



PROJECT AGREEMENT 22 COMMITTEE
Interregional Landscape Water Demand Reduction Program
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Halla Razak, General Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Paul D. Jones, General Manager, Eastern Municipal Water District [Chair]
Michael Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District [Vice Chair]

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Craig Miller, General Manager, Western Municipal Water District
Doug Headrick, General Manager, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

STAFF PRESENT

Dean Unger, Ian Achimore, Larry McKenney, Karen Williams, Rick Whetsel, Zyanya Blancas

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Chair Jones at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Jones welcomed newly appointed General Manager Halla Razak from Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: NOVEMBER 16, 2017

MOVED, approve the November 16, 2017 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously; 3-0)
Motion/Second:	Markus/Jones
Ayes	Jones, Markus, Razak
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	Headrick, Miller

5. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. EMERGENCY DROUGHT GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW FOR NEW PA22 COMMITTEE MEMBERS (PA22#2018.1)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation on an overview of the Emergency Drought

Grant Program for the new PA22 Committee members present. This was an overview of Proposition 84 Grant Agreements, PA22 and PA23 Committee formation, also the Emergency Drought Grant Program's partners, budgets, schedule and SAWPA's role.

Larry McKenney added that due to the number of agreements and the complexity of the Program, it is very valuable to have the PA22 Committee, which has the authority to set policies for the Program on behalf of the SAWPA Commission.

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

B. EMERGENCY DROUGHT GRANT PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND BUDGET UPDATE (PA22#2018.2)

Ian Achimore provided a brief oral update of the Emergency Drought Grant Program (Program) Schedule and Budget. The Program has currently completed 46% of grants and has met 84% of match requirements. The total of grant and match that has been invoiced to SAWPA is 59%.

Chair Jones informed Achimore that Eastern Municipal Water District has completed their retrofit and is in the process of invoicing SAWPA.

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C. EMERGENCY DROUGHT GRANT PROGRAM COST SAVINGS (PA22#2018.3)

Ian Achimore provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding SAWPA and the Advisory Workgroup's efforts in exploring options to allocate the Emergency Drought Grant Program (Program) cost savings.

Reasons for cost savings derive from the Aerial Mapping and Web-Based Tool components coming in at a lower cost than projected and the decision made by three retail water agencies not to adopt budget based rates, and therefore not utilizing their funds from the second phase of their contract. To utilize cost savings, the PA22 Committee approved an expansion of the Program to implement more turf removal and to create the cloud based aerial imagery platform and the Meter Geocoding and Business type classification component.

Based on spending projections and past spending documented through November 30, 2017, the grant will have a remaining savings of approximately \$245,000. The estimate of grant savings makes several assumptions; the six major assumptions were referenced and are located in the agenda packet pages 13-14.

SAWPA staff has discussed various alternatives for using the projected grant savings with the Advisory Workgroup and the SAWPA member agency general managers. Utilization of addition costs savings include:

- Conservation-Based Water Rates Component – Funding incentives to remaining retail water agencies with a possible allocation based on high percentage of their service area that may be designated as a disadvantaged community.
- Turf Removal – Expand the existing component by providing addition funds for existing projects.
- Sustainable Landscape Program – Provides funding to commercial entities.

The Sustainable Landscape Program (not part of the Emergency Drought Grant Program) would fund turf removal and drought tolerant install on commercial properties. SAWPA's role would be to implement turf removal by managing landscape contractor(s). Achimore raised concerns with the Sustainable Landscape Program stating that it would focus on commercial properties instead of public agencies or HOAs, it would hold up retention for other agencies, and it would make management of the overall Program's schedule and budget difficult. Further detail on the Sustainable Landscape Program with budget estimate of staff time will be presented at a future PA22 Committee meeting.

Achimore emphasized that the disadvantage community allocation was received favorably at the Advisory Workgroup meeting and staff is leaning towards that option.

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D. DRAFT REPORT FOR THE WEB-BASED INFORMATION TOOL (PA22#2018.4)

Chelsea Minton from EagleView (formerly OmniEarth) provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of a Lessons Learned survey conducted towards participating retail agencies of the Web-Based Information Tool (Tool).

Overall, 82% of participating agencies saw an increase in efficiency while they had access to water budget and land cover data. Most of the participating retail agencies noted that the tools and datasets provided by the Tool were valuable for meeting upcoming California state regulations.

The most commonly cited challenges were lack of approval by the agency's board or management, the shifting of organizational priorities, and lack of internal resources. Agencies stated that 50% of the challenges presented by the data/toolset were internal and could not have been addressed by SAWPA or the vendor. As an industry, inconsistent data standards continue to drive higher costs in providing data services.

Minton indicated that EagleView acquired OmniEarth and upon managerial review, EagleView will not continue to support its water efficiency products. EagleView will carry on to assist SAWPA through the end of the Web-Based Water Consumption Reporting and Customer Engagement Project, which is expected to be completed in June 2018. Licensing of the product will most likely not be sold to other vendors.

The PA22 Committee expressed their concerns with EagleView's decision to cease water efficiency products and discussed participating agencies' future issues as a result of this decision. Minton stated that the data is exportable and provides land cover data and existing water budget historically every single month for the last four years for every parcel in a participating retail agency's service area. This will assist agencies when upcoming state regulations are set in place.

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E. METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION PROGRAM ICP

Bill McDonnell, Water Efficiency Manager at Metropolitan Water District (MWD), provided a PowerPoint presentation on MWD Innovative Conservation Program (ICP).

The ICP is a competitive grant program which funds projects with potential water savings and reliability of innovative water saving devices, technology, and strategies. It is currently being funded by MWD, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Southern Nevada Water Authority,

the Central Arizona Project, and Western Resources Advocates. For more information on past ICP recipients visit www.bewaterwise.com.

Committee member Razak questioned how the panel determines a project is viable and how benefits are predicted and then measured. McDonnell clarified that the evaluation criteria do assess the validity of the project and review its possible results in some detail. Chair Jones asked if any of projects can become mandates, such as plumbing code provisions. McDonnell stated that projects can become mandates and some are currently in rebate programs.

The PA22 Committee agreed that the ICP would be a program of interest to assist. Upon discussion it was determined that the ICP would benefit from obtaining business data points from the Committee.

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6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no proposed future agenda items.

7. ADJOURNMENT

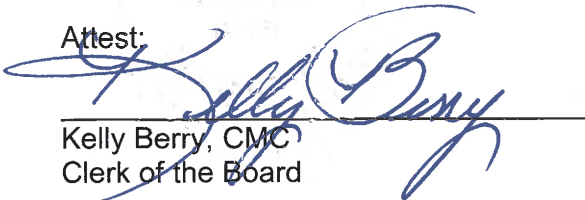
There being no further business for review, Chair Jones adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 22 Committee on Thursday, March 22, 2018.



Michael Markus, Vice Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board