

SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 15, 2021
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Kristi Becker, Chair

Kellie Hinze, Vice Chair

A meeting of the Board of Directors of San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) was held Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., via a public web conference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Becker called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Kristi Becker
Kellie Hinze
Catherine Blakespear
David Zito

Directors Absent:

None

Others Present:

General Manager	Michael Thornton
Director of Operations	Chris Trees
Director of Finance and Administration	Amy Chang
Administrative Coordinator	Vanessa Hackney
Senior Project Manager	Mike Konicke

SEJPA Counsel:

Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch	Adriana Ochoa
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City of Encinitas:

Assistant City Manager	Mark Delin
Assistant Director of Public Works Department	Isam Hireish

City of Solana Beach:

City Manager	Greg Wade
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City of Del Mar:

Public Works Director/City Engineer	Joe Bride
Director of Engineering/Public Works	Mohammad "Mo" Sammak

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

General Manager Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION

General Manager Thornton asked to have Item No. 22 struck from the Agenda and brought back during the August Board Meeting.

5. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Brian Peck with the California Water Environment Association presented San Elijo Joint Powers Authority with the Medium Sized Plant of the Year Award.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Board Member Zito and seconded by Vice Chair Hinze to approve the Consent Calendar.

Agenda Item No. 7	Approval of Minutes for the May 18, 2021 Meeting
Agenda Item No. 8	Approval for Payment of Warrants and Monthly Investment Report
Agenda Item No. 9	Wastewater Treatment Report
Agenda Item No. 10	Recycled Water Report
Agenda Item No. 11	Landscape Maintenance Services Agreement Extension
Agenda Item No. 12	Janitorial Services Agreement Extension
Agenda Item No. 13	Award of Contract for Procurement of Sodium Hypochlorite
Agenda Item No. 14	Award of Contract for Grease and Scum and Grit and Screenings Removal and Disposal Services
Agenda Item No. 15	Adoption of the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget, Investment Policy, Appointment of Treasurer, and Authorize Public Agencies Post-Employment Benefits Trust Funding

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

AYES: Becker, Hinze, Zito, Blakespear
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

17. ACCEPT AND EXECUTE PROPOSITION 1, INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM), GRANT AGREEMENT FOR STORMWATER CAPTURE AND REUSE, AND EXECUTE SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENTS

General Manager Thornton stated Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is aimed at developing long-term water supply reliability, improving water quality, and protecting natural resources in California. The Statewide IRWM Program is supported by

bond funding provided by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to fund competitive grants for projects that improve water resource management.

In 2019, SEJPA pursued Proposition 1, IRWM, grant funding for stormwater capture, reuse, and watershed education at the San Elijo Water Campus and the project was awarded \$1,195,000.

The proposed Stormwater Capture and Reuse project couples existing stormwater, wastewater, and recycled water infrastructure with proposed infrastructure to capture and divert approximately 7 million gallons annually of stormwater/urban runoff for treatment and reuse. In addition, SEJPA will partner with The Nature Collective for education services focused on healthy watersheds, stormwater pollution prevention, and tours of both the San Elijo Lagoon and the San Elijo Water Campus.

The project will capture stormwater and urban runoff from approximately 486 acres within the community of Cardiff-by-the-Sea and redirect the water for treatment and reuse at the San Elijo Water Campus.

Project components will include the improvement of existing wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and the construction of new detention basins, pumping systems, screening and desilting systems, and conveyance pipelines to capture, treat, and convey the water for reuse as irrigation and industrial water.

The financial impact of staff recommendations is \$380,741 for engineering, environmental, educational, and grant administration support. The State has conditionally approved approximately \$300,000 of the \$380,741 for grant reimbursement. Remaining costs not funded by the IRWM grant, estimated at approximately \$81,000, will be funded by the Recycled Water Program.

Moved by Board Member Zito and seconded by Board Member Blakespear to:

Authorize the General Manager to execute the following Agreements:

1. Proposition 1, IRWM, Local Project Sponsor Agreement with San Diego County Water Authority for Grant Funding of \$1,195,000 for Stormwater Capture and Reuse;
2. Professional service agreement with Hoch Consulting for grant administration support for an amount not to exceed \$38,565;
3. Professional service agreement with Helix Consulting for CEQA, NEPA, and Environmental Services for an amount not to exceed \$101,900;
4. Professional services agreement with Kimley Horn & Associates for engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$86,000;
5. Professional service agreement with Trussell Technologies for engineering services for an amount not to exceed \$74,276;
6. Professional services agreement with The Nature Collective for educational services for an amount not to exceed \$80,000;
7. Discuss and take action as appropriate.

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

AYES: Becker, Hinze, Zito, Blakespear
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

18. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Thornton reported that SEJPA is in the process of acquiring its first residential recycled water customer located on the border of Rancho Santa Fe and Solana Beach. The customer funded construction is set to begin this summer with completion expected by the end of 2021.

Currently, the SEJPA Restatement Agreement has been approved by the City of Encinitas and will be heard for approval at the Solana Beach City Council meeting in July. Once approved by both member agencies, it will be filed at the local and state levels where it becomes official.

Construction of the bike and pedestrian path through the San Elijo Water Campus is underway. This element is part of the North Coast Corridor Project and is being permitted and constructed by SEJPA and funded by Caltrans. The project cost is forecasted to be \$5.4 million dollars, which SEJPA and Caltrans have agreed to and are memorializing in a construction funding agreement amendment.

Staff is planning for a ribbon cutting event in October for the completion of the Water Campus Improvement project. Staff is considering having this ribbon cutting at the October Board meeting, with a larger open house event planned for Spring of 2022, when Caltrans opens the multi-use path.

Staff is evaluating the community choice power plans for our 12 electric service meters located in Solana Beach and Encinitas. Consistent with SEJPA's commitment to protecting the environment and conserve natural resources, staff anticipates converting all 12 meters to 100% renewable energy.

19. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Adriana Ochoa stated that the Governor's executive order allowing for virtual public board meetings is set to expire on September 30, 2021.

20. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

21. CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was held per Government Code Section 54957 (b), Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: General Manager

22. CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL MANAGER EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Item moved to August Board Meeting.

23. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Thornton, P.E.
General Manager