

LAKE ELSINORE & SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2022

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dale Welty, Chair, City of Canyon Lake
Robert Magee, Vice Chair, City of Lake Elsinore
Phil Williams, Secretary/Treasurer, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District [5:05 p.m.]
Brenda Dennstedt, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority [4:06 p.m.]
Kevin Jeffries, County of Riverside

OTHERS PRESENT

Alex Teahen, City of Lake Elsinore
Ben Foster, City of Lake Elsinore
Dave McElroy
David Pfeiffer, Bluewater Renewable Energy LLC
Ganesh Krishnamurthy, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Greg Thomas, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Jeffrey Mosher, SAWPA
Liselle DeGrave, DeGrave Communications
Margie Armstrong, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Parag Kalaria, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
Paul Anderson, Bluewater Renewable Energy LLC
T. Milford Harrison, SAWPA Commissioner

LESJWA STAFF

Mark Norton, Rick Whetsel, 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 4:01 p.m. by Chair Welty 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.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 21, 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: MARCH 2022 | APRIL 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

C. TMDL TASK FORCE REPORT: MARCH 2, 2022 | APRIL 20, 2022 | JUNE 27, 2022

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

D. RESOLUTION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AB 361 (LES#2022.15)

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS**A. LAKE ELSINORE AND CANYON LAKE NUTRIENT TMDL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT NO. 3 (LES#2022.16)**

Rick Whetsel provided an overview of the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDL Task Force Agreement amendments. Amendment 3 is necessary to extend the agreement through June 30, 2025, with the option for another two years thereafter.

MOVED, to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDL Task Force Agreement effectively extending the existing Task Force through June 30, 2025, with the option for another two years thereafter.

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

B. TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO LAKE ELSINORE/CANYON LAKE (LE/CL) TMDL TASK FORCE AND UPDATE TO THE 2018 TMDL TECHNICAL REPORT (LES#2022.17)

Rick Whetsel informed the board that the LE/CL TMDL Task Force recommends the approval of a proposal from CDM Smith to further support the process to update and revise the technical document and additional technical support services. This will be included in Task Force FY 2022-23 budget.

MOVED, to authorize Task Order No. CDM160-06 with CDM Smith, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$138,300.00 to further support the LE&CL TMDL process to update and revise the technical document and provide technical support services to the Lake Elsinore/Canyon Lake (LECL) Nutrient TMDL Task Force through February 2022

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

C. SCHEDULE LESJWA WORKSHOP (LES#2022.18)

The Board of Directors have expressed interest in discussing the different options LESJWA has for its administration, which has been administered by SAWPA since its formation in 2000. Mark Norton proposed a workshop intended to explore support options for LESJWA into the future, including the previous LESJWA Business Plan, governance structure, management, administration, legal and finance support. It was proposed that the October 20, 2022 Regular LESJWA Board of Directors Meeting be a workshop for this topic.

Directors Welty, Jeffries and Dennstedt stated that they had conflicts for that day and suggested that this workshop be in person. Director Dennstedt suggested the workshop take place after the hiring of SAWPA's new Water Resources and Planning manager, who is intended to replace Mark Norton. This would allow for the new person to be part of the process. It was the consensus of the Board not to move the motion and requested staff recommend a different date and poll the Board members on what discussion topics should be included.

No action was taken on Agenda Item 6.C.

7. INFORMATION REPORTS**A. LAKE ELSINORE ADVANCED PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT (LEAPS) UPDATE (LES#2022.19)**

Mark Norton provided a brief background on the history of LEAPS Hydro Company on Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) project, now known as Bluewater Renewable Energy Storage Project. Paul Anderson, Bluewater Renewable Energy LLC provided a PowerPoint presentation titled [Bluewater Renewable Energy Storage Project](#). This presentation was not provided to LESJWA staff prior to the meeting taking place. It will be posted to the LESJWA website after the meeting. Mr. Anderson highlighted several changes to the project and provided a list of stakeholders to work on issues of concern with.

Chair Welty asked that the City of Canyon Lake be part of the stakeholders list as Canyon Lake may be affected by this project. He asked if the energy from this project would feed the local grid. Mr. Anderson said yes and added that areas of LA would also be included.

Director Dennstedt requested that they also involve the Western Municipal Water District. She emphasized the importance of outreach for this project to the community/residents, local business, and wholesalers. She asked that future presentations to the Board, particularly regarding this topic, be provided in the agenda packet ahead of time. She raised concerns of possible pushback from her community as they are currently in the middle of a drought and anticipate increased demand of water for new housing.

Director Magee requested that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Riverside County, and the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District be part of the conversation. He asked if Bluewater Renewable Energy LLC has been able to secure any public support (appointed local officials and/or residents) for this project. Mr. Anderson stated that at this stage of the project they have not been seeking support and are currently engaging with interested parties to work to resolve issues and concerns. He added that he'll be including all the entities mentioned by the directors, and he acknowledged the sensitivity and importance of this topic.

Greg Thomas, General Manager of Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD), stated for the record that EVMWD is currently not a project partner, but there is a settlement agreement between them and the previous owner which in turn has now been inherited to Bluewater Renewable Energy LLC. This settlement agreement requires EVWMD to provide aspects of outreach and water production. EVMWD is agnostic to this project. Director Williams was in support of this statement.

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

B. 2022 LESJWA WATER SUMMIT & OTHER OUTREACH (LES#2022.20)

Liselle DeGrave, of DeGrave Communications, provided a PowerPoint presentation on LESJWA outreach efforts, public education, and LESJWA Water Summit. This presentation is contained in the agenda packet on pages 99-111.

LESJWA participated in four events:

- EVMWD's Flow into Fall virtual open house
- EVMWD's Splash into Summer
- City of Menifee's Earth Day
- City of Canyon Lake Fiesta Day

The LESJWA Water Summit was a success with 70 people in attendance. This was hosted at the Community Hall of the Launch Pointe recreation Destination and RV Park in Lake Elsinore.

LESJWA published two public notices in The Friday Flyer, one in October 2021 and the other in April 2022 for the Canyon Lake Alum Applications. She noted that the community has become accustomed to these notices and there has been a decrease in questions and concern. Wood Environmental is hosting an event for the community to ask questions about the Alum Application.

Mark Norton added that there recently was an article regarding blue algae signage at Lake Elsinore. The LESJWA PR Committee will work on a response to the article at their next meeting.

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

C. GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (LES#2022.21)

Mark Norton provided an oral status report regarding grant funding opportunities in support of LESJWA and the Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force. This is summarized in the LESJWA Board memo number 2022.21.

- Phase 1 – Lake Elsinore Algae Harvesting and Nutrient Removal Project was submitted to SAWPA under their OWOW Call for Projects for Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Program Round 2 Implementation Grant. Additional funding would need to be sought from other sources to allow for full scale treatment of the lake
- The City of Lake Elsinore is submitting a separate project to evaluate various algal treatments and removal technologies for improvement in Lake Elsinore.

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

D. LAKE ELSINORE & CANYON LAKE NUTRIENT TMDL TASK FORCE UPDATE (LES#2022.22)

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 under 2022.14.

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

E. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

There were no administrator's comments.

F. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Chair Welty stated that the State of the City for the cities of Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake have been scheduled for the same day and time. Staff will work on rescheduling either of the events in order to avoid conflicts.

G. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTS

There were no request for future agenda items.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Lake Elsinore & San Jacinto Watersheds Authority Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

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Dale Welty

Dale Welty, Chair

Attest:

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Zyanya Ramirez

Zyanya Ramirez, Clerk of the Board