

#### PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE

Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP)

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES August 4, 2020

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kati Parker, Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board Brenda Dennstedt, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board Paul D. Jones, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager Michael Markus, Orange County Water District General Manager Susan Lien Longville, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board

## **ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]**

None.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

None.

#### MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

**Eastern Municipal Water District** 

Brian Powell

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Matthew Howard Kristeen Farlow

**Inland Empire Utilities Agency** 

Shivaji Deshmukh Joshua Aguilar **Western Municipal Water District** 

Craig Miller Ryan Shaw Jason Pivovaroff Derek Kawaii

**Orange County Water District** 

Adam Hutchinson

**Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority** 

Rich Haller Karen Williams Mark Norton Jerry Oldenburg Kelly Berry

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Brian Dietrick, Woodard & Curran;

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the PA 23 Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Parker on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. The record will reflect this meeting was conducted virtually. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-25-30 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 12, 2020, and Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, any Committee member may call into the Committee meeting without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements. In concert with state and local efforts to prevent the spread of

COVID-19, and until further notice, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority will be holding all Board and Committee meetings by teleconference and virtually through the Zoom app.

As set forth on the posted meeting agenda, this Committee meeting was accessible to the public by teleconference and through Zoom. Members of the public who were unable to participate by teleconference or virtually were invited to submit comments and questions in writing via email for the Committee's consideration. All votes taken during this meeting were conducted via oral roll call.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments; there were no public comments received via email.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: June 2, 2020

**MOVED**, approve the June 2, 2020 meeting minutes.

Result: Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)

Motion/Second: Jones/Longville

Ayes Dennstedt, Jones, Longville, Markus, Parker

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: None

## 4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. <u>SARCCUP Project Updates</u>

The PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 11 – 25 was provided by Brian Powell of EMWD (Mountain Avenue West Recharge Facility), Jason Pivovaroff of WMWD (Sterling Pump Station/ La Sierra Pipeline and Riverside-Arlington Groundwater Well), and Mark Norton of SAWPA (Smartscape Program). Committee Member Markus asked for the number of residents across the four member agencies who participated in the Smartscape Program; Norton advised he will obtain and provide that information.

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

#### B. SARCCUP Detailed Schedule

Brian Dietrick, Woodard & Curran, reviewed the SARCCUP detailed schedule contained in the agenda packet on pages 27-35. It was noted that the MWD Agreements (referenced on page 28 of the agenda packet) are anticipated to be considered by the MWD Board in November with execution by the end of 2020. There was no discussion.

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

### C. SARCCUP Grant Payment Updates

Mark Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 37 – 40. There was no discussion.

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

## D. <u>Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWDSC) Agreements | Update</u>

Brian Powell, EMWD, noted staff and MWDSC have agreed on a draft agreement which will next be reviewed by the member agencies and legal counsel. It is anticipated the MWDSC Board will act on the agreement in November with execution by the end of 2020.

Committee Member Jones noted staff had originally submitted an agreement to MWDSC in March which was based on MWDSC templates of earlier agreements; since that time, a different staff attorney was assigned by MWDSC and the agreement has essentially been reconstructed. Over the past months, staff has been addressing items that were in the original approved term sheet but not reflected in the revised draft of the agreement, all of which have now been included in the revised agreement. Of continuing discussion is the relationship between OCWD and MWDOC; OCWD is a core participant in SARCCUP, but MWDOC is MWDSC's member agency – all parties worked together during this process to develop language that reflected this relationship. This relationship will also need to be reflected in a subsequent agreement between MWDSC, OCWD, MWDOC, and the cities of Fullerton, Santa Ana, and Anaheim – which are OCWD and MWDSC member agencies. Part of the agreement is to provide an extraordinary supply benefit under MWDSC's water supply allocation plan that those agencies, based on OCWD's management of the SARCCUP resources, may want to obtain. A term sheet of this subsequent agreement will be distributed to the SARCCUP member agencies and MWDOC for review.

Matt Howard, SBVMWD, provided an oral status report on the Cooperating Operating Agreement which should be finalized within the next month.

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

# E. <u>Update On Sub-Agreement Amendments Between SAWPA and SAWPA Member Agencies</u>

Mark Norton provided an oral status report on the Sub-Agreement Amendments between SAWPA and SAWPA Member Agencies. There was no discussion.

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

## 5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

## 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Parker adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 23 Committee on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Kati Parker, Chair

Attest:

Kelly Berry CMC Clerk of the Board