



**LAKE ELSINORE & SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2022**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PRESENT**

Dale Welty, Chair, City of Canyon Lake
Robert Magee, Vice Chair, City of Lake Elsinore
Andy Morris, Alternate, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Brenda Dennstedt, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Kevin Jeffries, County of Riverside

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Norton, Rick Whetsel, 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 Welty at the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was duly noted and recorded by the Clerk of the Board.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ray Stinnett addressed the Board of Directors to request that ecological projects be considered at Lake Elsinore.

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no added or deleted items.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 18, 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: MAY 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. TMDL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 2022 – NOVEMBER 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

**A. WELCOME RACHEL GRAY, NEW SAWPA WATER RESOURCES & PLANNING
MANAGER**

Mark Norton welcomed Rachel Gray, the new Water Resources & Planning Manager at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority. Ms. Gray will be taking over Mr. Norton's role as LESJWA's Authority Administrator.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item 6.A.

B. RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF DIRECTOR PHIL WILLIAMS (LES#2022.23)

Chair Welty presented Resolution No. LES2022-4 in memoriam of Director Phil Williams who passed away on November 20, 2022. The Board noted their appreciation for Phil Williams' years of service; several shared professional and personal memories. The signed resolution was framed and presented to his wife.

MOVED, to adopt Resolution No. LES2022-04 in memoriam of Director Phil Williams for his many contributions and years of public service.

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

C. GRANT APPLICATION FOR LAKE ELSINORE PILOT PROJECT (LES#2022.24)

Mark Norton provided a presentation on the Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Grant Application Lake Elsinore Pilot Project, contained in the agenda packet on pages 71-83. LESJWA submitted a grant application for the Lake Elsinore Algae Harvesting and Nutrient Removal Pilot Project to SAWPA under their OWOW Call for Project seeking grant funding from Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Program Round 2 Implementation Grant. The Project is seeking \$1.5 million in grant funding and would be matched by local funding of \$1.5 million expected from the City of Lake Elsinore.

Working with the City of Lake Elsinore staff, LESJWA staff agreed to serve as the contractual lead and project proponent for the project application as part of the rating and ranking process conducted by SAWPA. The Project will be operated as a pilot for three years. LESJWA can reflect support by providing in-kind staff support in grant application and some future project reporting needs.

MOVED, to authorize the following:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. LES2022-05 to adopt the SAWPA OWOW Plan required for the grant application.
- 2) Submittal of the LESJWA grant application for \$1.5 Million in grant funding for the Lake Elsinore Algae Harvesting and Nutrient Removal Pilot Project from the OWOW DWR Proposition 1 Round 2 IRWM Implementation grant, subject to local cost share funding and project approval by the City of Lake Elsinore at the December 13th City Council meeting.
- 3) Provide in-kind LESJWA staff support, approximate \$50,000 value, for assistance in application and administration of the project.

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

D. LAKE ELSINORE AND CANYON LAKE TMDL TASK FORCE TMDL COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROGRAM (LES#2022.25)

Rick Whetsel referenced the memorandum contained in the agenda packet on pages 89-107. The Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force Technical Advisory Committee recommend extending the agreement with WSP USA for two additional years to oversee and implement the TMDL compliance monitoring program for LE/CL TMDL Task Force for Fiscal Years 2023-25. Through the agreement, WSP USA will provide a compliance monitoring program for the Task Force, draft and finalize the LE/CL Nutrient TMDL Annual Water Quality Monitoring Report, data management and QA/QC, and participation in the Task Force Meetings.

MOVED, to approve the General Services Agreement and Task Order No. WSP160-01 with WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$514,663.00, for a two-year task order to oversee and implement the TMDL compliance monitoring program for the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force for Fiscal Years 2023-2025.

