Imported Water Recharge Technical Committee

January 28, 2013

Signatories to the Cooperative Agreement
City of Corona / EMWD / EVMWD / OCWD / City of Riverside
City of San Bernardino MWD / SGPWA / SBVMWD / WMWD

ATTENDEES

John Daverin, EMWD
Norris Brandt, EVMWD
Greg Woodside, OCWD
Marsha Westropp, OCWD
Johnson Yeh, Geoscience/SBVMWD
Sam Fuller, SBVMWD
Jennifer Shepardson, SBMWD
Rebecca Franklin, SBMWD
Justin Nakano, CBWM
Cindy Li, CRWQCB
Linda Garcia, WMWD
Jeff Davis, SGPWA
Samantha Adams, WEI
Mark Norton, SAWPA
Sara Villa, SAWPA

Call to Order / Introductions

The Imported Water Recharge Technical Committee meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California. Introductions were made.

Review Meeting Summary

Mark Norton presented meeting notes from June 7, 2012 for review. The meeting summary was deemed acceptable as presented.

Review Cooperative Agreement and MOU Modeling Requirements

Mr. Norton referenced the Final and Amended MOU to Implement the Cooperative Agreement. There was discussion in regards to the Triennial Summary Reports of Imported Water Recharge Reports being submitted every three years versus yearly. The Projected Groundwater Quality Reports will be done by SBVMWD and modeler, Geoscience Inc., within a few months.

Ms. Li noted that there were some complaints about Highland Water Company over-pumping the basin in the Colton/Rialto area. Mr. Fuller noted that there have been some concerns about excess extraction and also emerging constituents. The Regional Board has some involvement in that matter and a collaborative group is being organized to try and resolve those issues and they are hopeful that there will be progress made.

Mr. Fuller stated that EPA is working with the Regional Board in trying to develop a new model for Rialto and Colton Basins. EPA is going to require that one of the polluters hire Emhart to build a new model. The basis for the model is still the USGS model as modified by CH2M HILL, and now Emhart will be modifying it again. If they wait for the new model to be

modified, he doesn't believe that he will meet the schedule (June 18th). Ms. Li stated that she will check with her colleagues on the status and will get back to him to give him direction.

Review Status of Modeling and Study Updates by Basin

Beaumont Management Zone (SGPWA) - Jeff Davis

Jeff Davis stated that they are in the CEQA process on a new recharge facility and a Draft EIR will be sent out in March or April for review, and if anybody wants a copy, he can provide it once it becomes available. Mr. Norton asked what the recharge capacity was and Mr. Davis indicated that it was 20 cfs.

Bunker Hill A and B, Lytle, Rialto and Colton Management Zones (SBVMWD) – Sam Fuller

Mr. Fuller said that for Rialto/Colton remedies to work for water quality, they are going to need additional recharge. Mr. Fuller stated that they are continuing to recharge and it will be demonstrated to the Regional Board that they are going to be continuing to recharge State Project water perhaps as much as 40,000 acre feet a year. He noted that they have a lot of low groundwater levels that need to be brought back up and try and conserve state project water.

In the modeling report that Mr. Yeh is going to be preparing for them, they will indicate that their plan is to recharge at least 10,000 acre feet to the Cactus Basins. It could start as early as summer of 2014.

Riverside A through F Management Zones (SBVMWD/WMWD/City of Riverside)

No representative from City of Riverside was present. Ms. Shepardson stated that the Clean Water Factory by the City of San Bernardino Water Department is still being proposed but they wouldn't be recharging imported water. The recharge water is expected to be recycled water effluent. The project is in environmental review and there is not a lot of information she can share due to an attorney/client privilege lawsuit.

Temescal Management Zone (City of Corona)

No representative from City of Corona was present.

Elsinore Management Zone (EVMWD) - Norris Brandt

Mr. Brandt said that they are conducting the CUP (conjunctive use program) water this year through MWD. Mr. Brandt expects that they will start their modeling report in the beginning of the fiscal year.

San Jacinto Area Management Zone (EMWD) – John Daverin

Mr. Daverin stated that the recharge operations testing began June 14 and continued through December 18 at which point they hit their target for the year. They recharged 5,700 acre feet last year and restarted recharging on January 2 and their target for this month is 700 acre feet. Mr. Daverin said that they have put in for a grant to help them pay for the collaboration for the updated groundwater model and they expect to hear back in April/May timeframe.

Orange County Management Zone (OCWD) – Greg Woodside

Mr. Woodside said that they are looking into buying another piece of land in Anaheim to have another recharge facility, and are doing their routine purchases for imported water roughly at 20,000 acre feet a year.

Arlington Management Zone (WMWD) – Linda Garcia

Ms. Garcia noted that they are continuing to look at efforts on feasibility. They met with the Regional Board on looking for other opportunities on using recycled water.

Future Meeting

The next Imported Water Recharge Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled Monday, May 13, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.