



PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE
Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Gardner, Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board
Marco Tule, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board
Joe Mouawad, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager
Michael Markus, Orange County Water District General Manager
Susan Lien Longville, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

None.

MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Eastern Municipal Water District

Leighanne Kirk
Jeff Armstrong
Laura Barraza

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Chris Jones
Kai Palenscar
Joanna Gibson
Matthew Howard

Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Joshua Aguilar

Western Municipal Water District

Craig Miller
Ryan Shaw
Jason Pivovarov

Orange County Water District

Adam Hutchinson
Kevin O'Toole

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

Jeff Mosher
Karen Williams
Edina Goode
Mark Norton
Marie Jauregui
John Leete
Alison Lewis
Ian Achimore
Dean Unger
Sara Villa
Zyanya Ramirez
Haley Mullay
Jessica McDermott

OTHERS PRESENT

Andrew D. Turner, Lagerlof, LLP; Brian Dietrick, Woodard & Curran; Harvey De La Torre, MWDOC

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Project Agreement (PA) 23 Committee was called to order at 8:30 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: APRIL 5, 2022**

Chair Mike Gardner called for a motion to approve the April 5, 2022; meeting minutes as posted.

MOVED, approve the April 5, 2022, meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Markus/Mouawad
Ayes:	Gardner, Longville, Markus, Mouawad, Tule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **SARCCUP AMENDMENT REQUEST AND PROJECT UPDATES (PA23#2022.1)**

The Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) Amendment Request and Project Updates presentation contained in the agenda packet on pages 11–39 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) (Chis Jones), and Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) (Ian Achimore). The SARCCUP has encountered several scheduling delay issues that require an extension from the current construction deadline of September 2023 to March 2025. The following major issues have led to the increased timeline:

- Longer than expected review times of permit applications by local/state/federal regulatory agencies,
- Longer than expected land acquisition and planning-phase tasks due to staff shortages,
- Larger cost estimates due to contractor price increases (inflation and broader economic conditions appear to be linked to this issue), and
- Longer delays for globally/nationally manufactured products such as pumps and valves (broader national and international supply chain conditions appear to be linked to this issue).

SAWPA is seeking approval to execute a grant agreement amendment that provides a schedule extension of up to July 31, 2025. No changes to the scope of work or budget (including grant funding) are expected at this time. If scope of work or budget changes are needed, SAWPA would present those changes to the Committee at a future meeting data for their consideration. There was no discussion.

MOVED, to authorize SAWPA's General Manager to enter a Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) Grant Agreement amendment that provides a schedule extension of up to July 31, 2025.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Markus/Longville
Ayes:	Gardner, Longville, Markus, Mouawad, Tule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

B. SARCCUP PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES – CONSULTANT SUPPORT

Ian Achimore provided a presentation on the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP) Project Management Services – Consultant Support contained in the agenda packet on pages 41-48. For the past five (5) fiscal years, the Project Agreement (PA) 23 Committee has approved annual task orders with Woodard & Curran to conduct the Project Management Services to support the SARCCUP project. The task orders have been funded by a combination of contributions from the five (5) SARCCUP agencies as well as the Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Agreement administered by SAWPA. SARCCUP initially had a five-year schedule with an end date in 2021, though the schedule since then has been extended from September 2021 to September 2023. The scope of work for the SARCCUP Project Management includes the following:

- Web-based database (“Opti”) to track and compile quarterly progress reports and invoices that are required by the Grant Agreement,
- Develop a grant-required project monitoring plan,
- Lead bi-monthly coordination meetings,
- Coordinating edits to the grant agreement amendment, and
- Facilitating finalization of the detailed SARCCUP budget.

Committee Member Mouawad asked if there’s a projection for the balance of the program schedule beyond this upcoming year and how does that look in terms of the overall budget. Mr. Achimore noted that it is expected about \$80K for the next three years, at the end of the day it’s pretty close to the \$1.3 million that was originally projected within the original Request for Proposal response submitted by Woodard and Curran.

MOVED, to authorize the approval of Task Order No. RMC504-401-09 in the amount not-to-exceed \$84,030 with Woodard & Curran for project management services to support the Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program.

Result:	Adopted by Roll Call Vote
Motion/Second:	Markus/Mouawad
Ayes:	Gardner, Longville, Markus, Mouawad, Tule
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. SARCCUP GRANT PAYMENT UPDATES

Ian Achimore provided a presentation on the SARCCUP Grant Payment Updates contained in the agenda packet on pages 61-64. As of March 31, 2022, the amount of grant invoiced is 57% of the total \$55 million. SARCCUP’s schedule is about 75% complete with the project construction anticipated to be completed March 2025. SAWPA is coordinating with DWR to address delays in payments. Payments are anticipated to be received within approximately three (3) months. There was no discussion.

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

B. SARCCUP SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Woodard & Curran provided a presentation on the SARCCUP Schedule Status Information contained in the agenda packet on pages 65-72. There was no discussion.

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

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Mike Gardner adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

**Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 23 Committee on Tuesday,
December 6, 2022.**

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