SAWA MEETING MINUTES

July 28th, 2022
Meeting Location:
1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C
Riverside, CA 92507
9:00 A.M.

BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Kimberly Kuznicki – SAWA; Brian Brady – SAWA; Melody Aimar – SAWA; Brett Mills – SJBRCD; Mandy Parkes – IERCD; Kerwin Russell – RCRCD; Bonnie Johnson – OCWD; Rick Neugebauer – TEAMRCD;

III. PUBLIC INPUT

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.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approve Minutes for June 23, 2022
b. Approve Financial Statement for June 2022

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

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	Aye	Parkes	Aye
Alternate Johnson	Aye	Mills	Aye		

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. ILF Project – Brian Brady

Mr. Brady reported that he made contact with the city attorney of Lake Elsinore and is hopeful to set up a meeting the following week. Mr. Brady also reported talking to Riverside Flood, who has recently acquired land around Lake Elsinore. Mr. Brady believes it looks promising and is looking to have a follow up meeting with them over the next week as well.

b. Treasurer's Report – Brett Mills

Mr. Mills reported deposit detail came in at $333,061.42 and the AR aging detail came in at $146,418.08.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

a. Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposed Mid-Year Budget Revisions for 2022

Mr. Brady reported the proposed mid-year budget adjustment for 2022 has been prepared for the Board review and to make proposed changes to income and expense items in the budget as adopted in December 2021. Mr. Brady recommended to decrease total revenues by $787,261 and to decrease total expenses by $375,150. For a copy of Mr. Brady's presentation on the SAWA Mid-Year Budget Review, please contact the Administrative Services Manager, Jennette El Morsy, at jennette@sawatershed.org or 951-780-1012 ext. 101.

Director Mills moved to approve the proposed Mid-Year Budget Revisions for 2022. Director Alternate Johnson seconded and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	Aye	Parkes	Aye
Alternate Johnson	Aye	Mills	Aye		

GENERAL ITEMS

VII. SAWA PROJECT REPORTS

a. Brian Brady, Executive Director – SAWA
Mr. Brady reported that staff completed the mid-year budget revisions. Additional issues addressed in regards to the budget were recruiting and retention of employees, continuing inflation impacts, market placement, major contract renewals, potential post-pandemic changes in business model and review of investments/reserves. There was a PowerPoint presentation provided to the Board along with recommendation on the above issues. Mr. Brady, in consultation with the SAWA Chair, recommended going dark for August 2022 and the Board agreed.

b. Kerwin Russell – RCRCD
Mr. Russell reported RCRCD having very few properties that do not have homeless anymore. Mr. Russell suggests adding additional time for staff or expense for dealing with the issue.

c. Dick Zembal – OCWD
Absent

d. Rick Neugebauer – Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD
Mr. Neugebauer did not have any updates at this time.

e. Mandy Parkes – Inland Empire RCD
Ms. Parkes reported that the Executive Director is leaving the California Association of RCDs and are in the middle of the recruitment process. Ms. Parkes requested a copy of Mr. Brady's job description as a guide to help with their recruitment process.

f. Brett Mills – San Jacinto Basin RCD
Mr. Mills reported contacting Mr. Law to get the crew out to do work at some of the conservation easements after the season ends.

g. Bonnie Johnson – OCWD
Ms. Johnson reported OCWD is wrapping up with the season.

h. Jennette El Morsy, Administrative Services Manager – SAWA
Absent

i. James Law, Habitat Restoration Services Manager – SAWA
Absent

j. Melody Aimar, Biological Programs Manager – SAWA
Ms. Aimar reported on MSHCP Dept. Monthly WRC MSHCP Management and Monitoring Coordination Meeting. Presentation on *7/14 – "Disturbance in coastal sage scrub and the implications for migratory pollinators" by Jolene Saldivar (UCR)*. RCA working to upload presentations to their website for public viewing. New Field Biologist starts August 1. Field Biologist re-posted job announcement – Closes August 1. Staff working from home, staggering in office, using personal vehicles and SAWA trucks. Mr. Campanella managing remote workflow. Monthly Leads meeting via Zoom Staff updates. Ms. Aimar attended monthly RCA Managers Meeting. Ms. Aimar attended

monthly SDMMP meeting. Ms. Aimar, Mr. Campanella & Lead – Meeting with RCA to discuss taxa objectives. Data archive and server file clean-up on hold during busy season. Ms. Aimar also updated on other MSHCP work including:

- Rare plants: Rare Plant surveys – ongoing.
- Tri-colored Blackbird: Breeding colony found at SJWA (3rd colony attempt appears successful) – No other colony's found.
- Turkey Vulture: Surveys in progress – no nests found yet.
- Mammals: LAPM surveys – In progress.
- Herps/Fish: Western Pond Turtle trapping – In progress.
- Clinton Keith Overcrossing: Camera traps at overcrossing/undercrossing.
- Quino Checkerspot Butterfly: Surveys – Complete. Report – in progress.
- Delhi Sands Flower-loving Fly: Survey in progress – 1st detection earliest on record.
- Data/GIS Analysis: Transition to electronic data collection – in progress. 2021 Species Occurrence Dataset – complete and distributed.

Ms. Aimar reported on WHMS Dept. LBVI surveys – slowing down with few active nests. IEUA – Breeding Bird Surveys – in progress. BHCO – All traps deployed – closing the end of July. Mitigation bioassessments completed. HRS nest avoidance biomonitoring – when available. Ms. Aimar attends Prop 84 monthly meeting. Ms. Aimar coordinating with SBVMWD and Riv Co Parks Rangers on homeless camp safety. Ms. Aimar attends multiple weekly virtual meeting(s). Ms. Aimar coordinating with RCHCA on SKR trapping – Contract complete, start in August. Ms. Aimar also updated on other work within individual member agencies jurisdictions:

- Inland Empire RCD: Goose Creek LBVI monitoring – slowing down. Goose Creek mitigation – monitor HRS crews when needed.
- Orange County Water District: Prop 84 Arundo biomonitoring – in progress as needed. Tricolored Blackbird surveys – in progress – None found. Sunnyslope SAS restoration and substrate surveys – ongoing. MSHCP helped remove crayfish – data submitted. California Least Tern monitoring – colony monitoring slowing down. Ms. Aimar and Biologist attends weekly NR meeting.
- Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD: No work this month.
- Riverside-Corona RCD: No work this month.
- San Jacinto Basin RCD: No work this month.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Board Member comments at this time.

IX. NEXT MEETING – September 23, 2022 will be held at the SAWA Headquarters, 1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C, Riverside, CA 92507 and remotely via Zoom.

X. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

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