



**PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE**  
Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP)  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 1, 2023**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Gardner, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board  
Shivaji Deshmukh, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency General Manager  
Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager  
Michael Markus, Orange County Water District General Manager  
Paul Kielhold, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jasmin A. Hall, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board

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

None

**MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

**Eastern Municipal Water District**  
Laura Barraza

**Inland Empire Utilities Agency**  
None

**Orange County Water District**  
Adam Hutchinson  
Lisa Haney  
Bruce Whitaker

**San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District**  
Adekunle Ojo

**Western Municipal Water District**  
Craig Miller  
Joshua Aguilar  
Ryan Shaw

**Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority**  
Jeff Mosher  
Ilan Achimore  
Karen Williams  
Marie Jauregui  
Sara Villa  
John Leete  
Rachel Gray  
Dean Unger

**OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Project Agreement (PA) 23 Committee was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Committee Chair, Mike Gardner.

**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 items to be added or deleted.

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 4, 2023**

Chair Mike Gardner called for a motion to approve the April 4, 2023 meeting minutes as posted.

**MOVED**, to approve the April 4, 2023, meeting minutes.

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| Result:        | Adopted by Roll Call Vote          |
| Motion/Second: | Markus/Mouawad                     |
| Ayes:          | Deshmukh, Gardner, Markus, Mouawad |
| Nays:          | None                               |
| Abstentions:   | None                               |
| Absent:        | Kielhold                           |

## 5. **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. **SARCCUP PROJECT UPDATES AND DWR GRANT AMENDMENT APPROVAL**

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) Project Updates and DWR Grant Amendment Approval, contained in the agenda packet on pages 7-33. Mr. Achimore reported that there was minor budget changes associated with Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD). Both WMWD and SBVMWD moved a combined \$817,000 from Land Purchase to Construction. Land purchase costs and easement fees were less than initially anticipated, and there were no changes to the schedule or benefits.

Representatives from Eastern Municipal Water District (Laura Barraza), WMWD (Ryan Shaw), Orange County Water District (Adam Hutchinson), and SBVMWD provided brief updates on their respective projects. There was no discussion.

**MOVED**, to authorize the General Manager to submit and execute an Amendment with the Department of Water Resources to the SARCCUP Proposition 84 Grant Agreement reflecting the updates to the budget and scope of work.

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| Result:        | Adopted by Roll Call Vote          |
| Motion/Second: | Markus/Mouawad                     |
| Ayes:          | Deshmukh, Gardner, Markus, Mouawad |
| Nays:          | None                               |
| Abstentions:   | None                               |
| Absent:        | Kielhold                           |

## 6. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

### A. **SARCCUP SCHEDULE STATUS INFORMATION**

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled SARCCUP Schedule Status Information, contained in the agenda packet on pages 35-42. The project construction is scheduled to be completed March 2025, with the invoicing wrapping up in June 2025. The Grant Agreement, including the deliverables for the final report, is due to the Department of Water Resources in the summer of 2025. There was no discussion.

This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.A.

### B. **SARCCUP GRANT PAYMENT UPDATES**

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled SARCCUP Grant Payment Updates contained in the agenda packet on pages 43-47. An overview was provided of the Grant Agreement reflecting the invoices submitted through March 31, 2023. The total SARCCUP grant for all

five member agencies amounts to \$55 million, with the project schedule running from January 2017 to June 2025. There was no discussion.

This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 6.B.

**C. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

It was noted that the PA 23 Committee meetings are held when there is an approval action item, and this practice will continue in the future.

**D. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no Committee Member comments received.

**E. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT**

There were no Chair comments received.

**7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

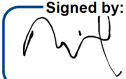
There were no requests for future agenda items.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Committee Chair Mike Gardner adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 23 Committee on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.**

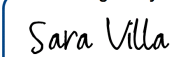
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