



**PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE**  
Inland Empire Brine Line  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 6, 2025**

**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  
Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board  
Philip Paule, Eastern Municipal Water District Governing Board

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

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

Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board  
Craig Miller, Western Municipal Water District General Manager [via – zoom]  
Derek Kawaii, Western Municipal Water District

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Shavonne Turner, Dean Unger, John Leete, Sara Villa, Daniel Vasquez, Marie Jauregui, Natalia Gonzalez, Emily Fuentes

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Thomas S. Bunn, Lagerlof, LLP; Gene Wu, Lagerlof, LLP

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

The Regular Meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 10:44 a.m. by Chair T. Milford Harrison on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503.

**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 items to be added or deleted.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 1, 2025**

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

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

Result:

Motion/Second:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent:

**Adopted by Roll Call Vote**

Gardner/Paule

Gardner, Hall, Harrison, Paule

None

None

None

## 6. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE RATE RESOLUTION (PA24#2025.11)

David Ruhl provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine Line Rate Resolution 2025-2, contained in the agenda packet on pages 19-32.

The current and proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Brine Line Rates for Flow, Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), fixed pipe, and fixed treatment are shown in the table below. The proposed rates have been calculated using the financial model prepared in 2018 and are based on the approved two-year budget (FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27).

#### *Summary of FY 2024-25 (Current) Rates and FY 2025-26 (Proposed) Rates*

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Flow (MG)</i>	<i>BOD (1,000 lbs)</i>	<i>TSS (1,000 lbs)</i>	<i>Fixed Pipeline*</i>	<i>Fixed T&amp;D*</i>
Current FY 2024-25	\$1,097	\$396	\$497	\$6,654	\$13,505
<b>Proposed FY 2025-26</b>	<b>\$1,119</b>	<b>\$416</b>	<b>\$522</b>	<b>\$6,787</b>	<b>\$13,775</b>

\*Fixed pipeline and Fixed Treatment and Disposal (T&D) charges are per million gallons (MG) per month.

The Brine Line rates include the cost that Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) charges SAWPA to treat and dispose of brine, which includes a Flow, BOD and TSS charge. The OC San Flow charge (\$308/MG) is included as part of the total SAWPA Brine Line Flow rate (\$1,119/MG). The OC San BOD and TSS charges are considered “pass-through” costs.

In April 2025, SAWPA received the proposed Brine Line rates from OC San (Flow, BOD, TSS) that include a 5% increase in their charges from last fiscal year. Due to the minor increase in the rates from OC San, SAWPA is able to maintain the proposed rate increase of 2% for Flow, Fixed Pipeline and Fixed Treatment and Disposal. Since BOD and TSS are pass through costs the rate for BOD and TSS will increase 5%.

The truck disposal rates will continue to be based on two (2) tiers: a Brine Tier and a Non-Brine Tier. These charges will increase 2.4% from FY 2024-25. The proposed Capacity Lease rates for FY 2025-26 will increase 2.0% from FY 2024-25 for discharges not exceeding 250 mg/L of BOD and 250 mg/L of TSS. Dischargers exceeding BOD and TSS, surcharge rate will increase by 5%. The proposed permit fees for FY 2025-26 remain unchanged from FY 2024-25.

Mr. Ruhl noted, if approved today, these rates and resolution will be taken for Commission approval on May 20. There was no discussion.

**MOVED**, that the Project Agreement 24 Committee recommends approval by the SAWPA Commission of Resolution No. 2025-2 establishing the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Inland Empire Brine Line Rates.

Result:

Motion/Second:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent:

**Adopted by Roll Call Vote**

Hall/Gardner

Gardner, Hall, Harrison, Slawson

None

None

None

**B. SCADA SPECIFICATION DESIGN AND WORK PLAN AWARD (PA24#2025.12)**

Daniel Vasquez provided a presentation on the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Specification Design and Work Plan Award, contained in the agenda packet on pages 35-46.

Mr. Vasquez noted that the SCADA design effort Request for Proposal (RFP) was brought forward to the PA 24 Committee for approval as part of the Brine Line Master Plan completed in December 2024. The SCADA system was identified as a key component of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), enabling the SAWPA to monitor various operational and environmental parameters remotely.

SCADA is a computer-based system used for real-time data monitoring and control. Allowing staff to remotely monitor key parameters such as flow, pH, Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), and other water quality indicators. This enhances the ability to enforce pretreatment regulations and improves operational and maintenance insights. It will provide desktop dashboards displaying real-time data across all key monitoring points.

In March, the RFP was issued and received significant interest; thirty-two (32) downloads via PlanetBids, twenty-six (26) attendees at the pre-proposal meeting, and two (2) proposals submitted (SOAP Engineering and Dudek). The Selection Committee conducted a thorough evaluation, including interviews and reference checks. While SOEP Engineering submitted a lower-cost proposal, it failed to address several key requirements and omitted critical tasks outlined in the RFP. Dudek's proposal was determined to be the most responsive and comprehensive.

Mr. Vasquez noted that although firms such as Aviva, Schneider Electric, and Tetra Tech expressed interest, they were unable to participate due to current workloads. However, they conveyed willingness to be involved in the implementation phase of the SCADA system in the future.

Dudek is being recommended for the award. The implementation schedule is as follows, Design Specification and Work Plan from May through November timeframe. Staff will present the design work plan to the PA 24 Committee in December and then begin Phase 1 Implementation in from January through June 2026 timeframe and additional phases will follow.

Mr. Vasquez noted that it is anticipated to return with a request for proposals to conduct the SCADA installation. The bid-ready design documents will be prepared, and staff will be ready to move forward with a public bid for construction. The staff's recommendation is that the PA-24 Committee authorize the General Manager to execute the General Service Agreement and Task Order with Dudek, in the amount not to exceed \$155,924. There was no discussion.

**MOVED**, that the Project Agreement 24 Committee authorize the General Manager to execute a General Services Agreement and Task Order DUDK240-13 with Dudek in the amount not to exceed \$155,924 to provide professional services for the preparation of the SCADA Design Specification and Work Plan.

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

**7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

**A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025**

**B. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

There were no comments/reports from the General Manager.

**C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS**

There were no comments/reports from the Committee.

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

There were no comments/reports from the Chair.

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

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

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

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

(paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Name of case: Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, etc., vs. Southern California Edison Company, et al., Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVRI2406115

**10. CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Chair Harrison resumed the Open Session at 11:19 a.m. and Legal Counsel, Thomas S. Bunn announced that the Committee received a report from Counsel; action was taken; however pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1, there is no reportable action 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 11:20 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on June 3, 2025.**

*T. Milford Harrison*

T. Milford Harrison, Chair

Attest:  
Signed by:

*Sara Villa*

Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board