



**PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE**  
Inland Empire Brine Line  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 7, 2023**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Gardner, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board  
David Slawson, Alternate, Eastern Municipal Water District Governing Board  
Shivaji Deshmukh, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency General Manager  
Gil Botello, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

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

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

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Edina Goode, Dean Unger, John Leete, Daniel Vasquez, Marie Jauregui, Sara Villa, Haley Gohari, Alison Lewis

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Craig Miller, Western 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 10:00 a.m. by Vice Chair Mike Gardner on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

**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. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**MOVED**, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote</b>
Motion/Second:	Botello/Deshmukh
Ayes:	Botello, Deshmukh, Gardner, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

## 5. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### A. AGUA MANSA LATERAL (PA24#2023.4)

David Ruhl provided a presentation titled Inland Empire Brine Line Agua Mansa Lateral, contained in the agenda packet on pages 15-23. In June 2022, the PA 24 Committee approved a cost share agreement with San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) and Rialto Bioenergy Facility Inc. (RBF) to design and construct the Agua Mansa Lateral. Under the terms of the agreement, SAWPA will own and operate the lateral, and Valley, RBF and SAWPA will share the costs of design and construction. The Agua Mansa Lateral will allow RBF to connect to the Brine Line downstream of a long siphon, provide opportunities for future discharges to connect to the Brine Line and other benefits to the operation and maintenance of the Brine Line, such as operational flexibility, avoided maintenance costs and increased reliability by minimizing disruptions to upstream dischargers during maintenance or emergency events.

The estimate of construction cost for the Agua Mansa Lateral is \$2,013,000 for an 8-inch lateral and \$2,167,000 for a 12-inch lateral. The lateral will be advertised and bid as both an 8-inch lateral and a 12-inch lateral. A recommendation to award either an 8-inch lateral or a 12-inch lateral will be provided to the PA 24 Committee on June 6, 2023. The project is located along existing paved City streets and within the unpaved District access road adjacent to the Rialto Channel. No significant environmental impacts are anticipated. Additionally, all work will be adjacent to the same Brine Line alignment within Agua Mansa Road and the District's access road. This project is categorically exempt from CEQA because it involves minor repair or maintenance of an existing sewerage facility and because it involves replacement or reconstruction of an existing utility system involving negligible or no expansion of capacity, therefore a Notice of Exemption will need to be filed with the San Bernardino County.

Committee Member Shivaji Deshmukh thanked staff for all their efforts in coordinating with Valley District and RBF on the Cost Share Agreement and asked on the decision of going with an 8-inch or 12-inch lateral is it going to be based on input from Valley District on potential dischargers connecting, and will there be enough information by June to make that decision? Mr. Ruhl noted that we wouldn't know the potential future dischargers, though there is the emergency component and the benefits of going with a 12-inch lateral for a relatively small increase. The PA 24 Committee concurred with the benefits of going with the 12-inch over the 8-inch lateral and filing the Notice of Exemption. Vice Chair Mike Gardner asked how much money was in the reserves? Karen Williams noted \$31 million.

**MOVED**, That the Project Agreement 24 Committee:

1. Direct the General Manager to file a Notice of Exemption for the Inland Empire Brine Line Agua Mansa Lateral Project with the San Bernardino County Clerk's Office; and
2. Direct the General Manager to issue Notice Inviting Bids, upon completion of the Final Plans and Specifications for the Construction of the Inland Empire Brine Line Agua Mansa Lateral Project.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Botello/Slawson
Ayes:	Botello, Deshmukh, Gardner, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**B. FYE 2024 AND 2025 BRINE LINE FUND DRAFT BUDGET (PA24#2023.5)**

Karen Williams provided a presentation titled FYE 2024 and 2025 Brine Line Draft Budget, contained in the agenda packet on pages 27-68. An overview of the Brine Line Operations and Capital Budget was provided. Committee Member David Slawson referenced the Operating Costs slide on page 56 of the agenda packet and asked if the reduced Permitting/Pretreatment costs are due to the reduced BOD and TSS? Ms. Williams confirmed that it is based on the BOD and TSS. Committee Member Shivaji Deshmukh asked the reasoning for the new equipment of a dump truck. David Ruhl noted that it's a benefit to acquire the equipment because we've been renting it or hiring other contractors to do the work, and this will allow staff to handle as needed.

**MOVED**, to adopt the Draft FYE 2024 and 2025 Brine Line Fund Budget.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Deshmukh/Slawson
Ayes:	Botello, Deshmukh, Gardner, Slawson
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

**A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2022**

**Presenter:** Karen Williams

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**Presenter:** Karen Williams

**7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Closed Session.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Vice Chair Mike Gardner adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on April 4, 2023.**

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T. Milford Harrison, Chair

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