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

E. TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO LAKE ELSINORE AND CANYON LAKE TMDL TASK FORCE TO UPDATE THE 2018 TMDL TECHNICAL REPORT (LES#2022.26)

Rick Whetsel referenced the memorandum contained in the agenda packet on pages 109 - 127. Mr. Whetsel stated that a key consultant under contract with LESJWA, Steve Wolosoff of CDM Smith, resigned from CDM Smith and joined GEI consultants. Under the agreement with LESJWA, CDM Smith agreed to end their contract with LESJWA to allow GEI Consultants to take over the main support to the LE/CL TMDL Task Force based on the sole source award to GEI Consultants by the LESJWA Board. The Task Force and LESJWA staff agreed that a sole source award to GEI Consultants is justified due to their extensive understanding and unique expertise of Steve Wolosoff of the TMDL Update and Revision in working with the Regional Board and the Task Force. Director Dennstedt asked if legal counsel had reviewed the decision prior to bringing it to the board for approval. Mr. Whetsel stated that he was unaware. The Board agreed to move forward with the motion subject to legal counsel's approval.

Director Dennstedt amended the motion to approve the General Services Agreement and Task Order NO. GEI160-01 with GEI Consultants for an amount not-to-exceed \$138,320.00 to update the draft 2018 TMDL Technical Document and provide technical support services to Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task subject to review by LESJWA's legal counsel.

MOVED, to approve the General Services Agreement and Task Order No. GEI160-01 with GEI Consultants for an amount not-to-exceed \$138,320.00 to update the draft 2018 TMDL Technical Document and provide technical support services to the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force subject to review by LESJWA's legal counsel.

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

F. LESJWA BOARD WORKSHOP (LES#2022.27)

Mark Norton stated that the LESJWA Board directed staff to conduct a poll among the LESJWA Board to determine if there was sufficient interest in a workshop and if so, what discussion topics should be included. Based on feedback received, a draft agenda for the February 16, 2023 LESJWA Board of Directors Regular meeting was presented for review and consideration.

The Board agreed with the following changes to the February 16 draft agenda:

- Remove Agenda Item 7.F. Bluewater Renewable Energy Storage Project (formerly LEAPS) and LESJWA's role, if any.
- Include LESJWA's history and strategic plan.

It was recommended that the meeting start at 3:00 p.m. and be renamed to the LESJWA Board of Directors Regular Meeting and Workshop. Motion was amended to reflect changes.

MOVED, to authorize the inclusion of a workshop at the February 16, 2023 LESJWA Board of Directors Regular Meeting to discuss LESJWA governance and background including review of past LESJWA Business Plan, governance structure, finance support, legal support and administrative staff support. The meeting will be renamed to LESJWA Board of Directors Regular Meeting and Workshop and will commence at 3:00 p.m.

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

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive for Information.

A. LAKE ELSINORE BLUEWATER RENEWABLE ENERGY STORAGE PROJECT UPDATE (LES#2022.28)

Mark Norton stated that this Agenda Item is a standing informational report as part of a previous request and asked the Board if they would like to continue to receive reports at every Board meeting. The Board agreed that it was not necessary and would rather receive a report if there is a change in status.

Paul Anderson provided a presentation contained on pages 135 – 142 of the agenda packet.

B. LAKE ELSINORE AND CANYON LAKE TMDL TASK FORCE UPDATE (LES#2022.29)

Mark Norton referenced the memorandum contained in the agenda packet on pages 143-144. He reported that works continues by the LE/CL TMDL Task Force and its consultant on the Draft Staff Report/TMDL Revision Technical Report for Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, and San Jacinto River Watershed.

The LE/CL TMDL Task Force and LESJWA are continuing to conduct alum applications to Canyon Lake with the last application occurring on October 10th to 14th. The task force continues to receive reports on required watershed and lake monitoring activities that they are funding. As of late September 2022, the lake remained closed due to high microcystin levels resulting in "Danger" level signage posting continuing around the lake. In September 2022, the City closed the Lake for water contact level recreation. As winter continues, it is hoped that these HAB levels will drop allowing the lake to reopen.

C. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

There were no Chair comments.

D. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

There were no Commissioners' comments.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

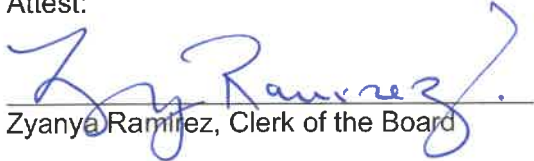
9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2023.


Dale Welty, Chair

Attest:


Zyanya Ramirez, Clerk of the Board