



PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE
Inland Empire Brine Line
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2022

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
Marco Tule, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

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

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Dean Unger, Marie Jauregui, Sara Villa, Haley Mullay,
Zyanya Ramirez, John Leete

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Ken Tam,
Inland Empire Utilities Agency; 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 10:19 a.m. by Chair Harrison on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Pursuant to the provisions of AB 361, 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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 7, 2021

Chair Harrison called for a motion to approve the December 7, 2021; meeting minutes as posted.

MOVED, approve the December 7, 2021, meeting minutes.

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

5. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE REACH V PIPELINE FAILURE – PASADENA STREET NEAR 3RD STREET CHANNEL (PA24#2022.1)

David Ruhl provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine Line Reach V Pipeline Failure – Pasadena Street near 3rd Street Channel, contained in the agenda packet on

pages 9-17. On December 18, 2021, SAWPA staff was notified of a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) on Pasadena Street near the 3rd Street Channel in the City of Lake Elsinore. The pipe failure was caused by a contractor working for Southern California Edison on the Valley Ivyglen Subtransmission Project. Prior to the work the location of the Brine Line was potholed and located by the contractor. It appears an existing thrust block on the brine line was undermined and moved as a result of the contractor's excavation operation leading to the pipe failing at the thrust block. The spill was contained on the evening of December 18th. Brine was removed from the SSO location and draining of the line continued through the night to allow repairs to begin on December 19th. Water quality samples from the spill location and the adjacent drainage channel, as well as Temescal Creek were collected. The pipe was repaired in the afternoon of December 21st and flow was restored to the Brine Line. A biological survey of the impacts caused by the spill is ongoing. Representatives of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Department of Fish and Game were notified and visited the site.

Approximately 296,000 gallons of high salinity brine spilled from the Brine Line. Approximately 88,000 gallons were recovered and disposed of back into the Brine Line at a location downstream of the spill, and approximately 208,000 gallons were not recovered and entered into the storm drain, 3rd Street Channel and Temescal Wash. The Brine Line failure created an emergency, for which immediate action was necessary and SAWPA's General Manager authorized several Task Orders and Work Orders. Based on the Procurement Policy in the PA 24 Agreement it allows for the general manager to procure services in an emergency, however, the general manager needs to bring it back to the PA 24 Committee for ratification. Below is the list of Task Orders and Work Orders issued of Contractors and Consultants obtained to assist:

Contractors and Consultants Obtained to Assist	Authorized	Expended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weka Inc. (Excavate pipe, materials and equipment and pipe repair) 	\$136,000	\$135,915
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haz-Mat Trans (existing contract) (tanker trucks for brine removal) 	\$37,022	\$37,022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houston & Harris (Vactor truck for wash down and collecting brine) 	\$20,000	\$15,018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dudek (Engineering analysis and technical review) 	\$5,000	\$0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennings Environmental (environmental damage assessment) 	\$3,875	\$0
Total	\$201,897	\$187,955

SAWPA holds property insurance and pollution liability insurance policies and has notified its insurance carriers of the pipeline failure and resulting SSO. The pollution policy deductible is \$25,000 per incident, and the property deductible is \$5,000.

MOVED, to 1) Receive and file status report. 2) Retroactively authorize the General Manager to issue task/work orders to contractors and consultants for an amount to be determined, to contain the spill and make repairs due to the damage caused by the Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) (retroactive to 12-18-21). 3) Retroactively direct staff to pay all expenses from the Brine Line Self-Insurance Fund, to file a claim with SAWPA's insurance carriers, and to deposit any insurance payments received into the Self-Insurance Fund.

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

B. PRADO RESERVOIR – BRINE LINE MAINTENANCE ACCESS STRUCTURE PROTECTION (PA24#2022.2)

David Ruhl provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine Line Prado Reservoir – Brine Line Maintenance Access Structure (MAS) Protection, contained in the agenda packet on pages 20-27. As part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Santa Ana River Mainstem Project to increase the flood control storage behind Prado Dam the Corps is anticipating raising the Prado Dam Spillway by approximately 20 feet. All Brine Line dMAS will need to be watertight up to the flood storage elevation of 566 feet. There are 14 MAS that need to be modified to be watertight. The estimated cost to modify the 14 MAS is about \$235,000. Since SAWPA has prior rights, Orange County Public Works is responsible to pay the cost of the modifications. Work includes lining of the MAS and installation of a new watertight frame and cover. SAWPA operations staff will be performing a majority of the work. Work is scheduled to begin March 2022 and completed by the end of the month. SAWPA hired a Traffic Control Engineering firm to prepare traffic control plans for the 14 locations. Mr. Ruhl noted that this work will not impact the operation of the Brine Line and is working with the City of Chino to obtain an encroachment permit.

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 – OCTOBER 2021

Presenter: Karen Williams

B. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2021

Presenter: Karen Williams

C. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Presenter: Karen Williams

7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

Chair Harrison recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. for Closed Session.

8. CLOSED SESSION

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

Number of Potential Cases: One

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4)

Number of Potential Cases: One

9. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Chair Harrison resumed Open Session at 11:05 a.m. and Legal Counsel, Andy Turner announced that the PA 24 Committee received a report from SAWPA staff and counsel; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 8.A. and 8.B.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on April 5, 2022.



T. Milford Harrison, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board