



**SAWA MEETING MINUTES**

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
 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 9:00 A.M.

**II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Kerwin Russell – RCRC; Mandy Parkes – IERCD; Rick Neugebauer – TEAMRCD; Brett Mills – SJBRCD; Paul Meinhold – Merrill Lynch; Jennette El Morsy – SAWA; Bonnie Johnson – OCWD; Brian Brady – SAWA; Melody Aimar – SAWA; James Law – SAWA; Greg Powers – Jackson Tidus (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. CLOSED SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Property: 1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite D, Riverside, CA 92507. SAWA Negotiator: Dr. Brian Brady. Negotiating Parties: SAWA and H&E, LLC, a California limited liability company. Under negotiation: Lease Agreement for 1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite D, Riverside, CA 92507. There was no reportable action at this time.

**V. ACTION ITEMS**

a. Discussion and Possible Approval of Lease Agreement with H&E, LLC, for additional office space located at 1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite D, Riverside, CA 92507  
 Mr. Brady presented and reported on the potential new Lease Agreement with H&E, LLC. The Lease Agreement includes an additional 8141sqft. Suite D will be the same range starting at \$1.45 per sqft. with a two year term. SAWA requests the Board approval for Mr. Brady to finalize the Lease Agreement as described.  
 Director Neugebauer moved to approve Mr. Brady to finalize the lease and negotiate with the landlord to accept terms as reviewed by council. Director Parkes seconded. Before full Board voted, Director Neugebauer amended the motion to include the termination of the lease agreement RCRC with the contingency of the new lease with H&E, LLC being in place. Director Parkes seconded and the motion passed, 3-0-2

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	<i>Abstained</i>	Parkes	Aye
Alternate Johnson	Aye	Mills	<i>Abstained</i>		

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a. Approve Minutes for September 26, 2019
- b. Approve Financial Statement for September 2019

c. Approve Financial Statement for October 2019

Director Mills moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Director Russell seconded and the motion passed, 3-0

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	Aye	Parkes	<i>Absent</i>
Alternate Johnson	<i>Absent</i>	Mills	Aye		

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Presentation of SAWA Investment Portfolio and Cash Flow through October 2019 – Paul Meinhold

Mr. Meinhold presented the SAWA investment portfolio and cash flow through October 2019. There were no recommendations at this time.

b. ILF Project – Brian Brady

Mr. Brady continues to work with Dudek to finalize the project proposal to submit to the ACOE, with a meeting scheduled with Corps leadership for December 11.

c. Treasurer’s Report – Brett Mills

Mr. Mills reported that SAWA is doing well in the market and SAWA recently received a check for an outstanding invoice.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

**VIII. SAWA PROJECT REPORTS**

a. Brian Brady, Executive Director – SAWA

Mr. Brady reported on developing the draft 2020 operating budget. Mr. Brady is coordinating with TEAM RCD staff to finalize 2019-2020 work plan and schedule. Mr. Brady reported on finalizing the annual training program requirements for the Upper Santa Margarita Irrigated Lands Group. Mr. Brady also reported that SAWA participated in the Rivers and Lands Conservancy Annual Gala on October 10.

b. Kerwin Russell – RCRC

Mr. Russell reported working with Mr. Law on a couple projects.

c. Dick Zembal – OCWD

Absent

d. Rick Neugebauer – Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD

Mr. Neugebauer reported on a new group attempting to form called the Santa Margarita Watershed Group sponsored by Sierra Club.

e. Mandy Parkes – Inland Empire RCD

Absent

f. Brett Mills – San Jacinto Basin RCD

Mr. Mills reported working with Mr. Law and SAWA’s HRS department doing herbicide spray out at SJBRCD projects.

g. Bonnie Johnson – OCWD

Ms. Johnson reported on Prop 84 work and arundo removal.

h. Jennette El Morsy, Administrative Services Manager – SAWA

Absent

i. James Law, Habitat Restoration Services Manager – SAWA

Mr. Law reported new project proposals and administrative tasks including RLC mulch spreading, RLC – Mt. Rubidoux and Prop 84 administrative tasks & monitoring. Mr. Law also updated on work within individual member agencies jurisdictions:

- Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD: The HRS department conducted homeless monitoring and completed treatments for the TEAM RCD – Riv Flood Fall 2019 contract in this reporting period. In addition, treatments have begun at the Riverside Flood Control – Lake Elsinore Outlet Channel project.
- Riverside-Corona RCD: The HRS department conducted treatments at the follow: HH, SAR – Dump to Van Buren, Temescal 3M, RLC Alessandro Arroyo 1.52, RLC – Mt Rubidoux, Riverside Flood – SAR, Quail Run Phase II and have scheduled to begin RCRCO – Lake Street project the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>, 20419.
- Inland Empire RCD: SAWA’s HRS department conducted treatments at: City of Chino Hills – Hickory Creek, RLC – Cienega and Riverside Flood – SAR.
- San Jacinto Basin RCD: The HRS department conducted treatments at Wolfskill 1.47, Mosaic and SCE – 1.2.
- Orange County Water District: The HRS department conducted treatments at: Prop 84 areas and OCCC – Aliso Creek.

## **IX. SAWA / MSHCP BIOLOGIST REPORT**

a. Melody Aimar – SAWA Interim MSHCP Administrator

Ms. Aimar reported on administrative work including Botany Taxa Lead recruitment – interviews complete; SAR Science Symposium – DSF Presentation, 4 attendees; TWS Conference – Avian lead attended; and Upper SAR (SBVMWD) Exotic fish removal assistance– 4 biologists. Ms. Aimar also updated on other work including:

- Rare plants: None at this time.
- Winter Raptor: Testing in progress - Start 11/18.
- Mountain Plover: Testing in progress - Start 11/18.
- American Bittern: Training in progress.
- Grasshopper Sparrow: Habitat analysis complete – data analysis in progress.
- Exotic fish removal: 4 biologists assisted SBVMWD in upper SAR.
- Herps: Potrero ACEC Herp array’s– surveys in progress.
- Mammals: Long-tailed weasel track plate surveys in progress.
- Clinton Keith Overcrossing: Camera traps at overcrossing and nearby underpass for carnivores.
- Delhi Sands Flower-loving Fly: Presentation at SAR Science Symposium.
- Taxa Leads collaborating with MSHCP Natural Resources Manager to share information regarding RCA-owned lands with sensitive habitats and species.
- Interim Administrator hosted monthly monitoring/management coordination meeting (Oct.) with local land managers and wildlife agency representatives.
- Biologist working at UCR herbarium

b. Melody Aimar – SAWA Wildlife Habitat Management Services Manager

Ms. Aimar reported the 2019 Vireo Report Final Draft submitted to agencies, Biologists monitoring Pro 84 Arundo Removal daily, Drone monitoring and monitoring CDFW assigned arundo removal. Ms. Aimar reported on the California Least Tern annual report – draft, Four winter dairy traps open in Prado, Three winter dairy traps open in San Jacinto and Biologist joined SBVMWD-led Exotic Fish removal in Upper SAR. Ms. Aimar attended RLC Charity Gala. Ms. Aimar and biologists attended SAR Science Symposium and Biologist presented poster for

SAR Science Symposium, “*Assessing Potential Effects of Ecosystem Restoration on Least Bell’s Vireo*”. 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). Working on SLEWS.
- Orange County Water District: San Jacinto winter dairy traps funded – Thanks Dick! Prop 84 Arundo removal biomonitoring. Sunnyslope burned in 46 Fire – site assessment conducted. Biologists monitored RCFC Sunnyslope channel cleaning. CAGN surveys at Hwy71-west and near the dam – report in progress. Bat/Swallow diet study- DNA sampling complete – report and analysis in progress. Grasshopper Sparrow surveys – report in progress.
- Temecula-Elsinore-Anza-Murrieta RCD: Greer Ranch/Adeline Farms biomonitoring – in progress. Ingui biomonitoring – in progress.
- 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** – December 19, 2019 will be held at the SAWA Headquarters, 1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C, Riverside, CA 92507.

**XII. ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

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