



## **SAWA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Meeting Location:  
1835 Chicago Avenue, Suite C  
Riverside, CA 92507  
3:00 P.M.

### **BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Neugebauer called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

#### **II. INTRODUCTIONS**

Brian Brady – SAWA; Jennette El Morsy – SAWA; Mandy Parkes – IERCD; Brett Mills – SJBRCD; Kerwin Russell – RCRCD; Dick Zembal – OCWD;

#### **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. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **a. Discussion and Possibly Approval of Prop 84 Arundo Removal – SAR Downstream Riverside**

Mr. Brady reported As part of OCWD's on-going Prop 84 Project, SAWA staff went out to bid for the removal of 17 acres of arundo contained within Riverside Flood Control SAR property downstream of downtown Riverside. Mr. Brady informed the Board that although SAWA had sent out the bid notice to SAWA's usual 3-4 entities, Nature's Image was the only company to submit a bid. Natures Image, Inc. is an experienced and competent contractor, having provided previous service to the Prop 84 Project. This contract with Natures Image, Inc. would be for the amount not to exceed \$218,450. Director Zembal asked Mr. Brady how long the project would be. Mr. Brady replied that it would last through the fall, around 3-4 months. Mr. Russell asked if the project would only be removal or if it included both removal and maintenance. Mr. Brady responded that it would only be removal. Mr. Russell then asked if the bid was a little higher than normal to which Mr. Brady responded that due to the difficulty of getting on the site with heavy equipment, etc. the bid was a little higher. Mr. Brady also stated that SAWA has had previous bids from Nature's Image in the past ranging from \$3k - \$15k per acre for removal depending on the difficulty of accessing the site, etc. Mr. Brady reported that SAWA is coordinating with Riverside Flood Control for storage of Nature's Image heavy equipment. Mr. Brady also stated that the project needs to be stated immediately and he feels it is a fair bid. Chairperson Neugebauer said that he thought it was along the lines of the regular price history for Nature's Image and he believes it to be a reasonable price as well. The Board agreed. SAWA seeks Board approval of a contract with Natures Image, Inc. for the removal of 17 acres of arundo – SAR downstream Riverside and authorize the Executive Director, Mr. Brady to sign behalf of SAWA.

Director Zembal moved to approve the contract with Natures Image and authorize Mr. Brady to sign on behalf of SAWA. Director Mills seconded and the motion passed unanimously, 5-0

Neugebauer	Aye	Russell	Aye	Parkes	Aye
Zembal	Aye	Mills	Aye		

**V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Board Member comments at this time.

**VI. ADJOURN – The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 P.M.**

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