

PROJECT AGREEMENT 22 COMMITTEE

Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul D. Jones, General Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District [Chair] Michael Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District [Vice Chair] Halla Razak, General Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Craig Miller, General Manager, Western Municipal Water District

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Doug Headrick, General Manager, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Mark Norton, Dean Unger, Rich Whetsel, Ian Achimore, Kelly Berry

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by Chair Jones at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: AUGUST 23, 2018

MOVED, approve the August 23, 2018 meeting minutes.

Result:

Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second:

Markus/Miller

Ayes

Jones, Markus, Miller, Razak

Nays:

None

Abstentions:

None

Absent:

Headrick

4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. SMARTSCAPE IMPLEMENTATION (PA22#2018.24)

lan Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the Smartscape Program's budget, spending rates by task, and projections. It was noted that task implementation has been at a pace such that the project will likely not be completed in two years.

Recommendations to increase the pace of implementation were developed by the

SARCCUP Advisory Workgroup and presented to the Committee for feedback.

- 1. Orange County Coastkeeper/Inland Empire Waterkeeper can develop a landscape maintenance program whereby their staff adjust controllers sprinkler heads.
- 2. They can provide the outreach necessary to engage the public, which would entail reaching out to school districts and other public agencies.
- 3. They can offer their design services to customers at the same time they register for Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) turf removal rebates.

Garry Brown, Executive Director and CEO of OC Coastkeeper and IE Coastkeeper, encouraged staff to continue efforts toward completion of the Smartscape Program. Recommendation number one above will require more research from his staff; they will need to assess how many districts would be interested. He was supportive of the other two recommendations, and his staff is more than willing to accomplish them.

Chair Jones noted a local area had to have at least four audit requests within that area prior to sending OC Coastkeeper/IE Coastkeeper staff to perform an audit which has been a challenge. Jones recommended accelerating that audit process; Brown stated they could provide more outreach assistance and focus on the needs of an individual agency to realize an increase in audits.

Staff was directed to proceed with recommendations two and three and bring back recommendation number one as an actionable item at a future meeting.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.A.

B. <u>EMERGENCY DROUGHT GRANT PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND BUDGET UPDATE</u> (PA22#2018.25)

lan Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Emergency Drought Grant Program schedule and budget update.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.B.

C. SAWPA AERIAL IMAGERY AND LANDSCAPE MEASUREMENT DATA – ESRI ONLINE WEB APPLICATION AND CLOUD SERVICE – YEAR TWO OF SERVICE (PA22#2018.26)

Rick Whetsel provided an oral report on ESRI online web application and cloud services. SAWPA staff is working with member agency staff to schedule onsite presentations to interested retail agencies to demonstrate the ESRI Customer Parcel Water Budget Tool. An update on other available SAWPA water conservation data tools will also be discussed.

Below is the tentative schedule for these presentations:

EMWD	12:30 p.m. Monday, November 5, 2018
IEUA	Tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28th or Jan 23rd
MWDOC	12:30 p.m. Thursday, December 6, 2018
SBVMWD	10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2018
WMWD	2:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Vice Chair Markus requested the agendas for these presentations be distributed to the

member agencies and General Managers ahead of time.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.C.

The Committee next considered Agenda Item No. 4.E.

D. RETAIL WATER AGENCY METER GEOCODING AND BUSINESS TYPE CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM (PA22#2018.27)

Doug Mende, Miller Spatial, provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the Committee on the Retail Water Agency Meter Geocoding and Business Type Classification Program.

SAWPA staff is researching a method utilized by California State University of San Bernardino to estimate the number of people in a household by reverse engineering the census tract. This would help to calculate an accurate headcount of population for indoor water use.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.D.

The Committee next considered Agenda Item No. 5.

E. CONSERVATION-BASED WATER RATES UPDATE (PA22#2018.28)

lan Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation with a conservation-based water rates update. SAWPA has been assisting the City of Chino, City of Chino Hills and City of Hemet by providing a fact sheet; SAWPA is currently developing informational webpages that will include a fillable form where retailers can sign up to receive technical assistance on utilizing the ESRI and Miller Spatial tools.

Committee Member Razak was interested in hearing feedback from customers in the City of Chino Hills when they implement their new rates in February.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.E.

The Committee next considered Agenda Item No. 4.F.

F. UPDATE ON OUTREACH TO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR) REGARDING THE RECENTLY ADOPTED WATER USE EFFICIENCY LEGISLATION, ASSEMBLY BILL 1668 AND SENATE BILL 606 (PA22#2018.29)

lan Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation updating the Committee on outreach to DWR regarding the recently adopted Water Use Efficiency Legislation, Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606. SAWPA staff met with Peter Brostrom, DWR's Water Use Efficiency Program Manager, and briefed him on the recently developed Customer Parcel Water Budget Tool and the 2015 aerial imagery. Brostrom appreciated the update and suggested a study to evaluate the water saving benefits of the Tool.

Chair Jones suggested evaluating the Tool's usefulness within disadvantaged communities and asked staff to develop a risk and reward analysis on the study. Vice Chair Markus suggested the study could incentivize DWR to make changes in water policy and recommended staff first evaluate potential outcomes of the overall study.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.F.

The Committee next considered Agenda Item No. 4.D.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no proposed future agenda items.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Approved at an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 22 Committee on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

Michael Markus , Vice Chair

Attest:

Clerk of the Board