

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  
FEBRUARY 16, 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 [Arrived at 3:11 p.m.]

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**ALTERNATE DIRECTORS PRESENT; NON-VOTING**

Steve Manos, City of Lake Elsinore

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mark Norton, Rachel Gray, Rick Whetsel, Karen Williams, Jeff Mosher, Alison Lewis, Mikayla Coleman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Liselle DeGrave, DeGrave Communications

The Regular Board of Directors meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority (LESJWA) was called to order at 3:00 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/INTRODUCTIONS**

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 items to be added or deleted.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 15, 2022**

**Recommendation:** Approve as posted.

**B. TREASURER’S REPORT: OCTOBER 2022 – DECEMBER 2022**

**Recommendation:** Approve as posted.

**C. TMDL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 2023**

**Recommendation:** Approve as posted.

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

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

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS (LES#2023.01)

As a result of Board vacancies and new appointments, staff recommended that the LESJWA Board sustain newly assigned representatives from LESJWA member agencies and approve a new officer to fill the Secretary-Treasurer vacancy in accordance with the LESJWA JPA.

Director Robert Magee suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair positions stay as is, and that the Board elect Director Andy Morris to the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the two-year term through December 31, 2023.

**MOVED**, to acknowledge Director Dale Welty as Chair, Director Robert Magee as Vice Chair, and appoint Director Andy Morris as Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the two-year term through December 31, 2023.

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

### B. REPORT ON AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 (LES#2023.02)

Karen Williams, SAWPA CFO/Deputy General Manager, presented the FY 2021-22 Report on Audit prepared by Fedak & Brown LLP. She informed the board that there have been no changes to the audit since it was posted on the agenda packet.

This item is to receive and file; no action was taken on agenda item no. 6.B.

## 7. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

Mark Norton provided a presentation describing Agenda Items 7.A. through 7.F., contained in the agenda packet on pages 103-175. Below are key points to each discussion.

### A. LESJWA & OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

Reference PowerPoint contained in the agenda packet on pages 103-175.

### B. LESJWA JPA AND MISSION

Reference PowerPoint contained in the agenda packet on pages 103-175.

### C. LESJWA BUSINESS PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Reference PowerPoint contained in the agenda packet on pages 103-175.

### D. LESJWA ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

In the past, LESJWA staff have researched alternative organizational structures from that of SAWPA. After review, it was determined that an alternative organization structure did not appear feasible or would be extremely costly to implement. The Board of Directors concurred that SAWPA has been doing a great job in being LESJWA's administrative support. They noted SAWPA's relationship to Regulatory Agencies and access to grants is of value. Additionally, SAWPA is sharing the use of their Legal Counsel with LESJWA on an "as needed" basis, which has been a great monetary advantage over any other option.

- Director Magee suggested that SAWPA bring back three options at the next LESJWA Board meeting for the administrative support to LESJWA with one of them being SAWPA.

- Director Spiegel requested that a general services agreement be established between LESJWA and the assigned administrative support.
- Director Dennstedt requested that LESJWA prepare a two-year budget and that it be presented to the Board the same year SAWPA presents to their board.

**E. LESJWA FUTURE WORK**

Reference PowerPoint contained in the agenda packet on pages 103-175.

**F. OTHER**

*Weather Modification Project*

Director Spiegel requested that the Weather Modification Pilot project be presented to the County of Riverside Supervisors but prior to that, she would discuss with Supervisor Jeffries to see if he had any concerns with this.

*Future LESJWA Board Meetings: Hybrid, Virtual, or In-Person*

Beginning March, Directors must attend the Board meetings in person. A Zoom link will be available for the public and Directors will revert to following the classic Brown Act procedures.

**8. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

There were no Administrator's comments.

**9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

There were no Director's comments.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

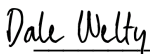
There was no closed session.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Chair Dale Welty adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority  
Board of Directors on Monday, April 24, 2023.**

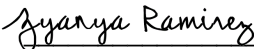
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Dale Welty, Chair

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