



**PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE**  
Inland Empire Brine Line  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
June 2, 2020

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

T. Milford Harrison, Chair, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board  
Brenda Dennstedt, Vice Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board  
Kati Parker, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board  
Paul D. Jones, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager

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

David J. Slawson, Alternate, Eastern Municipal Water District Governing Board  
Michael Camacho, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board  
Craig Miller, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District General Manager

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Rich Haller, Karen Williams, Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Dean Unger, Kelly Berry

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP

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

The regular meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 10:38 a.m. by Chair Harrison on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. The record will reflect this meeting was conducted virtually.

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-25-30 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 12, 2020, and Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, any Committee member may call into the Committee meeting without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements.

Executive Order N-33-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 19, 2020, ordered all individuals to stay at home or at their place of residence. In concert with state and local efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and until further notice, the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority will be holding all Board and Committee meetings by teleconference and virtually through the Zoom app.

As set forth on the posted meeting agenda, this Committee meeting was accessible to the public by teleconference and through Zoom. Members of the public who were unable to participate by teleconference or virtually were invited to submit comments and questions in writing via email for the Committee's consideration. All votes taken during this meeting were conducted via oral roll call.

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. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: May 5, 2020**

Chair Harrison called for a motion to approve the May 5, 2020 meeting minutes as posted.

**MOVED**, approve the May 5, 2020 meeting minutes.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Dennstedt/Jones
Ayes	Dennstedt, Harrison, Jones, Parker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. **INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE ON-CALL SERVICE CONTRACTS (PA24#2020.10)**

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 13– 23. There was no discussion.

**MOVED**, authorize the General Manager to issue a General Services Agreement and Task Order DOW 240-02 to Downstream Services in the amount of \$210,476.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Parker/Jones
Ayes	Dennstedt, Harrison, Jones, Parker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

B. **INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE AIR RELEASE AND VACUUM VALVE PROGRAM (PA24#2020.11)**

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 37 – 54. Maintenance is performed by SAWPA staff annually on all fifty-four valves. There was no discussion.

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

C. **ALCOA DIKE | LOWER REACH IV-B AND CRC LATERAL UTILITY PROTECTION PROJECT (PA24#2020.12)**

David Ruhl provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 57 – 64. Referencing page 60 in the agenda packet, Committee Member Jones confirmed a floodgate will be installed in the Alcoa Dike at Auburndale Road. SAWPA does not have

prior rights in this area and is accordingly paying for protection of the Brine Line within this portion of the Alcoa Dike project.

**MOVED**, direct the General Manager to file a Notice of Exemption for the Inland Empire Brine Line Lower Reach IV-B and CRC Lateral Utility Protection Project with the Riverside County Clerk's Office; and, issue a Notice Inviting Bids, upon completion of the Final Plans and Specifications, for the Construction of the Inland Empire Brine Line Lower Reach IV-B and CRC Lateral Utility Protection Project.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Jones/Dennstedt
Ayes	Dennstedt, Harrison, Jones, Parker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**D. EUCLID AVENUE (REACH IV-A AND IV-D) MAINTENANCE ACCESS STRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT (PA24#2020.13)**

David Ruhl provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 69 – 77. There was no discussion.

**MOVED**, direct the General Manager to file a Notice of Exemption for the Inland Empire Brine Line Euclid Avenue (Reach IV-A and IV-D) Maintenance Access Structure Rehabilitation Project with the San Bernardino County Clerk's Office; and, issue a Notice Inviting Bids, upon completion of the Final Plans and Specifications, for the Construction of the Inland Empire Brine Line Euclid Avenue (Reach IV-A and IV-D) Maintenance Access Structure Rehabilitation Project.

Result:	<b>Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Unanimously)</b>
Motion/Second:	Parker/Jones
Ayes	Dennstedt, Harrison, Jones, Parker
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

**E. SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL IMPACTS TO BRINE LINE**

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 79 – 86. While coverage over the Brine Line is not an issue, there is concern a bridge might be built over the creek at Aliso Canyon that would not be strong enough for heavy equipment which would restrict SAWPA's ability to perform maintenance on the Brine Line. Committee Member Jones asked about SAWPA's easement rights in this area. Quintero advised at this location SAWPA has an easement obtained in the mid-70s. Quintero noted regular updates will be brought to the committee as the situation develops.

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

**F. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE RATES | DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION DIRECTION**

On May 19, 2020, the Inland Empire Brine Line Rate Resolution went before the Commission for approval but the matter was continued to a future meeting and staff was directed to communicate with and receive comments from Brine Line customers relating to increased rates. Rich Haller outlined the various ways by which Member Agencies communicate with Brine Line customers; many agencies prefer to communicate directly. Committee Member Dennstedt noted her concern is not how the communications occur as long as the communications do occur – it is only fair to the customers that they are part of the process. Committee Member Jones indicated concern EMWD customers might be confused by conflicting information since their rates have already been communicated to their customers. It was confirmed that the May 5, 2020 action taken by the PA 24 Committee will be brought to the Commission on June 16, 2020.

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

**6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

**A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 2020**

**7. REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests for future agenda items.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

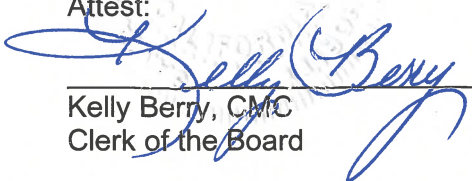
There being no further business for review, Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on July 7, 2020.**



T. Milford Harrison, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC  
Clerk of the Board