



**PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE**  
Inland Empire Brine Line  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 5, 2023**

**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  
Shivaji Deshmukh, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency General Manager

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board

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

Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Daniel Vasquez, Dean Unger, John Leete, Sara Villa,  
Melissa Bustamonte, Zyanya Ramirez

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Dawn Coulson, Epps & Coulson, LLP; Nick Kanetis, Eastern  
Municipal Water District; Derek Kawaii, Western Municipal Water District

**1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair T. Milford Harrison 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: SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

**B. INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PLAN UPDATE (PA24#2023.15)**

**Recommendation:** That the Committee approve the addition of the Silica Exposure Control Program to SAWPA's Injury and Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP).

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

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

## **5. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE MASTER PLAN (PA24#2023.16)**

David Ruhl provided a presentation titled Inland Empire Brine Line Master Plan (Master Plan), contained in the agenda packet on pages 45-57. The Master Plan is a long-term planning document that addresses the facility needs over a defined planning period. The purpose of the Master Plan is to determine how best to manage and implement the growth and expansion of the Brine Line to best serve the watershed, member agencies, and current and future dischargers. Mr. Ruhl provided a brief description of each of the six (6) categories within the Master Plan scope of work; 1) Update and Calibrate the existing hydraulic model, 2) Market analysis, member agency and stakeholder coordination, and future growth projections, 3) Existing and future Brine Line system evaluation 4) Capacity Management and long-term planning efforts, 5) Multi-use benefits for the future, and 6) Policy considerations.

As part of the calibration process, flow monitoring was performed throughout the Brine Line system over a two-week period. Flow meters were installed at six strategic locations. Flow meter data was collected in 5-minute intervals throughout the monitoring period. Concurrent flow data was collected for each Brine Line discharger. Each discharger's flow was incorporated into the model at their specific discharge location, including the flows from the six flow monitoring locations.

Member Agency and Stakeholder meetings were conducted over a six-month period from February through August 2023. Information was obtained on the Brine Management needs of each agency including groundwater desalination, wastewater (recycled water) desalination and industries that use large volumes of water and have a high salinity discharge.

The policy considerations are to address questions that may necessitate the need to update or initiate new policy considerations such as lateral ownership, capacity buy-back program and how to pay for laterals, projects, and system expansion. Policy considerations will be developed by staff and the General Managers and presented to PA 24 for consideration and review. A draft report of the Master Plan is anticipated to be completed February 2024 and a thorough review will be performed by the member agencies and stakeholders and will be presented to the PA 24 Committee in March 2024 timeframe.

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

## **6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

### **A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2023**

### **B. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2023**

**C. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023**

**D. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**E. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Jeff Mosher informed the Committee that the PA 24 Committee meeting scheduled for January 2, 2024, will be cancelled.

**F. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

There were no Committee Member comments.

**G. CHAIR’S COMMENTS/REPORT**

There were no Chair comments.

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

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

Chair Harrison recessed the meeting at 10:43 a.m. for Closed Session.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)**

*In Re Rialto Bioenergy Facility, LLC*

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California

Case No.: 23-01467-CL11

**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 11:20 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 Items No. 8.A. and 8.B.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Committee Chair T. Milford Harrison adjourned the Regular meeting at 11:22 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on February 6, 2024.**

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*T. Milford Harrison*

T. Milford Harrison, Chair

**Attest:**

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*Sara Villa*

Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board