



PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE
Inland Empire Brine Line
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 4, 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
Michael Camacho, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Craig Miller, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Rich Haller, Karen Williams, Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Jerry Oldenburg, 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 10:00 a.m. by Chair Harrison on behalf of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting was conducted virtually. 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: July 7, 2020

Chair Harrison called for a motion to approve the July 7, 2020 meeting minutes as posted.

MOVED, approve the July 7, 2020 meeting minutes.

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

5. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE FY19-20 FLOW SUMMARY (PA24#2020.15)

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation, an updated version than that contained in the agenda packet on pages 16 – 28. There was no discussion.

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

B. MAINTENANCE ACCESS STRUCTURE PVC LINER REPAIRS

Carlos Quintero provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 31 – 41 outlining the repair work completed by Operations staff over the past fiscal year. The Inland Empire Brine Line system contains approximately 440 Maintenance Access Structures (MAS) which are annually inspected and repaired as needed. There was no discussion.

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

C. EUCLID AVENUE (REACH IV-A AND IV-D) MAINTENANCE ACCESS STRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT (PA24#2020.16)

David Ruhl provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 45 – 51. Project bids were due July 22, 2020, with an engineer's estimate of \$510,000. Six bids were submitted ranging from \$481,000 to \$813,000; the low bidder was Abhe & Svoboda, Inc. SAWPA staff contacted Abhe & Svoboda references and overall received satisfactory remarks. Staff recommended awarding the contract to Abhe & Svoboda and waiving one minor irregularity (corporate seal not affixed to bid). Committee Member Jones asked if anything may have been missed in their bid given the multiple bids submitted that were over the engineer's estimate. Ruhl did address this concern with Abhe & Svoboda; they are confident their bid is complete and they will be able to complete the work as bid. No complaints or concerns regarding the bid irregularity were received. Legal Counsel Turner noted he is comfortable with waiving the irregularity. Committee Member Jones moved the item. Vice Chair Dennstedt voiced disappointment that a representative from Abhe & Svoboda was not in attendance to address any questions or concerns from the Committee; Chair Harrison concurred and directed staff to ensure company representatives attend meetings in the future when an award of contract is considered by the Committee.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to award a contract for public works construction to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Abhe & Svoboda, Inc, for the Euclid Avenue (Reach IV-A and IV-D) Maintenance Access Structure Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$481,000, and waive the minor irregularity.

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

D. ALCOA DIKE – LOWER REACH IV-B AND CRC LATERAL UTILITY PROTECTION PROJECT (PA24#2020.17)

David Ruhl provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 55 – 61. Project bids were due July 21, 2020, with an engineer's estimate of \$973,000. Three bids were submitted ranging from \$1,349,805 to \$1,706,178; the low bidder was Weka, Inc. Weka has performed several jobs for SAWPA, including the Reach V – Nichols Road Relocation Project which was completed below the contract price and ahead of schedule. SAWPA staff contacted Weka's other references and overall received satisfactory remarks. There were two minor bid irregularities. The first was failure to include the resume of the proposed project superintendent (which was subsequently provided). The second was Weka's insurance acknowledgement included a minor condition to their insurance; after review with legal counsel, it was determined that the condition can be waived without risk to SAWPA. Vice Chair Dennstedt asked legal counsel to verify the irregularities were not substantive. Legal Counsel Turner noted that waiving the two irregularities would not give Weka an unfair competitive advantage over the other bidders and concurred with staff's recommendation to waive the two irregularities.

A total of 14 contractors requested plans and specifications for the project with three submitting bids. In addressing the significant gap between the engineer's estimate and the lowest bid, Ruhl noted the range of bid amounts is most likely due to the complexity of the project and increased minimum qualifications. In terms of the engineer's estimate, there were four items Weka bid higher: (1) the temporary flow bypass; (2), dewatering; (3) removing and replacing 400' of 36" pipe; and, (4) the 60" maintenance access structure (MAS). Weka believes it will take two weeks longer than the engineer's estimate and a lower price per foot cost was used in the engineer's estimate. No protests or written concerns were received from the other bidders. Ruhl advised a representative from Weka was not present.

Committee Member Jones asked if all the bids were analyzed and found to have the same deviations from the engineer's estimate and whether or not staff reached out to the 11 contractors who ultimately did not submit a bid. Ruhl noted staff reached out to several contractors and determined many did not meet the qualifications. In terms of the deviations from the engineer's estimate, Weka had the highest amounts in those four items mentioned earlier. Committee Member Jones asked if time is of the essence in awarding this contract. Ruhl responded the work must be completed before January 2021 due to subsequent work in the area to be awarded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Committee Member Jones stated that he would vote in favor of the contract award due to the time constraints to

complete the work before January 2021; however, he voiced concern about the value SAWPA would receive in terms of the higher contract amount. Committee Member Jones requested the memorandum include the bid analysis process in the future, especially as it relates to any differences in the engineer's estimate which was the case in this bidding process. Chair Harrison and Vice Chair Dennstedt concurred.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to award a contract for public works construction to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, Weka Inc., for the Lower Reach IV-B and CRC Lateral Utility Protection Project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,349,805, and waive the minor irregularities.

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

E. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE REHABILITATION/PROTECTION PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES (PA24#2020.18)

A revised memorandum was provided to the Committee and posted to the website prior to the meeting. David Ruhl provided a PowerPoint presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 65 – 69. TRC (formerly Vali Cooper and Associates) has provided construction management and inspection services for SAWPA on two previous construction projects and has extensive knowledge of the Brine Line and content of the specifications. Due to this previous work, SAWPA staff requested TRC prepare a scope of work and budget to provide construction management and inspection services. TRC will utilize staff from previous projects thus providing SAWPA with the most efficient and knowledgeable staff. Ruhl noted a TRC representative was not present, but could respond to any questions or concerns.

Committee Member Jones asked if pricing was obtained from other firms; Ruhl noted pricing was obtained from one other firm which was comparable with TRC.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to execute a General Services Agreement and Task Order No. TRC320-01 in an amount not-to-exceed \$162,118 with TRC, to provide Construction Management and Inspection Services for the Inland Empire Brine Line Rehabilitation/Protection Projects.

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

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – MAY 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

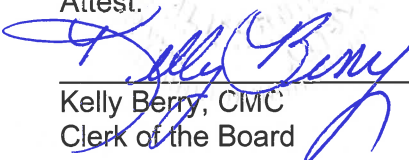
There being no further business for review, Chair Harrison adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on November 3, 2020.



T. Milford Harrison, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board