

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OF THE  
LAKE ELSINORE & SAN JACINTO WATERSHEDS AUTHORITY**

**December 21, 2017**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Robert Magee, Chair  
Vicki Warren  
Kevin Jeffries  
Brenda Dennstedt

**REPRESENTING**

City of Lake Elsinore  
City of Canyon Lake  
County of Riverside  
Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Phil Williams

Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Alex Gann  
Nicole Dailey  
David Jensen  
Liselle DeGrave  
Trip Hord

County of Riverside  
City of Lake Elsinore  
CDM Smith  
DeGrave Communications  
CR&R

**LESJWA STAFF**

Mark Norton  
Karen Williams  
Dawna Munson

LESJWA Authority Administrator  
LESJWA/SAWPA Chief Financial Officer  
LESJWA Board Clerk

The Regular Board of Directors meeting of the Lake Elsinore and San Jacinto Watersheds Authority was called to order at 4:00 p.m., by Chair Robert Magee at the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District, located at 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, California. Chair Magee asked for roll call. Representation from four of the five member agencies was duly noted by the Board Clerk.

Chair Magee asked if there were any comments from members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction. There were no public comments.

**1.0: CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Magee said that before presenting the Consent Calendar for approval, he first wanted to comment on Item 1.2, the 10-17-17 Minutes. He noted that the teacher at Temescal Canyon High School did reach out to him and reported that the students did that (sent letters to local officials) all on their own. When staff engages with the teacher, we need to make sure the school board is engaged as well.

Upon motion by Director Dennstedt, seconded by Director Warren, the motion unanimously carried.

2017/12-1

**MOVED**, approval of the Consent Calendar including the Minutes from the October 19, 2017 Board Meeting, the Lake Elsinore/ Canyon Lake TMDL Task Force Meeting Notes from October 19, 2017, and the meeting notes from the October 17, 2017 Education & Outreach meeting.

with the following vote:

Ayes: Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Warren  
Noes: None  
Absent: Williams  
Abstain: None

**2.0: Report on Audit for FY Ending June 30, 2017 (Memo #LES821)**

Karen Williams, CFO for SAWPA and LESJWA, said she is requesting that the Board receive and file the Audit Report and have staff distribute it to the respective government agencies as required by law. LESJWA received a clean audit with no qualifying opinions. She had reviewed the audit with each of the member agencies' finance personnel.

This was the third year of utilizing the services of auditing firm White, Nelson, Diehl, Evans, LLP, and staff will go out for bids in 2018.

Upon Motion by Director Jeffries, seconded by Director Warren, the motion unanimously carried,

2017/12-2

**MOVED**, approval to receive and file the Report on Audit for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017, and direct staff to file the Report on Audit with respective government agencies as required by law.

with the following vote:

Ayes: Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Warren  
Noes: None  
Absent: Williams  
Abstain: None

**3.0: Lake Elsinore and Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDL Revision Task Order (Memo #LES822)**

Mark Norton said this item is to seek approval of a task order with CDM Smith for work on the revision and update of the TMDL, the third in a series of task orders, initially brought to this Board in 2015. CDM Smith was selected from a competitive process for an \$800,000 contract overall. There are several memorandums of tasks for review; page 81 of the packet shows what is planned. The Task Force is now preparing the steps for the environmental review. Then it goes before the administrative law review, and eventually to the EPA. CDM continues to perform very well and staff is pleased with their performance – they're on schedule and on budget. Staff recommends approval of this Task Order in the amount of \$228,138. Dave Jensen of CDM Smith is here today to answer any questions.

As there were no questions, Dave Jensen thanked the Board for the work.

Upon motion by Director Dennstedt, seconded by Director Warren, the motion unanimously carried,

2017/12-3

**MOVED**, approval of Task Order No. CDM160-03 with CDM Smith, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$228,138, to revise and update the Lake Elsinore & Canyon Lake Nutrient TMDLs.

with the following vote:

Ayes: Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Warren  
Noes: None  
Absent: Williams  
Abstain: None

**4.0: Lake Elsinore Advanced Pump Storage (LEAPS) Status (Memo #LES823)**

Mark Norton said this item is informational regarding the Nevada Hydro pumped storage project (LEAPS). At the last meeting, staff was asked to prepare a comment letter, as FERC had solicited to the public whether there was a need for additional studies. This letter was distributed by email to the Board. The project would have significant impact on our efforts to comply with the TMDL. The project also came to the attention of the Regional Board, who is implementing the TMDL. They have indicated that under the permit that they have, if this were to move forward, Nevada Hydro would need to become part of the TMDL in order for the Regional Board to make sure they are going to meet all the requirements for the TMDL. Meetings were recently held with Nevada Hydro and if they are going to be part of the TMDL, they also should be a part of

paying their share – \$40,000; the financial commitment passed on to them. They also must go before the Task Force and ask to become a member. It is likely that they will agree to their membership. As they're a significant player, it's important to have them at the table. Nevada Hydro wants to be a team player and do whatever is necessary to comply with the TMDLs, and they're aware of the hurdles ahead. Many people have indicated strong concerns about the project and want to be sure that any impacts about the project are going to be addressed.

Chair Magee thanked Mark Norton and noted that he gave this letter assignment to Mark right before the agenda was to go out and he did an excellent job getting this together.

