

Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority



City of Lake Elsinore • City of Canyon Lake • County of Riverside  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District • Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

**LESJWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Dale Welty, Chair, City of Canyon Lake  
Robert Magee, Vice Chair, City of Lake Elsinore  
Andy Morris, Secretary-Treasurer, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
Brenda Dennstedt, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority  
Karen Spiegel, County of Riverside

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None.

**ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

None.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Haley Gohari, Rachel Gray, Zyanya Ramirez, Rick Whetsel

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Adam Gufarotti, City of Lake Elsinore, Christy Gonzalez, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, T. Milford Harrison, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Amy Stevens, WSC Inc.

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 Welty on behalf of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority, 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no other public comments.

**4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED**

There were no items to be added or deleted.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 17, 2023**

**Recommendation:** Approve as posted.

**B. TREASURER’S REPORT: JULY 2023**

**Recommendation:** Approve as posted.

**MOVED,** to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. LESJWA STRATEGIC PLAN: APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT SELECTION (LES#2023.15)

Rachel Gray provided a presentation titled Strategic Plan Facilitator Consultant Services Award of Agreement, contained in the agenda packet on pages 21-29.

LESJWA Board approved the release of an RFP for Strategic Plan Facilitator services. A total of seven (7) proposals were received. An RFP Selection Committee, which consisted of representatives of each LESJWA member agency, scored each proposal based on experience/qualifications, project approach/understanding of needs, anticipated value and quality of services, project schedule, and appropriateness of proposed fee structure. The Committee results ranked Water Systems Consulting, Inc. as the most qualified and recommends that the Board award a consulting agreement to this firm.

WSC, Inc. estimates completion of the plan in approximately eight (8) months. To fund the development of the LESJWA Strategic Plan, the County of Riverside has committed to contributing \$25,000, and LESJWA staff will request a one-time contribution from City of Canyon Lake, City of Lake Elsinore, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, and Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, in the amount of \$9,150 from agency.

Chair Welty inquired about the commencement of the Strategic Planning session. Ms. Gray clarified that it wouldn't begin until 2024. WSC, Inc. is currently in the process of finalizing the implementation plan and schedule, with the intention of presenting it to the Board in early 2024.

**MOVED**, that the Board of Directors:

1. Accept the proposal from Water Systems Consulting, Inc. for Strategic Plan Facilitation services.
2. Authorize the LESJWA Authority Administrator to negotiate fee and execute an Agreement for Services with Water Systems Consulting, Inc. for Strategic Plan Facilitator Consultant Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$61,600.

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

## 7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

### A. LAKE ELSINORE WATER QUALITY PLAN PRESENTATION BY THE CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE (LES#2023.16)

Adam Gufarotti, Community Support Manager for the City of Lake Elsinore, provided a PowerPoint presentation titled Lake Elsinore Lake Management Plan. The presentation is posted on the LESJWA website: [https://mywatersheds.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/LESJWA\\_Presentation\\_10192023\\_WEB.pdf](https://mywatersheds.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/LESJWA_Presentation_10192023_WEB.pdf).

The City of Lake Elsinore City Council officially approved the Lake Elsinore Water Quality Plan (the Plan) on August 22, 2023, outlining a comprehensive 20-year strategy to improve Lake

Elsinore's water quality. The plan involves immediate actions, such as the deployment of nanobubbles, algacide application, and phosphorous control, set for implementation by year-end. Additionally, the plan includes several long-term projects currently in the planning phase, including a Wetland Restoration Project in collaboration with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a Lake Elsinore Algae Harvesting and Nutrient Removal Pilot Project, and the replacement of the Lake Elsinore Aeration and Mixing System. These initiatives collectively aim to enhance the overall water quality of Lake Elsinore. Vice-Chair Magee commended Mr. Gufarotti for contributions to the completion of this Plan.

This item is to receive and file; no action was taken on agenda item no. 7.A.

**B. CALIFORNIA RESILIENCE CHALLENGE GRANT APPLICATION (LES#2023.17)**

Rachel Gray provided a presentation titled California Resilience Challenge, contained in the agenda packet on pages 77-85.

The California Resilience Challenge is offering funding through its 2023 Grant Program for eligible resiliency planning projects focused on enhancing local resilience to climate impacts. On behalf of LESJWA, the LE/CL TMDL Task Force submitted a grant proposal. The proposed project involves conducting a feasibility analysis for a treatment wetland situated at the southeastern corner of Lake Elsinore, with the objective of achieving nutrient removal, specifically targeting nitrogen and phosphorus, in recirculated lake water. It's important to note that this program does not necessitate matching funds. LESJWA staff will communicate the outcomes of the grant proposals to the Board of Directors and seek approval for the potential grant agreement in the upcoming sessions.

This item is to receive and file; no action was taken on agenda item no. 7.B.

**8. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

There were no Administrator's comments.

**9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Denstedt proposed the cancellation of the December meeting, citing the holiday season. Chair Welty expressed the preference to keep the meeting as tentative for December but acknowledged the possibility of cancelation if no urgent matters to address.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Chair Dale Welty adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors on Thursday, February 15, 2024.**

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Robert E. Magee, Chair

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Zyanya Ramirez, Clerk of the Board