



PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE

Inland Empire Brine Line

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

T. Milford Harrison, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board
Mike Gardner, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board
Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager
Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

David Slawson, Alternate, Eastern Municipal Water District Governing Board
Shivaji Deshmukh, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Gil Botello, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board
Craig Miller, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Dean Unger, Marie Jauregui, Sara Villa, Haley Mullay

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Bob Tincher, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Heather Dyer, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; Derek Kawaii, Western Municipal Water District

1. CALL TO ORDER| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 11:07 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 and N-08-21, 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. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED

There were no added or deleted items.

4. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

Jeff Mosher noted that with the change of representation from Western Municipal Water District, Commissioner Mike Gardner is now on the Project Agreement (PA) 24 Committee. It is recommended that the PA 24 Committee appoint a Vice Chair. Committee Member Hall made a motion to appoint the nomination recommendation of Mike Gardner as Vice Chair of the PA 24 Committee.

MOVED, to appoint Mike Gardner as Vice Chair of the Project Agreement 24 Committee.

Result:

Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)

Motion/Second:

Hall/Mouawad

Ayes

Gardner, Hall, Harrison, Mouawad

Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: June 1, 2021

Chair Harrison called for a motion to approve the June 1, 2021; meeting minutes as posted.

MOVED, approve the June 1, 2021, meeting minutes.

Result: **Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)**
Motion/Second: Mouawad/Hall
Ayes: Gardner, Hall, Harrison, Mouawad
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: None

6. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE MASTER PLAN (PA24#2021.14)

David Ruhl provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine Line Master Plan, contained in the agenda packet on pages 11-16. The Master Plan is a long-term planning document that addresses facility needs over a defined planning period. The purpose is to determine how best to manage and implement the growth and expansion of the Brine Line to best serve the watershed and the member agencies. The benefits of the Brine Line Master Plan include:

- Consistency in decision making
- Ability to make informed decisions
- Focus resources and prioritize projects
- Promote economic development
- Maintain system reliability
- Accommodate future growth
- Meet future regulatory requirements

SAWPA staff will prepare a scope of work in collaboration with the member agencies and present to the PA 24 Committee for discussion and approval. The scope of work will include the following:

- Coordination with Member Agencies, review of existing plans
- System hydraulics
- Future growth projections
- Design criteria
- Environmental, regulatory, and operational constraints
- Engineering and operational resiliency
- Paying for laterals, projects, and system expansion
- Capacity management and long-term planning efforts to reach 30 MGD capacity

Chair Harrison noted that it's surprising that a Master Plan hadn't been done before and it's very essential to move forward with a scope of work. Committee Member Gardner noted it's a resource that really needs a long-term plan and an opportunity to encourage growth within

the region. Heather Dyer emphasized that there is a need to think through what the Brine Line will look like in 20 years and how to harness the asset that we have so that it will serve the purpose of our region decades into the future. There are opportunities out there of potential entities that can build in our region and by having a Master Plan we would be able to provide information needed for better planning in the future. Committee Member Mouawad noted that it is essential to have a detailed understanding of the path moving forward; a Master Plan is necessary to ensure reliability and resiliency through improvements and rehabilitation to the existing system. Eastern Municipal Water District has a section of their master plan for the Brine Line system to better understand the growth potential for industries to utilize the Brine Line. Committee Member Mouawad noted he will be happy to share their master plan and fully supports moving forward with the scope of work.

MOVED, to direct staff to prepare a scope of work for an Inland Empire Brine Line Master Plan.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Gardner/Hall
Ayes	Gardner, Hall, Harrison, Mouawad
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2021

B. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – MAY 2021

8. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

Chair Harrison recessed the meeting at 11:26 a.m. for Closed Session.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)


Number of Potential Cases: One

Chair Harrison resumed Open Session at 12:15 p.m., Legal Counsel Andy Turner announced that the PA 24 Committee received a report from staff and counsel, and no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 9.A.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on September 7, 2021.



T. Milford Harrison, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board