



PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE
Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 5, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Gardner, Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board
Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager [8:43 a.m.]
Michael Markus, Orange County Water District General Manager
Paul Kielhold, Alternate, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Shivaji Deshmukh, Alternate, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Marco Tule, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board
Susan Line Longville, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

None.

MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Eastern Municipal Water District
Leighanne Kirk
Gordon Ng

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Joshua Aguilar

Orange County Water District
Adam Hutchinson

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
June Hayes
Kai Palenscar
Matthew Howard
Shavonne Turner

Western Municipal Water District
Ryan Shaw
Jason Pivovaroff

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Jeff Mosher
Karen Williams
Edina Goode
Mark Norton
Marie Jauregui
John Leete
Ian Achimore
Dean Unger
Sara Villa
Zyanya Ramirez
Haley Mullay
Jessica McDermott

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Brian Dietrick, Woodard & Curran; Laura Barraza, Scott Goldman, Harvey De La Torre

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Project Agreement (PA) 23 Committee was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Mike Gardner. Pursuant to the provisions of AB 361, 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. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Chair Mike Gardner called for a motion to approve the February 1, 2022; meeting minutes as posted.

MOVED, approve the February 1, 2022, meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote (Passed)
Motion/Second:	Markus/Deshmukh
Ayes:	Deshmukh, Gardner, Kielhold, Markus,
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Mouawad

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. SARCCUP SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Brian Dietrick, Woodard & Curran, reviewed the SARCCUP detailed schedule contained in the agenda packet on pages 7-14. The planning and CEQA is complete, as well as the Sub-Grantee Amendments and Metropolitan Agreements. The SARCCUP Agencies Operating Agreement is expected to be completed at the end of 2022. The construction deadline has been extended 18-months from September 2023 to March 2025. There was no discussion.

This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.A.

B. SARCCUP PROJECT UPDATES

The SARCCUP Project Updates presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 15-37 was presented by representatives from Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) (Leighanne Kirk), Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) (Jason Pivovarov), Orange County Water District (OCWD) (Adam Hutchinson), San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water Department (Valley District) (Ian Achimore), and Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) (Ian Achimore). EMWD's San Jacinto Groundwater Basin Facilities Wells 201, 202, 203 and 205 estimated construction completion is set for early 2024. The Hewitt and Evans Groundwater Treatment Facility design is complete, and the recommendation for Award of Contract is scheduled for June 2022.

The Water Use Efficiency Budget Assistance is to help retail agency partners comply with State regulations that require water agencies to adhere to agency-wide water use efficiency budgets. The consultant (NV5) is working on compiling and analyzing the billing software dataset of water consumption from seven (7) retail agency customers. The GIS mapping exercise is anticipated to commence in the next couple of weeks. WMWD facilities; Sterling Pump Station, Riverside-Basin Well, Elsinore Wells, and Cannon Pump Station increased their timeline across all projects to an additional 18-months extension. Land purchase, design, and construction phases of the projects are all contingent on one another. The Santa Ana Sucker Habitat, final permits were issued by regulatory agencies for Hidden Valley. Wetlands in late December 2021, and Anza Drain has not yet been issued. The Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) has taken the longest to provide final permits due to ACE staff turnover and the effects of Covid-19 on permit review. Due to Covid-19, costs have increased on construction supplies due to high demand.

Ian Achimore noted that there is a recommendation to DWR on tributaries and it will be brought forward to the PA 23 Committee in June. Withing the existing timeline of September 2023, habitat improvement activities would be conducted at all four tributaries/creeks, but no channel augmentation would occur. The benefit of 3.5 stream habitat miles would be reduced to 2.8 miles. The original 40.5 riparian acres would be increased to sixty riparian acres due to new portions of Anza Drain being included in the project area. It was noted that along with the 18-month extension an additional four (4) months will be proposed (total of 22-months) to allow additional time to close out the grant and do a final grant report. The initial request has been submitted to DWR and a meeting will take place with upper management to discuss the amendment and will bring it forward for PA 23 Committee approval in June. There was no discussion.

Committee Member Joe Mouawad attended the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.B.

C. SARCCUP DATA MANAGEMENT TOOL

The SARCCUP Data Management Tool presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 39-56 was presented by Gordon Ng of Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD). The objective is to bank imported water in groundwater basins during wet years, increase available water supplies in dry years, and enhance water supply reliability. The data management software would be an essential element of this program to help agencies coordinate the planned actions and understand the status of the participating groundwater basins and to see what supplies are available and track the surplus water that has been made available to be purchased and then banked. The tracking software is web-based so that it will be accessible to staff from various agencies. There will be a need for security of authentication and authorization so that it tracks who enters the data and generates reports. The consultant is DBS&A and there is a cost share agreement between the SARCCUP banking agencies (EMWD, OCWD, SBVMWD, WMWD) for a total cost of \$109,388 (\$27,347 each). There was no discussion.

This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.C.

D. SARCCUP GRANT PAYMENT UPDATES

Ian Achimore provided a presentation on the SARCCUP Grant Payment Update contained in the agenda packet on pages 57-60. As of December 31, 2021, the amount of grant invoiced is 51% of the total \$55 million. SARCCUP's schedule is about 71% complete with the project construction anticipated to be completed March 2025. There was no discussion.

This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.D.

E. UPDATE ON SARCCUP PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES TASK ORDER WITH WOODARD & CURRAN

Ian Achimore provided a verbal update on the SARCCUP Project Management Services Task Order with Woodard & Curran. The current Task Order expires June 30, 2022, and it is anticipated to bring forward for Committee approval an additional Task Order to continue the SARCCUP Project Management Services for FY 2022-23. Woodard and Curran have provided their budget and it came below the amount from the budget the Committee approved. There was no discussion.

This item was for informational purposes; no action was taken on Agenda Item No. 4.E.

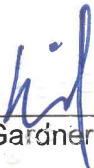
5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Mike Gardner adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 23 Committee on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.



Mike Gardner, Chair

Attest:



Sara Villa, Clerk of the Board