The Project Agreement 21 Committee Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Don Galleano at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Office, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. The flag salute followed. Chair Galleano called for public comments; however, no comments were received.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESULTS OF OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT STUDY FOR SAWPA’S PRETREATMENT PROGRAM (CM#8740)

Rich Haller said Dudek was hired in January 2013 to look at the management of the Pretreatment Program (PTP), and will provide their report today. Mike Metts briefly reviewed the organization and the Pretreatment Program authority, the initial agreements, and Ordinance No. 6, all of which brought forward the Pretreatment Program’s legal requirements. OCSD has the ultimate responsibility, wherein it is their right to perform the audit and suspend dischargers, while SAWPA has the legal responsibility for the Pretreatment Program implementation. He reviewed the Remedial Plan and objectives, and he briefly discussed the historic program structure and observations, and the three program structure alternatives that were evaluated.

He next highlighted the main points of the SAWPA Directed Program, which results in a fully compliant Pretreatment Program. He discussed the level of effort required for the program; the centralized data management system where data is entered directly to facilitate the SAWPA PTP Coordinator; the data review and report production; and allowing OCSD reviewers real-time data access.

Dudek recommends the SAWPA Directed Program, which would include the SAWPA PTP Coordinator; a new multi-jurisdictional pretreatment agreement, centralized data management and storage, a standardized enforcement response plan, and standardized permitting procedures, policies, and procedure manuals.
Mike Metts next discussed the implementation challenges such as the Remedial Plan completion schedule; staffing considerations; agency collaboration; the required legal authority and support; the Remedial Plan workload continuing through 2014; obtaining OCSD’s concurrence and approval as we move forward, and he summarized the Remedial Plan compliance goals that would be achieved.

Chair Gallegano asked the attending General Managers for their input regarding implementing the Plan. WMWD General Manager John Rossi said that WMWD greatly understands the importance of moving forward in this competent and responsible manner, and in such a way to maintain cost control. Discussion ensued about bringing in a staff person. Chair Gallegano commented that he has endorsed this concept for quite awhile as the best direction to take.

SBVMWD General Manager Doug Headrick said his agency currently is looking over this proposal; however, the overall opinion is favorable.

EMWD Assistant General Manager P. Ravi Ravishanker commented that EMWD believes that having this kind of structure is very good. He further said that EMWD requests that the deficiencies be listed in a summary. Rich Haller said it will be done.

Larry McKenney said it’s essential from a legal perspective that the agencies’ relationship is with SAWPA, and that the agencies look to SAWPA to run the program. He added that he previously had asked the member agencies’ legal counselors for their input, and there were no criticisms.

Commissioner Catlin asked if the coordinator position would be filled right away under the current budget; and as we move forward with the steps, would SAWPA be getting OCSD’s concurrence with the approaches. Rich Haller replied that the coordinator position would be filled under the current budget, and that the process is set up with the submittal gates to assure that SAWPA is on the right path.

Commissioner Sullivan concurred with the other Commissioners, and stated that SAWPA needs to get someone on board as quickly as possible.

The report was received and filed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Catlin, the motion unanimously carried:

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INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

SAWPA PRETREATMENT PROGRAM – REMEDIAL PLAN

This informational item was included within the oversight and management report provided by Dudek.

There being no further business for review, Chair Gallegano adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

APPROVED:
May 2, 2013

Don Gallegano, Chair

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