



**PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE**  
Inland Empire Brine Line  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 2, 2024**

**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  
Jasmin Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**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; Ken Tam, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; 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 10:33 a.m. by Chair T. Milford Harrison on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED OR DELETED**

There were no added or deleted items.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 5, 2024**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

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

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

## 6. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### A. SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL (SART) LICENSING AGREEMENTS (PA24#2024.8)

Daniel Vasquez provided a presentation titled Santa Ana River Trail (SART) Licensing Agreements, contained in the agenda packet on pages 37-47. In 2014, an Operations and Maintenance Agreement was signed by SAWPA with Riverside County (RivCo) Parks for development of the SART from below Prado Dam to the Green River Golf Course for 25 years upon completion of construction. SAWPA has participated in the planning efforts with RivCo Parks for Phase 6 of the SART project, providing feedback concerning SAWPA's interests in preserving access for Brine Line maintenance and repairs including review and input of the proposed elevated bridge over the BNSF Railway crossing and utility relocations within SAWPA's property. Phase 6 of SART includes the construction of a 1.5-mile multi-use path from the terminus of SART Phase 3 through Prado Basin.

To accommodate the SART and the railway bridge crossing, Southern California Edison and AT&T have requested a license agreement to relocate their utility infrastructures in SAWPA's property. AT&T is proposing to remove poles and relocate facilities underground in a northeast direction on SAWPA property. SoCal Edison is proposing to relocate poles on SAWPA property above ground.

Mr. Vasquez noted that the license agreements will be reviewed by Legal Counsel to include language and protect SAWPA's property rights, to ensure the Brine Line is protected and SAWPA's access to the Brine Line is not hindered and always maintained. Once license agreements are finalized and approved by Legal Counsel they will be brought forward for PA 24 Committee approval.

Committee member Mouawad expressed the importance of the license agreement language to make sure SAWPA is protected and operational and suggested making it a practice to be on site with personnel during construction.

**MOVED**, to consider a request from AT&T and Southern California Edison to relocate their utilities in SAWPA's property in support of the Santa Ana River Trail and direct staff to prepare a License Agreement with AT&T and Southern California Edison for approval by PA 24 at a future meeting.

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

### B. CARB CLEAN FLEET REGULATORY COMPLIANCE (PA24#2024.9)

Daniel Vasquez provided a presentation titled California Air Resources Board (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleet Regulatory Compliance, contained in the agenda packet on pages 55-68. SAWPA currently owns and maintains six (6) vehicles for the operation and maintenance activities of the Brine Line. The fleet vehicles consist of four (4) work trucks, one (1) van for sampling, and one (1) mid-size SUV for minor operation and maintenance activities. To maintain an adequate and dependable fleet of vehicles, SAWPA has historically replaced service trucks every 10 years, every 100,000 miles or with the advent of significant non routine maintenance, whichever occurs first. One (1) work truck is anticipated to be replaced during the current budget cycle. SAWPA requires its work trucks to have 4-wheel drive (4X4) and a minimum towing capacity of 9,000 lbs. to properly service the Brine Line.

Beginning in 2027, small government agencies (10 or fewer vehicles) will be required by CARB to ensure 100% of all new vehicle fleet purchases are zero-emission electric vehicles (ZEV). This rule was adopted by CARB on April 28, 2023, to support Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-79-20. An additional option presented by CARB's new rule would be to follow the ZEV Fleet Milestones option in lieu of waiting to comply by 2027. State and local government fleets may purchase either ZEV, or near ZEVs, or a combination of both, until 2035.

The next steps are to continue to monitor the CARB requirements for modifications, extensions, or exemptions, and to monitor the market availability and performance of ZEV. To do more research as necessary for future charging infrastructure for ZEV fleet vehicles and provide the PA 24 Committee with any updates as more information becomes available.

Committee member Joe Mouawad suggested planning the budget accordingly and spacing out the costs, and to look into partnering with Edison regarding the charging stations to make sure protocols/terms are met in being available to the public.

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

## 7. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

### A. **BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – JANUARY 2024**

### B. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Jeff Mosher referenced the General Manager Report contained in the agenda packet on pages 75-76. SAWPA Communications has developed enhanced marketing and outreach materials for the Inland Empire Brine Line as an ongoing effort to revamp the marketing plan.

### C. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

There were no Committee Member comments.

### D. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT**

There were no Chair comments.

## 8. **COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was requested that an update on the RBF Bankruptcy be provided at a future meeting.

Chair Harrison recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m. for Closed Session.

## 9. **CLOSED SESSION**

### A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)**

Number of Potential Cases: One

## 10. **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 Item No. 9.A.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business for review, Committee Chair T. Milford Harrison adjourned the Regular meeting at 11:21 a.m.

**Approved at a Special Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on May 14, 2024.**

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T. Milford Harrison, Chair

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