



PROJECT AGREEMENT 24 COMMITTEE
Inland Empire Brine Line
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 1, 2021

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
Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager
Shivaji Deshmukh, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency General Manager
Jasmin A. Hall, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board [11:14 a.m.]

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

Gil Botello, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board
Craig Miller, Alternate, Western Municipal Water District General Manager

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Mosher, Karen Williams, Carlos Quintero, David Ruhl, Dean Unger, Marie Jauregui, Sara Villa, Haley Mullay

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Mike Metts, Dudek; Nick Kanetis, Eastern Municipal Water District; Ken Tam, Inland Empire Utilities Agency; Michael Markus, Orange County Water District; Derek Kawaii, Western Municipal Water District, Mike Gardner, Western Municipal Water District

1. CALL TO ORDER | PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the PA 24 Committee was called to order at 11:12 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, this meeting was conducted virtually. 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 4, 2021

Chair Harrison called for a motion to approve the May 4, 2021; meeting minutes as posted.

MOVED, approve the May 4, 2021, meeting minutes.

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

Committee Member Hall joined the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

5. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE ON-CALL SERVICE CONTRACTS (PA24#2021.11)

Carlos Quintero provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine Line On-Call Service Contracts contained in the agenda packet on pages 11-16. Request for Proposals were issued on March 2, 2021, for the following Brine Line On-Call Services; 1) Line Draining and Emergency Clean-up Services, 2) Debris Hauling and Disposal, 3) Pipeline Inspection (CCTV), 4) Flow Meter Calibration, and 5) Surveying. The proposals were received on April 5, 2021, and were reviewed by SAWPA staff and the determination of award is based on technical and cost considerations. Committee member Mouawad questioned how the Task Order amount (\$139,360) is quantified in terms of quantity of work over the next two years, is it based on certain footage of line cleaning and drainage? Mr. Quintero noted there are two components, one is the line draining truck, and it is paid out on an hourly basis. There is also a list of heavy equipment that gets used and soil disposal. The amount is based on estimates from previous years, with the budget based on an assumption of a scope of two large spills. Committee Member Dennstedt recommended listing the locations of future contractors – it is useful to know that we are doing business with local businesses in the Inland Empire.

MOVED, authorize the General Manager to issue a Task Order (HAZ240-11) for \$139,360 and extend the expiration date for the existing General Services Agreement with HazMat Trans Inc. for Line Draining and Emergency Clean-up Services.

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

B. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE CRITICALITY ASSESSMENT (PA24#2021.12)

David Ruhl provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine Line Criticality Assessment contained in the agenda packet on pages 57-68. In July 2020, SAWPA hired Dudek to conduct a Brine Line Criticality Assessment and prepare a technical memorandum to include the results and recommendations from the criticality assessment. SAWPA will utilize the information developed in the Criticality Assessment to assist in the decision-making process when evaluating and assessing the existing reserve policy to establish the appropriate target levels for the Pipeline Replacement Reserve Fund. Updates to the Criticality Assessment will be required on a regular basis, approximately every five (5) years, to ensure the long-term viability of the Brine Line. Chair Harrison questioned what the current reserve funds are for the Brine Line and if the Technical Memorandum was presented to the General Managers. Mr. Ruhl noted that the current pipeline replacement reserve funds are approximately \$21 million, and an extensive review workshop was held with SAWPA and Member Agency staff to review and comment on the report. The comments received were incorporated into the report, and a revised memorandum was distributed to Member Agency staff and General Managers. Committee Member Mouawad noted it was a very thorough process and thanked Mr. Ruhl for all his efforts.

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

C. INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PA24#2021.13)

David Ruhl provided a presentation on the Inland Empire Brine Line revised 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) contained in the agenda packet on pages 107-115. The purpose of the CIP is to assure the long-term future viability and sustainability of the Brine Line. The revised 10-year Brine Line CIP is estimated at \$48 million through Fiscal Year 2030. The CIP was prepared by SAWPA staff and was refined during the criticality assessment to prioritize high criticality projects. High criticality projects will be implemented in earlier years while medium to low criticality projects can be completed in later years. Additional projects, investigations and studies were included in the CIP for parts of the Brine Line identified as high and very high criticality. A workshop was held with SAWPA and a meeting was held with Member Agency staff, and with the General Managers, to review the revised 10-year CIP. Chair Harrison referred to the CIP Years 4-10 slide (page 113 in the agenda packet) and questioned why in years 8-10 there is a \$7 million charge for Reach IV-D Corrosion Repair; is the repair being done to where it will last longer versus constantly needing the repair? Mr. Ruhl noted that an extensive study was done in 2018 regarding Reach IV-D where a manned entry was done in the pipeline for approximately 7 miles. Data collected at the time found that the useful life of the pipe could be anywhere from 10-20 years, and the consultant recommended coming back in five years to re-evaluate if the 10-20 years is accurate. The \$7 million for years 8-10 is to investigate a rehabilitation method. Committee Member Mouawad referred to the CIP Years 4-10 slide (page 113 in the agenda packet) and questioned how SAWPA is responsible for paying a proportional share of the capital costs for the SARI owned by OC San, and OC San has identified a minimum target level of \$600,000 and \$1.75 million annually? Mr. Ruhl noted that this has been going on for several years and part of the Settlement Agreement between SAWPA and OC San, a CIP was provided to SAWPA, and it was for \$70-80 million. SAWPA asked OC San to refine the estimate and OC San suggested \$600,000 and \$1.75 million per year. There is \$2.3 million in the reserve funds so this will also be something to further re-evaluate.

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

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

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

A. BRINE LINE FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 2021

B. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2021

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 12:03 p.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 24 Committee on August 3, 2021.



T. Milford Harrison, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board