



PROJECT AGREEMENT 23 COMMITTEE
Santa Ana River Conservation and Conjunctive Use Program (SARCCUP)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas P. Evans, Chair, Western Municipal Water District Governing Board Vice President
Jasmin A. Hall, Vice Chair, Inland Empire Utilities Agency Governing Board Secretary/Treasurer
Susan Lien Longville, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Governing Board President
Paul D. Jones, Eastern Municipal Water District General Manager
Michael Markus, Orange County Water District General Manager

ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT [Non-Voting]

None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

MEMBER AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Eastern Municipal Water District
Kelley Gage
Brian Powell

Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Halla Razak
Jason Pivovarov

Orange County Water District
Adam Hutchinson

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Bob Tincher

Western Municipal Water District
Craig Miller
Tim Barr
Ryan Shaw

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Rich Haller
Larry McKenney
Mark Norton
Ian Achimore
Kelly Berry

OTHERS PRESENT

ESA: Tom Barns
Woodard & Curran : Brian Dietrick | Scott Goldman

1. CALL TO ORDER (Thomas P. Evans, Chair)

The regular meeting of the PA 23 Committee was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Evans at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority, 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, California.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: December 5, 2017

MOVED, approve the December 5, 2017 meeting minutes.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Markus/Hall
Ayes	Evans, Hall, Jones, Longville, Markus
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) COMPLIANCE FOR SARCCUP (PA23#2018.1)

Ian Achimore and Tom Barns from ESA provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding CEQA Compliance for SARCCUP and a proposed new CEQA strategy. Since there are no longer any subsequent phases of SARCCUP, they proposed moving from completion of a Program EIR toward completing individual project-level CEQA documents with no Program EIR. IEUA would lead in project-level CEQA documentation for the IEUA, WMWD and OCWD water banks, as well as the arundo removal. EMWD would lead in CEQA for the San Jacinto Water Bank and SBVMWD would lead in CEQA for habitat (none required for San Bernardino Water Bank – no facilities construction). Each would include a cumulative impacts analysis.

Committee Member Markus clarified that each of the three member agencies, OCWD, WMWD, and IEUA, will need to take this before their respective governing Boards for approval. Committee Member Jones affirmed EMWD's cumulative impacts analysis would be completed and certified by its governing board prior to those of OCWD, WMWD and IEUA.

Committee Member Evans voiced concern about splitting the project for consideration under separate CEQA compliance. Achimore responded staff has been working with DWR relating to project-level CEQA documents, including the cumulative impacts analysis as a whole as outlined in Table B on page 10 of the agenda packet which would address this concern.

Committee Member Longville noted she would like the PA 23 Committee to receive future status update presentations relating to these individual project-level CEQA documents. Committee Member Jones noted the project-level CEQA document of the three agencies (OCWD, WMWD and IEUA) will be the primary document for the entire SARCCUP project and include the most robust cumulative impacts analysis. Jones further noted EMWD would be happy to provide a presentation to the PA 23 Committee about the individual components covered by the CEQA document in their project.

A discussion ensued regarding whether or not future phases will be included in SARCCUP, what body would ultimately decide whether or not there will be future phases, and when will

that decision be made. Committee Member Jones moved to support the proposed CEQA strategy and noted that individual agencies within the program could come back and decide to do another phase of the project at a future time as a separate decision and initiate a new EIR at that time for that future expansion; nothing forecloses that possibility. The Decision Support Model, as has been represented to the Committee, did not support a future phase. The agencies have decided to move forward with this project as configured without a Program EIR, which is potentially unnecessary. This is a more efficient CEQA process for the project before the Committee at this point in time; future phases can be discussed at that time. Committee member Markus seconded the motion.

MOVED, approve developing a project-level CEQA document for OCWD, WMWD and IEUA, with IEUA serving at the lead agency; all agencies will share joint CEQA costs through December 31, 2017.

Result:	Adopted (Unanimously)
Motion/Second:	Jones/Markus
Ayes	Evans, Hall, Jones, Longville, Markus
Nays:	None
Abstentions:	None
Absent:	None

5. **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

Recommendation: Receive and file the following oral/written reports/updates.

A. **SARCCUP PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Brian Dietrick provided a SARCCUP PowerPoint presentation with an updated project schedule. Committee Member Evans suggested staff share the information contained in the presentation with DWR; Mark Norton confirmed staff would now share the information in light of the Committee's earlier action approving the CEQA process.

B. **MWD-SARCCUP DEMONSTRATION AGREEMENT STATUS**

Kelley Gage, EMWD, provided a PowerPoint presentation and status report on the MWD-SARCCUP Agreement.

C. **MWD-SBVMWD AGREEMENT AMENDMENT STATUS**

Bob Tincher, SBVMWD, provided an oral MWD-SBVMWD Agreement Amendment status report. Anticipated completion timeframe: Summer/Fall of 2018.

D. **DWR-SAWPA AGREEMENT AMENDMENT AND SUB-GRANTEE AGREEMENTS STATUS**

Mark Norton provided an oral status report; anticipated agreement by September 2018. Sub-grantee agreements with EMWD, SBVMWD, and WMWD are anticipated within the June 2018 timeframe; IEUA and OCWD are anticipated within the November 2018 timeframe.

E. **AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION (AWWA) CONFERENCE**

Brian Dietrick provided an oral report regarding a presentation on the SARCCUP project at an American Water Works Association (AWWA) Conference to be held in Las Vegas, June 2018; Bob Tincher of SBVMWD will make the presentation which will include the institutional issues addressed during the course of the project.

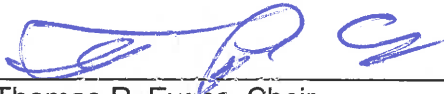
6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

EMWD representatives were invited to provide a presentation to the PA 23 Committee at a future meeting regarding the individual components covered by the CEQA document in their project.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for review, Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Approved at a Regular Meeting of the Project Agreement 23 Committee on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.



Thomas P. Evans, Chair

Attest:



Kelly Berry, CMC
Clerk of the Board