

PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** April 4, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Gardner, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board Jasmin A. Hall, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager Michael Markus, Orange County Water District General Manager Paul Kielhold, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

Shivaji Deshmukh, Inland Empire Utilities Agency General Manager

MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Eastern Municipal Water District Nick Kanetis Gordon Ng

Inland Empire Utilities Agency None

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Kai Palenscar Joanna Gibson Adekunle Ojo Chris Jones Western Municipal Water District

Craig Miller Joshua Aguilar Ryan Shaw

Orange County Water District Kevin O'Toole

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Jeff Mosher Ian Achimore Karen Williams Pete Vitt Edina Goode Sara Villa

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 Chair, Mike Gardner.

Mark Norton

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments; there were no public comments received via email.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 6, 2022

Chair Mike Gardner called for a motion to approve the December 6, 2022; meeting minutes as posted.

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MOVED, approve the December 6, 2022, meeting minutes.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. SARCCUP INTERAGENCY OPERATING COMMITTEE AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) Interagency Operating Committee Agreement Approval, contained in the agenda packet on pages 7-19. A brief background was provided on the creation of the PA 23 Committee by SAWPA and the member agencies in June 2016, to implement and administer the SARCCUP grant program. All budget and operating decisions of the PA 23 Committee will be made by unanimous consent of the PA 23 Committee members, and the agreement also states that the PA 23 Committee will approve one or more operating agreements that specify how infrastructure funded through the project agreement will be operated to ensure the anticipated regional benefits. Committee Member Mouawad noted that it has been a great collective effort by all the member agencies, and they have come a long way and they are eager to have the agreement in place. It was asked since SAWPA is not a signatory to the agreement is it appropriate to approve the agreement or should the motion be to support the agreement? Andy Turner noted that the member agencies are all part of the PA 23 Committee, and the PA 23 Agreement provides for approval of such agreement, so in a roundabout way you are approving it. Committee Member Markus noted that each individual agency will take the agreement to their Board independently for approval and made a motion to modify the original motion that the PA 23 Committee support the Interagency Operating Committee agreement rather than to approve it.

MOVED, to support the Interagency Operating Committee Agreement.

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

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. SARCCUP GRANT PAYMENT UPDATES

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled SARCCUP Grant Payment Updates contained in the agenda packet on pages 91-95. An overview was provided of the Grant Agreement reflecting the invoices submitted through December 31, 2022. The total SARCCUP grant for all five member agencies is \$55 million and the schedule is from January 2017 to June 2025.

DWR Invoices Submitted	Time Period Covered by Invoices	Schedule % Completed*	Grant % Invoiced**
24	Jan 2017 through Dec 2022	86% as of Dec 2022	65% (\$30.6M) as of Dec 2022

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

B. SARCCUP PROJECT UPDATES

The SARCCUP Project Updates presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 97-115 was presented by representatives from Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) (Gordon Ng), Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) (Ryan Shaw), and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) (Joanna Gibson). All member agency staff 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.B.

C. SARCCUP SCHEDULE STATUS INFORMATION

Ian Achimore provided a presentation titled SARCCUP Schedule Status Information contained in the agenda packet on pages 117-124. The project construction deadline is March 2025 with the invoicing wrapping up in June 2025. The Grant Agreement including the final report deliverables is due to DWR the Summer of 2025. There was no discussion.

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

6. <u>COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

There were no requests for future agenda items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Committee Chair Mike Gardner adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 23 Committee on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

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Mike Gardner, Chair

Attest:

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Sara Villa

Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board