Upon motion by Director Warren, seconded by Director Dennstedt, the motion unanimously carried,

2017/12-4

**MOVED**, approval to receive and file a status report on the Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. Lake Elsinore Advanced Pumped Storage (LEAPS) Project.

with the following vote:

Ayes:	Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Warren
Noes:	None
Absent:	Williams
Abstain:	None

**5.0: CR&R Inc. Green Waste Composting Facility Update (Memo #LES824)**

Mark Norton said this item is a proposed project by a waste and recycling company CR&R Inc. They have applied to the SWRCB to obtain a waste discharge requirement in the upper San Jacinto River. They have been doing extensive outreach to make sure all the agencies who might be impacted are aware of the project. Mr. Norton reviewed the project with them and they provided a presentation for the Task Force. The project basically would store and digestate green waste on this site, basically a sod farm. The material eventually would be for sale and use throughout southern California. There were concerns by some Task Force members because green waste has nutrients that could impact the lakes in a big storm event. They would need to obtain a storm water permit. If they want to become a TMDL Task Force member, they must also contribute financially. If they are responsible for a large amount of nutrients, they also may be required to help with the alum application efforts at Canyon Lake. The Regional Board letter states they need to become members of the Task Force, so CR&R must now go before the Task Force to request membership.

Mark Norton introduced Trip Hord from CR&R Inc., who was available to answer any questions.

Director Warren asked who would be monitoring what goes into Canyon Lake. Mark Norton replied that we have an extensive monitoring program in place, and they would be required under the RCFC&WCD to be onsite. There also may be some buffering zones around the property, and they'd make sure the stock piles are leveled off. They also have a hydrologist on board.

Upon motion by Director Warren, seconded by Director Dennstedt, the motion unanimously carried,

2017/12-5

**MOVED**, approval to receive and file a status report on the CR&R, Inc. Green Waste Composting Facility Project.

with the following vote:

Ayes:	Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Warren
Noes:	None
Absent:	Williams
Abstain:	None

**6.0: LESJWA Water Summit Status (Memo #LES825)**

Mark Norton said as mentioned previously, the LESJWA Water Summit has been planned for April 18, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. The LE/CL TMDL Task Force discussed the main goal of providing information on current and future projects, and how we can comply with the TMDL. It will be an important meeting and we are hoping more people will attend, particularly officials from the upper watershed. Liselle DeGrave of DeGrave Communications was asked to assist with the contact/invitation list to make sure we include everyone.

In some research into why more people aren't attending, it was found that people tend to think if there isn't a fee to attend, it's not as important. Staff recommended charging a small fee, holding the event at the Diamond Club, and possibly seeking sponsors to help with the cost. Since that time, other locations have been discussed with Chair Magee, and the Laguna Campground was considered, where a community center is planned as part of their updates; however, it won't be ready by April 2018. It would be great to see the lake while out there, but considering the size, it probably would be best to hold the Summit at the Diamond Club and have a continental breakfast and lunch. The total budget is \$20,000.

The Summit will start off with the LESJWA Chair, and then speakers Hope Smythe, Jason Uhley, Greg Kahlon about the LEAPS project, and a keynote speaker who is most knowledgeable about the TMDL – Tim Moore of Risk Sciences. He is a very effective and engaging speaker for the lunch hour. There are still some details to address such as finding a speaker from Canyon Lake. Staff welcomes any comments.

Director Warren said she agrees with charging a registration fee; it casts a more educational experience.

Upon motion by Director Warren, seconded by Director Dennstedt, the motion unanimously carried,

2017/12-6

**MOVED**, approval to receive and file a status report on the LESJWA Water Summit Status.

with the following vote:

- Ayes: Dennstedt, Jeffries, Magee, Warren
- Noes: None
- Absent: Williams
- Abstain: None

**7.0: ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Mark Norton followed up on the interests in that LESJWA is addressing some of the concerns from letters by students at Temescal Valley High School. We've learned that there is a lot of interest in what's happening with the lakes, and therefore it was decided to hold a 45-minute assembly at the school on January 24. It would be a joint presentation by Mark Norton and Chair Magee. Nicole Dailey also will be asked to assist and talk about what's going on with the City of Lake Elsinore, and he welcomes a representative from the City of Canyon Lake. It will be a great opportunity to show all the things that LESJWA and the Cities are doing.

Director Dennstedt commented that it would be great for teachers to attend as well. Chair Magee said it's a good start. He cannot commit staff time and dollars at this point, but he will speak with the City Manager.

Chair Magee wished everyone a great holiday season.

**8.0: DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

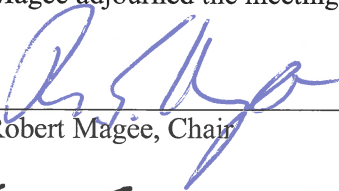
Director Warren said she is happy to be there on the 24<sup>th</sup> and can help represent Canyon Lake and to assist where needed. She agrees it's a chance to turn a potentially negative experience into something positive.

Director Jeffries noted he will not be able to attend that day.


Director Dennstedt said she possibly can attend. She noted she attended the school board meeting last Thursday and did a check presentation of \$25,000 for the building of a solar boat. Perhaps the Board members should be invited as well.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair Magee adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

**APPROVED:** April 19, 2018

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Magee, Chair

**ATTEST:** April 19, 2018

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawna Munson, Board Clerk