

**State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region**

**February 8, 2019**

**ITEM: 8**

**SUBJECT: Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) Programs Overview**

**DISCUSSION**

The Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA), formed in 1968, is a Joint Powers Authority, that carries out functions useful to its member agencies – Orange County Water District, Western Municipal Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, Inland Empire Utilities Agency and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. SAWPA has a strong record of coordinating with the Regional Water Board as well as other watersheds stakeholders to create and facilitate partnerships to build watershed sustainability and address water quality issues.

SAWPA is the state-approved Regional Water Management group for the Santa Ana River Watershed - the One Water One Watershed Program (OWOW). The OWOW program brings together watershed community and agency members to plan for and implement projects towards a more sustainable future. This integrated approach promotes collaboration across political and agency boundaries and integrates efforts and projects that benefit the entire watershed.

Representatives from SAWPA, Ron Sullivan, Vice-Chair of the SAWPA Commission, Rich Haller, SAWPA General Manager and Mark Norton, SAWPA Water Resources and Planning Manager will provide an overview of SAWPA activities and projects in the watershed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

This is an Informational Item - no action is required.