Norton noted that Lake Elsinore is not a drinking water supply source and does not see it as being an issue. The issue might be with Canyon Lake, there are some studies being done by EMWD and March Air Reserve Base, they had problems with groundwater rising and showed some levels of PFAs. The Emerging Constituents Program Task Force is meeting next Monday and EMWD will be presenting on their findings at the March Air Reserve Base. Norton noted he will make sure the invite list is extended to the Board members staff.

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

D. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mark Norton noted that the LESJWA Water Summit is postponed for 2021 due to COVID-19.

E. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Dennstedt requested that the LESJWA Board packets be placed into a Drobox to mirror how the SAWPA Commission Agenda packet gets put into Drobox.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTS

There was no future agenda items requests.

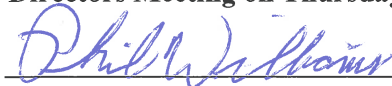
8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020.



Phil Williams, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board