



## **SAWA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

July 31<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Meeting Location:

1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C

Riverside, CA 92507

1:30 P.M.

Conference Call Location:

Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD

28565 Old Town Front Street, Suite 311

Temecula, CA 92590

### **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

#### **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Kerwin Russell – RCRC; Brett Mills – SJBRCD; Jacob Skaggs – IERCD; Bonnie Johnson – OCWD; James Law – SAWA; Brian Brady – SAWA; Greg Powers – Jackson Tidus (via conference call); Rick Neugebauer – TEAMRCD (via conference call);

#### **III. 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. ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Discussion and Possible Approval to Enter into an Agreement with the Orange County Water District (OCWD) for \$3,728,900 of Arundo Removal Work

Mr. Brady reported that Orange County Water District (OCWD or District) is participating in the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP), which is partially funded by a Proposition 84 grant administered by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). OCWD is responsible for removal of 640 acres of Arundo donax and other invasive species on the Santa Ana River upstream of Prado Dam. Approximately 400 acres of Arundo has already been removed in the Highway Burn area and is being treated for regrowth under a separate contract OCWD has with another contractor (ACS) through June 2020. The scope of services for the SARCCUP Arundo donax removal and control includes Initial removal and treatment for 2-4 years of all remaining Arundo stands on the mainstem of the Santa Ana River from the Rialto Channel to the Prado Basin (where access is granted). Initial removal and treatment for 2-4 years of all Arundo on District property in the Prado Basin (total of 1 + 2 = approximately 240 acres). Ongoing follow-up treatment of 400 acres in the Highway Burn area starting in July 2020 following the completion of the ACS contract. OCWD is entering into an agreement with the Santa Ana Watershed Association (SAWA) to execute this scope of services in accordance with OCWD and DWR grant requirements. The work is expected to commence in Fall 2019 and continue through September 2021 with the possibility of an additional 2 years of treatment if grant funding expenditure deadlines can be extended. SAWA staff has been working closely with OCWD staff over the past few months to finalize scheduling, contract personnel and other

logistics. The total value of the two to four-year effort is \$3,728,900. Mr. Brady recommends that the Board authorize the Chair and the Executive Director to execute the attached agreement.

Director Mills motioned to approve the agreement with OCWD for \$3,728,900 for Arundo Removal Work. Director Russell seconded and the motion passed, 4-0-1

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	Aye	Director Alternate Skaggs	Aye
Alternate Johnson	<i>Abstained</i>	Mills	Aye		

b. Discussion and Possibly Approve Purchase of a Remote-Controlled Tractor Mower with Fixed Head Shredder and Trailer for a Non-to-Exceed Total Price of \$130,000

Mr. Brady reported on the benefits of deploying the use of a remote-controlled tractor mower include improving the overall effectiveness of restoration crews, reduction in sub-contractor costs and enhanced technician safety. If purchased, the equipment will be used extensively during the fall and winter seasons over the next several years. Mr. Brady requests Board authorization to Purchase the Remote-Controlled Tractor Mower with Fixed Head Shredder and Trailer for a not-to-exceed total price of \$130,000.00 to improve project efficiencies in the removal of arundo and other non-native plant species.

Director Alternate Johnson moved to approve the purchase of the remote-controlled tractor mower with fixed head shredder and trailer for a not-to-exceed total of \$130,000. Director Mills seconded and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	Aye	Director Alternate Skaggs	Aye
Alternate Johnson	Aye	Mills	Aye		

#### V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Board Member comments at this time.

#### VI. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 P.M.

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