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COMMISSION WORKSHOP/MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 – 9:30 A.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Terry Catlin, Chair)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Commission on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Commission; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

3. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION AGENDA

A. BRINE LINE TO THE SALTON SEA – DISCHARGE ALTERNATIVES

Recommendation: Discussion and possible action.

- PUTTING BRINE TO BENEFICIAL USE

Presenter: Jeff Beehler

- U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION - SANTA ANA WATERSHED BASIN STUDY
PROGRESS REPORT

Presenter: Tom Nichols, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

- BENEFITS OF “SWEETENING” THE SALTON SEA

Presenter: Andy Schlange, Acting General Manager, Salton Sea Authority

- CREATING A NEW VISION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Presenter: Celeste Cantú

B. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN AUSTRALIA

Presenter: Celeste Cantú

Recommendation: Receive and file.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Commission by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items prior to the time the Commission votes, unless any Commission members, staff, or the public request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 10-16-12

Recommendation: Approve as mailed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Any person with a disability who requires accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should telephone Commission Secretary Patti Bonawitz at (951) 354-4230, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting in order to make a request for a disability-related modification or accommodation.

PLEASE NOTE:
Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Authority's office located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, during normal business hours. Also, such documents are available on the Authority's Website at www.sawpa.org, subject to staff's ability to post documents before the meeting.

Declaration of Posting

I, Patti Bonawitz, Clerk of the Board of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted in the Agency's office at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012.


Patti Bonawitz

2012 - Upcoming Commission Meetings/Events

November

11-8-12 10:30 am PA 21 Committee Meeting
11-20-12 9:30 am Commission Meeting

December

DARK(?)

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

Santa Ana Watershed Basin Study

October 29, 2012

The purpose of the Santa Ana Watershed Basin Study (Basin Study) is to provide an appraisal analysis of the proposed Inland Empire Brine Line outfall to the Salton Sea, referred to in this Basin Study as the Inland Empire Interceptor (IEI).

Under Reclamation criteria (Reclamation Manual FAC 09-01), appraisal analyses “are intended to be used as an aid in selecting the most economical plan by comparing alternative features”. Several alternatives were considered in this appraisal study for comparative appraisal analysis.

A series of Technical Memoranda will be produced as part of this Basin Study to be summarized in a final report. Reclamation Manual FAC 09-01 states that appraisal analyses are to be prepared “using the available site-specific data.” Fortunately, a wealth of information useful for this Basin Study is available. Existing reports and other available site-specific data that were anticipated to be useful for this Basin Study appraisal analysis were identified in Technical Memorandum No. 1 (TM1).

The system flows and brine characteristics were addressed in TM2. The route of the proposed IEI represents an opportunity for SAWPA to expand the Brine Line service area to include the San Gorgonio Pass and Coachella Valley areas; and TM2 also addressed this opportunity and the associated additional flows.

TM3 will present a conceptual design for each of several alternatives under consideration. All of these alternatives begin at a common point in western Riverside County near Prado Dam in upper Santa Ana Watershed, running eastward to San Gorgonio Pass and through Coachella Valley to a common end point near the north edge of the Salton Sea in eastern Riverside County.

Estimated costs associated with the alternative conceptual designs for the proposed Inland Empire Interceptor will be addressed in TM4 of this Basin Study.

SAWPA Commission

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2012

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Terry Catlin, Chair
Phil Anthony
Don Galleano
George Aguilar

REPRESENTING

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Orange County Water District
Western Municipal Water District
San Bernardino Valley MWD

OTHERS PRESENT

Tom Love
Paul Rugge
P. Ravi Ravishanker
Don Lee
Celeste Cantú
Larry McKenney
Rich Haller
Karen Williams
David Ruhl
Jeff Beehler
Carlos Quintero
Zyanya Blancas
Dawna Munson

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The Commission Meeting of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair Terry Catlin at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority Office, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. Chair Catlin led the flag salute. Chair Catlin called for public comments; however, no comments were received.

NEW BUSINESS

INLAND EMPIRE BRINE LINE REPAIRS TO UNLINED RCP, REACHES IV-A AND IV-B; FINAL CHANGE ORDER (CM#8684)

David Ruhl said that staff met with Contractor Mladen Buntich Construction (MBC) on September 12 and 21 for the purpose of resolving outstanding claims by MBC on the Unlined RCP Reaches IV-A and IV-B construction contract. The meeting goal was for staff and MBC to gain a better understanding of each other's perspectives and resolve the issues, thereby avoiding a more formal dispute resolution. Upon carefully reviewing and discussing each line item, followed by long discussions and follow-up phone calls, they concluded that there were additional work items and credit items that were justified. A final value was agreed to in the amount of \$1,249,471, based on the items added and deleted work items. The terms of the agreement were included in a MOU that was signed at the meeting, contingent upon the Commission's approval of Change Order No. 11. The MOU states that MBC agrees to the value of these work items, and that there are no other issues related to the project requiring Contractor compensation. The Contractor agreed to provide a final schedule and marked-up record documents. SAWPA agreed to pay MBC within one business day of the Commission's approval.

