

## **PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE**

Inland Empire Brine Line
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 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 Kati Parker, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board Paul D. Jones, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager

## ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

David J. Slawson, Alternate, Eastern Municipal Water District Craig Miller, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

#### STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Karen Williams, Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Jerry Oldenburg, Sara Villa

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; June D. Hayes, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

## 1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 10:37 a.m. by Chair Harrison on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, this meeting was conducted virtually. 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. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no added or deleted items.

# 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: August 4, 2020

Chair Harrison called for a motion to approve the August 4, 2020 meeting minutes as posted.

**MOVED,** approve the August 4, 2020 meeting minutes.

Result:

Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)

Motion/Second:

Dennstedt/Jones

Ayes

Absent:

Dennstedt, Harrison, Jones, Parker

Nays: Abstentions: None None

None

# 5. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

# A. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT | WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT (WMWD) AND THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY (SAWPA) (PA24#2020.19)

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 14 – 20. Historically, WMWD and SAWPA were in an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Agreement to help SAWPA's Operations staff perform most day-to-day Brine Line activities. On June 8, 2020, WMWD notified SAWPA that the O&M Agreement was no longer needed and should be converted to a Mutual Aid Agreement. SAWPA has increased its operations staff and is self-performing most day-to-day activities, for example, water quality sampling, response to USA dig alert tickets, and general pipeline maintenance. The Mutual Aid Agreement allows WMWD or SAWPA to provide assistance to each other during emergencies, only, and the actual costs are to be paid by the Agency receiving mutual aid. Quintero noted that the Mutual Aid Agreement has been reviewed by Legal Counsel for SAWPA and WMWD.

**MOVED**, authorize the General Manager to execute the Mutual Aid Agreement between Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) and the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA).

Result:

Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Passed)

Motion/Second:

Dennstedt/Jones

Ayes

Dennstedt, Harrison, Jones, Parker

Nays: Abstentions: None None

Absent:

None

# B. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE | REACH 5 VALVE REPLACEMENT

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation, an updated version from that contained in the agenda packet on pages 27–38. SAWPA has been working in close coordination with EMWD on the Reach 5 Valve Replacement in Lake Elsinore. While performing a routine inspection, SAWPA staff found that some of the valves are frozen. SAWPA is looking for an opportunity to be able to drain about 250,000-400,000 gallons of brine and replace the valves to reduce the risk of a spill. SAWPA is proposing to use 5,000-gallon tanker trucks to move the loads from the project location to a new structure that was installed as part of the Reach 5 project (Pierce/Baker). EMWD is working on installing maintenance access structures close to the Perris and Menifee Desalters and will need to shut down their

facilities; SAWPA will then coordinate the work during the same timeframe to minimize the impact to the EMWD dischargers. SAWPA will be utilizing a consultant to obtain traffic control plans and permits required by the city. Quintero noted that he will provide more updates as we are closer to performing the work, anticipated to be conducted in March 2021. Committee Member Jones noted that he appreciates SAWPA's coordination on this project with EMWD's lateral improvements and installation of maintenance access structures.

This item was for informational and discussion purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 5.B.

## 6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

- A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2020
- B. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2020
- C. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2020

# 7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

## 8. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on February 2, 2021.

T. Milford Harrison, Chair

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Clerk of the Board