

LAKE ELSINORE & SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT

Phil Williams, Chair, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Dale Welty, 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

Damian Fussel, County of Riverside
Doug Edwards, Eastern Municipal Water District
Edina Goode, SAWPA
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Greg Thomas, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Karen Williams, SAWPA
Nicole Dailey, City of Riverside
Parag Kalaria, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Rick Whetsel, SAWPA
T. Milford Harrison, SAWPA Commissioner

LESJWA STAFF

Mark Norton, Karen Williams, Rick Whetsel, Sara Villa, Zyanya Ramirez

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board of Directors meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LESJWA) was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chair Williams on behalf of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. The record will reflect this meeting was conducted virtually.

Pursuant to the provisions of AB 361, this meeting was conducted virtually, and all votes were taken by 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.

Chair Williams requested a motion for approval of the agenda.

MOVED, approve the February 17, 2022, Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors meeting agenda as posted.

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 21, 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: AUGUST 2021 – DECEMBER 2021

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. TMDL TASK FORCE REPORT: SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 | NOVEMBER 3, 2021 | JANUARY 10, 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

D. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT JAN 31, 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

E. RESOLUTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 361 (LES#2022.01)

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (LES#2022.02)

Mark Norton said in accordance with LESJWA's JPA, the Board is to conduct nominations of its officers every two years. Director Jeffries nominated Dale Welty as Chair, and Chair Williams nominated Robert Magee as Vice Chair, and self-nominated for Secretary/Treasurer for the LESJWA Board of Directors for a two-year term through December 31, 2023.

MOVED, to appoint Director Dale Welty/City of Canyon Lake as Chair, Director Robert Magee/City of Lake Elsinore as Vice Chair, and Director Williams as Secretary/Treasurer for a two-year term through December 31, 2023.

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

Director Welty chaired the meeting at this point.

B. REPORT ON AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021 (LES#2022.03)

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.

Chair Welty noted that Kasey Castillo is listed as the representative for City of Canyon Lake and requested that it be corrected to his name.

MOVED, to receive and file the FY 2020-21 Report on Audit prepared by Teaman, Ramirez & Smith, Inc., and direct staff to file the Report on Audit with the requested edit with respective government agencies as required by law.

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

C. CANYON LAKE ALUM DOSING AGREEMENT AND TASK ORDER
(LES#2022.04)

Mark Norton provided a verbal report noting that in response to a request for proposals issued in October 2021, the members of the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDL Task Force Technical Advisory Committee unanimously recommend the selection of AquaTechnex, LLC to continue to implement the Alum dosing in Canyon Lake to support the Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs.

Secretary/Treasurer Williams asked if AquaTechnex, LLC was recommended because they're best qualified. Mr. Norton confirmed that only two bids had been received and AquaTechnex, LLC was the best qualified and substantially the less expensive. Director Dennstedt asked if there was reason why only two bids were received. Mr. Whetsel stated this work is very specialized and it is difficult to find firms with expertise in this area.

MOVED, to approve an Agreement and Task Order No. AQUA160-03 with AquaTechnex, LLC for an amount not-to-exceed \$689,800 for three continuous years of up to two semi-annual alum dosing in Canyon Lake with the option to extend two additional years.

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

D. SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED MODIFICATION PILOT PROGRAM
FUNDING (LES#2022.05)

Mark Norton provided an oral report noting memorandum LES#2021.17 on pages 67-80 of the agenda packet. LESJWA staff has evaluated the potential benefit to Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake and based on the feasibility study, additional streamflow could be generated that would directly benefit both lakes. The major value would be to increase the depth of Lake Elsinore which based on past statements made by Dr. Michael Anderson, is one of the most important ways to improve water quality at Lake Elsinore. Further, in review of the potential impacts, any additional runoff from individual seeded storms, 1-2% potential increase, is within natural variability and would not exacerbate the nutrient TMDL compliance nor result in any water rights claim according to the State of California. Consequently, staff recommends that \$10,000 of the LESJWA reserves be used for a one-time commitment to the Santa Ana River Watershed Weather Modification program.

Director Jeffries expressed his support for this project Secretary/Treasurer Williams asked if the cloud seeding could be moved closer to the lakes. Mr. Norton explained that the modification pilot

program's goal is to increase the snowpack in the upper part of the watershed to increase stream flows that would directly benefit both lakes.

Director Dennstedt asked if this project was in tune with LESJWA's mission and water quality and if there were more negative impacts than positive, specifically in areas where infrastructure isn't set up for high levels of rain fall. She also asked if there has been community outreach and public engagement. Mr. Norton stated that the benefits would outweigh any negative impacts. He said he has made several presentations to local communities and governing boards across the watershed. He added that SAWPA has prepared and shared a number of helpful resources including a video and project brochure on the SAWPA website. Director Dennstedt then expressed concerns to the Chair regarding staff's recommendation to use \$10,000 of the LESJWA reserves. She was concerned that the proposed funding appeared to be outside the JPA budget process as opposed to the LESJWA reserves. She questioned what the LESJWA Reserve Policy states for use of funds and would like to look into creating a LESJWA Reserve Policy if there wasn't one in place. She recommended the item be deferred to the next LESJWA Board of directors meeting in April so that the budget can be reviewed appropriately.

Chair Welty stated that participation in this program now would encourage funding from other agencies moving forward.

Director Jeffries made a substitute motion to approve the \$10,000 request from the reserves. Motion was second by Dale Welty.

MOVED, to authorize a commitment of \$10,000 from LESJWA reserves to SAWPA to help fund the Santa Ana River Watershed Weather Modification Pilot Program.

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

7. INFORMATION REPORTS

A. GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (LES#2022.06)

Director Jeffries left the meeting prior to the commencement of agenda item 7.A.

Mark Norton provided an oral presentation on future funding opportunities for LESJWA. This is summarized in LESJWA Board memo number 2022.06.

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

B. 2022 LESJWA WATER SUMMIT (LES#2022.07)

Mark Norton provided a summary of the 2022 LESJWA Water Summit and invited the Directors to attend.

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#2022.08)

Mark Norton provided an oral status update on the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake (LE/CL) Nutrient TMDL Task Force. This is summarized in LESJWA Board memo number 2022.08.

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

D. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mark Norton announced that in the later part of the 2022-23 fiscal year from SAWPA. He stated that there may be some changes regarding the administration of LESJWA.

E. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Secretary/Treasurer Williams thanked Mark Norton for his years of service. Director Dennstedt requested a workshop in the next two months to begin a succession plan for Mr. Norton. Chair Welty said that Mr. Norton is a great asset to LESJWA and agreed that a workshop to being a succession plan will need to occur.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTS

Director Dennstedt requested an agenda item to discuss if LESJWA has a Reserve Policy and if there isn't on in place that there be discussion to being the process of creating one.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022.



Dale Welty, Chair

Attest:



Zyanya Ramirez, Clerk of the Board