



PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE
Inland Empire Brine Line
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 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
Philip Paule, Eastern Municipal Water District Governing Board
Jasmin A. 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
Derek Kawaii, Western Municipal Water District [via – zoom]

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Williams, David Ruhl, Dean Unger, John Leete, Sara Villa, Daniel Vasquez, Haley Gohari, Marie Jauregui

OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas S. Bunn, Lagerlof, LLP; Fred Jung, Orange County Water District; Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District

1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 10:01 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: OCTOBER 7, 2025

Recommendation: Approve as posted.

MOVED, to approve the Consent Calendar as posted.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Hal/Gardner
Ayes:	Gardner, Hall, Harrison, Paule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

6. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. BRINE LINE SCADA DESIGN PROJECT STATUS UPDATE (PA24#2025.21)

Daniel Vasquez provided a presentation on the Brine Line SCADA Design Project Update, contained in the agenda packet on pages 11-21.

The development of a SCADA system for the Brine Line was outlined in the Brine Line Master Plan as part of future Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects. This system will significantly enhance SAWPA's ability to monitor and manage the Brine Line by providing real-time flow and water quality data. The project includes designing a comprehensive SCADA system, which will feature five in-line flow monitoring stations and remote data collection devices for each direct Brine Line discharger.

Mr. Vasquez noted that in May 2025, the Design Specification and Work Plan was awarded to Dudek. A kickoff meeting in June sets the project scope, schedule, and strategies for data collection and assessment. Starting in August, SAWPA staff and Dudek began coordinating with member agencies' industrial dischargers to schedule site visits. During these visits, the teams collect data on existing meters, power sources, cellular signal strength, water quality monitoring, and infrastructure placement while ensuring security measures are in place. To date, 16 out of 39 site visits have been completed.

Following the Data Review and assessment stage, Dudek will prepare the preliminary Design and Work Plan, detailing the SCADA system's architecture, network, sensor locations, and screen mockups. SAWPA will review and provide feedback before presenting the preliminary design to the PA 24 Committee. This will be followed by 60%, 90%, and 100% design phases, with opportunities for member agency staff to provide feedback. There was no discussion.

This item is to receive and file; no action was taken on agenda item no. 6.A.

B. SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL PROJECT COORDINATION STATUS UPDATE (PA24#2025.22)

Daniel Vasquez provided a presentation on the Santa Ana River Trail Project Coordination Status Update, contained in the agenda packet on pages 25-37.

Senate Bill 1390, passed in 2014, established the Santa Ana River Conservancy (SARCON) and tasked it with developing the Santa Ana River Trail (SART) implementation plan and creating the SART Advisory Group. PA 24 Committee Chair, T. Milford Harrison currently represents SAWPA on this Advisory Group.

In 2014, SAWPA also signed a 25-year operations and maintenance agreement with Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District (RivCo Parks) for a segment of the SART below Prado Dam, along Reach IV of the Brine Line. SAWPA owns both real property and easements along this proposed trail segment. SAWPA has been involved in planning for Phase 6 of the SART, providing input on maintaining access for Brine Line repairs, reviewing the proposed elevated bridge over the BNSF railroad crossing, and addressing utility relocations on SAWPA property. Phase 6 is expected to begin construction in 2026, and SAWPA staff has reviewed and provided final comments on the 100% design plans to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC).

Mr. Vasquez noted that in November 2024, the PA 24 Committee approved a License Agreement with AT&T to relocate telecommunications facilities on SAWPA property, and the relocation is now complete. A similar License Agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE) for utility relocation is under review by SCE staff. RivCo Parks is also reviewing the License Agreement for constructing the SART over SAWPA property. These agreements include provisions to protect SAWPA's property rights, ensure the safety of the Brine Line, and maintain access for Brine Line maintenance.

SAWPA staff has reviewed the design plans for Phase 2A, this phase involves removing existing concrete pads, raising concrete shafts, re-coating internal MAS, and establishing a higher grade for manholes. Future PA 24 Committee items will include approval of the SCE and RivCo Parks License Agreements, which are expected to be presented for approval in early 2026.

This item is to receive and file; 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 – AUGUST 2025

B. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Karen Williams reported that the investment firm, Chandler, has now fully invested all of SAWPA's reserve funds. That process is complete, and we should start seeing returns soon. It is anticipated that Chandler will give a presentation on progress in December.

C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

There were no comments/reports from the Committee.

D. CHAIR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Chair T. Milford Harrison expressed his excitement about receiving more updates and seeing progress on the Santa Ana River Trail, with the goal of eventually riding his bike from his garage all the way to the ocean.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future Agenda items.

9. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Committee Chair T. Milford Harrison adjourned the Regular meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on December 2, 2025.

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T. Milford Harrison

T. Milford Harrison, Chair

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Sara Villa

Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board