



**PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE**  
Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP)  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 6, 2021**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brenda Dennstedt, Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board  
Jasmin A. Hall, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency 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]**

Paul Kielhold, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

**MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

**Eastern Municipal Water District**

Brian Powell  
Nick Kanetis  
Leighanne Kirk

**Inland Empire Utilities Agency**

Joshua Aguilar

**Orange County Water District**

Adam Hutchinson

**San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District**

Adekunle Ojo  
Kai Palenscar  
Matthew Howard  
Shavonne Turner

**Western Municipal Water District**

Craig Miller  
Ryan Shaw  
Jason Pivovaroff

**Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority**

Jeff Mosher  
Karen Williams  
Mark Norton  
Marie Jauregui  
Ian Achimore  
Dean Unger  
Sara Villa  
Haley Mullay

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Brian Dietrick, Woodard & Curran; Jesus Gastelum, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the PA 23 Committee was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Dennstedt. Pursuant to the provisions of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-30, this meeting was conducted virtually. 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: February 2, 2021**

**MOVED**, approve the February 2, 2021 meeting minutes.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Passed)</b>
Motion/Second:	Jones/Marcus
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Jones, Markus
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Longville
Absent:	None

**4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. SARCCUP Project Updates**

The SARCCUP Project Updates and PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 9–29 was presented by representatives from Eastern Municipal Water District (Leighanne Kirk), San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Department (Matthew Howard), Orange County Water District (Adam Hutchinson), and SAWPA (Ian Achimore). Committee Member Markus raised a question on the water use efficiency program and the selection of ten (10) agencies and addressing the process of selecting recipient agencies and approximate budget of grant funding to be awarded. Ian Achimore noted the task is for \$1.2 million, made up of grant funding and contributions from the SAWPA member agencies. To promote an even distribution of grant recipients throughout the watershed, each SAWPA member agency will select 2 agencies on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Committee Member Jones provided a brief update on the Metropolitan Water District (MET) Board approving the first Coordinating Operating Agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District for the Sale of Surplus State Water Project; and authorized their General Manager to enter into future agreements with member agencies and local agencies. The agreement between EMWD, OCWD, and MWDOC is under review and it is anticipated we will receive the draft agreement with comments from MET's attorney tomorrow, April 7. A meeting will be held with general managers and staff to go over comments and have it finalized in May. Matthew Howard noted that Valley District is also in the holding pattern with their agreement with MET and are expected to receive it within two weeks.

Committee Member Longville left the meeting at 8:56 a.m. during the presentation of Agenda Item No. 4.A.; Alternate Committee Member Kielhold was her replacement for the remainder of the meeting.

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 31–40. The overall completion of all projects has an anticipated deadline of September 2023. 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**

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation on the SARCCUP Grant Payment Updates contained in the agenda packet on pages 41–44. As of December 31, 2020, the amount of grant invoiced is 42% of the total \$55 million grant. There was no discussion.

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

**D. Project Agreement 23 Committee Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2022 and 2023**

Ian Achimore provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the Project Agreement (PA) 23 Committee Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2022 and 2023 contained in the agenda packet on pages 48–59. The PA 23 Committee budget is included in the SAWPA two-year budget, which is also proposed for adoption by the SAWPA Commission on April 20, 2021. The adoption of budget by member agencies allows SAWPA staff to invoice member agencies for SARCCUP water use efficiency and project management tasks. Chair Dennstedt questioned if the PA 23 Committee Budget has been vetted with the member agencies CFOs? Karen Williams noted that the budget went through a Budget Workshop with the CFOs and no comments/questions were received. Chair Dennstedt requested to make a notation to the staff report (i.e., Commission Memorandum) indicating the member agencies finance team reviewed the budget when taking it for adoption to the SAWPA Commission.

**MOVED**, adopt the PA 23 Committee Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2022 and 2023.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Jones/Markus
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Hall, Jones, Kielhold, Markus
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**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 Dennstedt adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 23 Committee on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.**

  
Brenda Dennstedt, Chair

Attest:

  
Sara Villa, Acting Clerk of the Board