SAWA MEETING MINUTES

August 22nd, 2019
Meeting Location:
1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C
Riverside, CA 92507
9:00 A.M.

BOARD ADMNISTRATIVE ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M.

II. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation – Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code sec. 54956.9(b): One case.
There was no reportable action at this time.

III. INTRODUCTIONS

Mandy Parkes – IERCD; Dick Zembal – OCWD; Rick Neugebauer – TEAMRCD; Jennette El Morsy – SAWA; Brett Mills – SJBRCD; James Law – SAWA; Brian Brady – SAWA; Melody Aimar – SAWA/MSHCP; Andrea Campanella – SAWA/MSHCP; Greg Powers – Jackson Tidus (via conference call)

IV. PUBLIC INPUT – Oral communication from the public audience on any subject matter within SAWA's subject matter jurisdiction. There was no public input at this time.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approve Minutes for June 27, 2019
b. Approve Special Meeting Minutes for July 31, 2019
c. Approve Financial Statement for June 2019
d. Approve Financial Statement for July 2019

Director Parkes moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Zembal seconded and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	Aye	Parkes	Aye
Zembal	Aye	Mills	Aye		

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Treasurer's Report – Mandy Parkes

Ms. Parkes reported there was a significant amount of accounts receivable, only a small portion of that was over 90 days.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposed Mid-Year Budget Revisions for 2019

Mr. Brady presented the mid-year budget adjustments for 2019 to the Board for review and make proposed changes. Mr. Brady recommended to increase total revenues by $206,370 and to increase total expenses by $356,158. Expenses are projected to increase due to additional

staffing and subcontractor costs associated with the OCWD Prop 84 Project. These increases are partially offset by deferral of Riverside Flood work to 2019 Quarter 1 & 2.
Director Parkes moved to approve the revised mid-year budget for 2019. Director Mills seconded and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	Aye	Parkes	Aye
Zembal	Aye	Mills	Aye		

GENERAL ITEMS

VIII. SAWA PROJECT REPORTS

a. Brian Brady, Executive Director – SAWA
Mr. Brady reported on work including the mid-year budget, completing a month-to month warehouse lease associated with the OCWD Prop 84 Project, purchase of the "Green Climber" machine and continuing to research ILF background documents.

b. Kerwin Russell – RCRCD
Mr. Russell reported that RCRCD has arundo and they would like to work with SAWA to have it removed. Mr. Russell also reported on homeless encampments.

c. Dick Zembal – OCWD
Mr. Zembal reported on water damage from coating used on paper cups, studies done, and steps to correct the situation.

d. Rick Neugebauer – Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD
Mr. Neugebauer presented a letter on behalf of Ms. Rose Corona to reinstate the Board stipend.

e. Mandy Parkes – Inland Empire RCD
Ms. Parkes reported that San Bernardino has confirmed Goldspotted Oak Borer (BSOB) in Oak Glen. BSOB is now in Big Bear, Moonridge, Ceder Glen and other locations.

f. Brett Mills – San Jacinto Basin RCD
Mr. Mills reported on projects that SJBRCD is hoping to work with SAWA on for removal and monitoring.

g. Bonnie Johnson – OCWD
Absent

h. Jennette El Morsy, Administrative Manager – SAWA
Ms. El Morsy reported on the completion of the 2018 Audit and the 2018-2019 State Fund Workers' Compensation Audit. Ms. El Morsy reported about new hires for the MSHCP Department and are in the process of getting new hires for the HRS Department.

i. James Law, Habitat Restoration Services Manager – SAWA
Mr. Law reported on administrative work and new job proposals including Prop 84 that will be starting in September, potential projects with City of Riverside and three projects with Riverside Flood. Mr. Law also updated on work within individual member agencies jurisdictions:

- Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD: The HRS department conducted homeless monitoring in this reporting period.
- Riverside-Corona RCD: The HRS department conducted treatments at the follow: HH, SAR – Dump to Van Buren, Temescal 3M, Mockingbird MCB and Quail Run Phase II.

- Inland Empire RCD: SAWA's HRS department conducted treatments at: City of Chino Hills – Hickory Creek, Goose Creek, SBVMWD – multiple locations, San Timoteo, HH and Sunnyslope.
- Sand Jacinto Basin RCD: The HRS department conducted treatments at Wolfskill 1.47 and SCE – 1.2.
- Orange County Water District: The HRS department conducted treatments at: Irvine Park, Santiago Phase I and Santiago Phase II.

IX. SAWA / MSHCP BIOLOGIST REPORT

a. Melody Aimar – SAWA Interim MSHCP Administrator

Ms. Aimar reported on administrative work including the hiring of new Biologist Supervisor, all 9-3 rare plant species objectives met in July, Covered Species Recommendations spreadsheet submitted for review by the wildlife agencies and Species Occurrence Data Set – in process. Ms. Aimar also updated on other work incudling:

- Rare plants: Surveys continue. Mojave Tarplant.
- Burrowing owl: Complete – turns out the SJWR owl did survive and fledged a few young.
- Grasshopper Sparrow, Yellow Warbler and Yellow-breasted Chat: Surveys complete – GRSP habitat analysis.
- Native fish: Mill Creek (non-natives only).
- Herps: Scouting locations for array installation.
- Mammals: Scouting locations for Long-tailed weasel track plates.
- Clinton Keith Overcrossing: Camera traps at overcrossing and nearby underpass for carnivores.
- Delhi Sands Flower-loving Fly: Surveys ongoing. Emerged 2 weeks late - high numbers.
- Other Activities: Taxa Leads collaborating with MSHCP Natural Resources Manager to share information regarding RCA-owned lands with sensitive habitats and species.
- Job Announcements: Field Biologist started and Data Manager – Currently reassessing needs.

b. Melody Aimar – SAWA Wildlife Habitat Management Services Manager

Ms. Aimar reported all biologists done monitoring Vireo throughout watershed. Vireo nested later than usual and still here, conducting data analysis. All BHCO traps closed throughout watershed – currently removing from field. Four winter dairy traps open in Prado. California Least Tern colony monitoring – done. Biologists conducted bio-assessments of SAWA mitigation areas. Biologist working on SAWA Annual Mitigation Report. Biologist working on tern data to CDFW. Biologists/Supervisor attended ESRI demo at MSHCP managers/monitoring meeting. Seasonal biologist assisting Prado vegetation monitoring. Ms. Aimar also updated on work within individual member agencies jurisdictions:

- Inland Empire RCD: Devil's Canyon Project - check wildlife cameras - coverboards – night drives (owls/herps). RCTC-SR91 CAGN surveys/monitoring. Biologist cleared trees infected with GSOB.
- Orange County Water District: Sunnyslope surveys continue. CAGN surveys at Hwy71-west and near the dam – complete. Bat/Swallow diet study- DNA sampling complete – report and analysis pending. Grasshopper Sparrow surveys – complete.
- Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD: Greer Ranch/Adeline Farms Biomonitoring.
- Riverside-Corona RCD: No work this month.
- San Jacinto Basin RCD: No work this month.

X. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Board Member Comments at this time.

XI. **NEXT MEETING** – September 26, 2019 will be held at the SAWA Headquarters, 1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C, Riverside, CA 92507.

XII. **ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 A.M.

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