



PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE
Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Brenda Dennstedt, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board
Marco Tule, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board
Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager
Michael Markus, Orange County Water District General Manager
Susan Lien Longville, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Gardner, Chair, Western Municipal Water District

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency General Manager

MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Eastern Municipal Water District

Leighanne Kirk
Laura Barraza

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

John Russ

Orange County Water District

Adam Hutchinson

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Chris Jones
Adekunle Ojo

Joanna Gibson

Western Municipal Water District

Craig Miller
Ryan Shaw

Joshua Aguilar

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

Jeff Mosher
Karen Williams
Edina Goode
Mark Norton
Marie Jauregui

Ian Achimore
Dean Unger
Sara Villa
Zyanya Ramirez
John Leete

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 Member, Brenda Dennstedt. 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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JUNE 7, 2022

Chair Brenda Dennstedt called for a motion to approve the June 7, 2022; meeting minutes as posted.

MOVED, approve the June 7, 2022, meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Markus/Mouawad
Ayes:	Longville, Markus, Mouawad, Tule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	Dennstedt
Absent:	None

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING 2024 AND 2025**

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled Project Agreement (PA) 23 Committee Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2024 and 2025 contained in the agenda packet on pages 7-23. A brief overview of the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) was provided. \$55M was received through Proposition 84 grant through the OWOW Process from the Department of Water Resources (DWR). SAWPA member agencies are project proponents for SARCCUP and receive funding through SAWPA. The PA 23 budget is inserted into the SAWPA two-year budget and the SAWPA budget is anticipated to be brought forward for adoption by the SAWPA Commission in May/June timeframe. Historically, the PA 23 Committee budget has included “participant fees” invoiced to the member agencies. This two-year budget has no “participant fees” to invoice due to carryover funding.

SAWPA staff manages the preparation and materials for both the PA 22 and PA 23 Committees, which include, planning agendas and materials, coordinating items that require committee approval with the SARCCUP project proponents, and manages the contract with Woodard and Curran, which coordinates/reviews the invoicing of DWR, facilitates be-weekly SARCCUP planning managers meetings, and maintains schedule and deliverable tracking. Mr. Achimore referenced the budget comparisons of revenues and expenses for the proposed budget FYE 2024 and 2025 and noted the majority of costs in FYE 2024 are NV5 Consultant as they invoice when the project is completed versus quarterly invoicing. The last payment received by DWR was July 2022 for cost incurred through September 30, 2021. The delay has occurred as the legislative budget process is slow this year. The legislature needs to re-appropriate Proposition 84 costs before DWR can pay invoices. It was asked what the SARCCUP project’s final completion date is, and Mr. Achimore noted that the construction completion date is March 2025.

Jeff Mosher noted that the member agencies have been transitioning and forming an Operating Committee and developed an Operations Plan, and SAWPA’s role will be to provide grant administrative documents to DWR. Committee member Susan Longville asked if any excess water had been conjunctively stored in any of the basins? Craig Miller noted that they are in the process of forming their Operating Committee and that would be something that the committee would have to determine as far as where the water would go and where it would be stored. Committee Member Michael Markus noted that the original concept was developed amongst SARCCUP member agencies that if Valley District had any excess state project water, then it would be made available for Metropolitan Water District to keep half and the other half would go to the member agencies.

MOVED, to adopt the Project Agreement 23 Committee Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2024 and 2025.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Markus/Mouawad
Ayes:	Dennstedt, Longville, Markus, Mouawad, Tule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. SARCCUP PROJECT UPDATES

The SARCCUP Project Updates presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 25-46 was presented by representatives from Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) (Leighanne Kirk), Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) (Josh Aguilar), Orange County Water District (OCWD) (Adam Hutchinson), and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) (Joanna Gibson). All member agencies referenced their slides and provided a brief status overview of their projects. There was no discussion.

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

B. SARCCUP SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled SARCCUP Schedule Status Information contained in the agenda packet on pages 47-54. The project construction deadline is March 2025. The Grant Agreement including the final report deliverables is due to DWR the Summer of 2025. The SARCCUP Operations Agreement is wrapping up on signatures by early next year, and staff is currently coordinating with OCWD on a Sub Agreement Amendment and is anticipated to be brought forward for PA 22 Committee approval. There was no discussion.

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

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

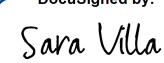
7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Committee Member Brenda Dennstedt adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 23 Committee on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

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