

PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE

Inland Empire Brine Line

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 3, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

T. Milford Harrison, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board Brenda Dennstedt, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board Paul D. Jones, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

None

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Kati Parker, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Carlos Quintero, Dean Unger, Kelly Berry

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP

1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Harrison 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: January 7, 2020

Chair Harrison called for a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 meeting minutes as posted.

MOVED, approve the January 7, 2020 meeting minutes.

Result:

Adopted (Unanimously)

Motion/Second:

Dennstedt/Jones

Ayes

Dennstedt, Harrison, Jones

Nays:

None

Abstentions:

None

Absent:

Parker

4. <u>COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>

A. BRINE LINE STATISTICS | JULY - DECEMBER 2019 (PA24#2020.4)

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation, copies of which were provided to the Committee, staff, and members of the public. Quintero confirmed for Committee Member Jones that the WMWD BOD loading was primarily from industrial customers as well as Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) connections.

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

B. BRINE LINE ACTIVITIES (PA24#2020.5)

David Ruhl provided the PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 16 – 22. The City of Beaumont connection received OCSD approval in January. Their capacity is anticipated to be 450,000 GPD at startup; 550,000 GPD capacity has been purchased. Ruhl advised rates for the next fiscal year will be presented in May for committee consideration. Upcoming marketing efforts will concentrate on assuring long-term future viability and sustainability and maximizing the use of the Brine Line; efforts will be inclusive of reaching out to potential new customers and communicating with existing dischargers. Committee Member Harrison requested staff provide committee members with information about future meetings with Brine Line dischargers discussing rates in conjunction with the ordinance update.

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

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Recommendation: Receive and file the following oral/written reports/updates.

A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT - NOVEMBER 2019 AND DECEMBER 2019

Karen Williams reviewed the updated report content and format, inviting input if additional information is desired.

Committee Member Jones asked for clarification on the Brine Line Protection capital project (FYTD budget of \$2,520,962 and actual of \$91,289, as of December 2019). Williams noted this is the OCSD Rock Removal Project; it is anticipated that the project will be on track with the budget at the end of the fiscal year. David Ruhl confirmed the rock has been removed to the staging area. The contractor is paid when the rock is hauled from the staging area; approximately twenty percent (20%) has been hauled from the staging area.

6. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee Member Jones requested a future agenda item for the Committee to review and refresh the Brine Line Reserve Fund policy. Rich Haller noted review of the reserve fund policy, including the reserve amount, is currently underway; the first step was to determine the current value of the asset. Review and consideration of the Brine Line Reserve Fund policy is the next step and will be brought back to the Committee for consideration at a future meeting. Committee Member Jones suggested staff also research and consider other JPAs holding similar assets and how they manage their reserves.

7. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on April 7, 2020.

T. Milford Harrison, Chair

Attest:

Clerk of the Board