There also was an issue with the Labor Compliance Program (LCP). Per the Proposition 84 funding terms, SAWPA must conduct a LCP for the project. SAWPA hired Padilla and Associates (Padilla) to conduct the LCP, and they conducted an audit of MBC's labor and materials tickets, and their certified payrolls. This resulted in several findings and fines. Padilla recommended withholding 100% of the amount, \$22,253, from MBC's retention. SAWPA has withheld that amount until there is resolution of the issue. The MOU also states that SAWPA agrees to forego any California Labor Code penalties payable to SAWPA if allowed by State Law. Padilla estimated the penalties currently due to SAWPA to be in the amount of \$8,100. The Project Agreement 21 Committee recommended bringing this issue before the Commission.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony, seconded by Chair Catlin, the motion unanimously carried:

12-10-05

MOVED, approval and authorized the General Manager to execute Change Order No. 11 with Mladen Buntich Construction Company in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,249,471, for the Brine Line Repairs to Unlined RCP, Reaches IV-A and IV-B.

BRINE LINE REACH IV-B UPPER IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 2 – CONTRACT AWARD (CM#8685)

Carlos Quintero said staff recommends that the Commission authorize the General Manager to award a contract to Trautwein Construction in the amount of \$380,699, with a separate 10% contingency of \$38,007, for the Reach IV-B Upper Improvements. Seven bids were received, and Trautwein Construction is the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. Reach IV-B Upper has accumulated significant scale build-up over the past years, and scale removal is challenging at some locations due to the lack of access for pipe cleaning. SAWPA has installed ten additional maintenance access structures (MAS) throughout the four miles of Reach IV-B Upper; however, eight more MAS are required to ensure access into the pipeline at least every 1,000 feet. Further, two relocations are required in order to remove one 90-degree bend at the intersection of Buchanan Street and Sampson Avenue in the City of Riverside, and a series of 45-degree bends on a section of the reach located on a Riverside County Flood Control District right-of-way.

The plans and specifications prepared by staff and construction management will be performed in-house, creating a savings of \$53,000. Carlos Quintero reviewed site maps of the proposed realignments.

Commissioner Galleano said that WMWD is very pleased with SAWPA's progress in getting the work done so quickly.

Upon motion by Commissioner Galleano, seconded by Commissioner Anthony:

12-10-06

MOVED, approval to award a Contract to Trautwein Construction in the amount of \$380,699 for Brine Line Reach IV-B Upper Improvements, Phase 2, including a 10% contingency.

Commissioner Aguilar suggested approving the contract without a 10% contingency, as it has been his experience that it is not in an agency's best interest to include a contingency as part of a contract. Celeste Cantú noted that any changes are carefully and judiciously reviewed by staff, and they are not automatically granted. Also, without a contingency in place, the Commission then must be prepared to convene a special meeting in the event of unforeseen circumstances such as found field conditions. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Aguilar reaffirmed his belief that it is not a sound business practice to place contingencies in contracts, and he recommended that Commissioner Galleano amend his motion.

Upon amended motion by Commissioner Galleano, seconded by Commissioner Anthony, the motion unanimously carried:

12-10-07

MOVED, approval to award a Contract to Trautwein Construction in the amount of \$380,699 for the Brine Line Reach IV-B Upper Improvements, Phase 2.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Celeste Cantú provided a very brief update on the Governor's recent legislative actions, noting that he had signed and vetoed the various legislation as anticipated.

OLD BUSINESS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Catlin noted that the meeting minutes from October 2, 2012 should be amended to reflect that Don Galleano attended that meeting rather than Alternate Commissioner Tom Evans.

Upon motion by Commissioner Anthony, seconded by Chair Catlin, the motion unanimously carried:

12-10-08

MOVED, approval of the Consent Calendar.

- A. The Commission approved the Minutes, as amended, for the meeting held on October 2, 2012.
- B. The Commission received and filed the Treasurer's Report – August 2012.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

The following oral/written reports/updates were received and filed.

A. OWOW Call for Projects Update

Jeff Beehler provided an update on the OWOW 2.0 call for projects, noting that 28 agencies submitted projects for funding. There are 39 construction projects. The total for all the projects requesting funds comes to \$84 million dollars. Two agencies are requesting funding to move forward with sustainable rates, and six projects were for the benefit of disadvantaged communities. He briefly reviewed the benefits of the projects requesting funding, and the rating and interview process. Everything still is on schedule and expected to be finished by late December.

B. Cash Transactions Reports – August 2012

C. Inter-Fund Borrowing – August (CM#8687)

D. Performance Indicators and Financial Reporting – August 2012 (CM#8686)

E. General Manager's Report

Celeste Cantú will report on her trip to Australia at the November Commission Workshop/Meeting.

F. Chair's Comments/Report

None

G. Commissioners' Comments

Commissioner Aguilar reported that SBVMWD recently entered into a MOU with the U.S. Forest Service, noting that this came forth because of SAWPA. They are working on that and will determine some pilot projects that he will report about at a future meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

There being no further business for review, Chair Catlin adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVED:

November 6, 2012

Terry Catlin, Chair