

## ENGINEERING COMMITTEE NOTES

April 2, 2019

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### Attendees:

Committee members: Oscar Gonzales (Chair) and Randall Reed

Staff members: Carrie Corder, Eduardo Espinoza, Chad Brantley, Mike Maestas and Tuan Truong

Members of the Public: None.

**Call to Order:** 5:00 P.M.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None.

### I. **RW Regional Contract Update (Verbal)**

- Staff gave a verbal update to the committee regarding the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) Regional Contract negotiations. The original regional contract was executed in 1973 and is due to expire in January of 2023. IEUA and the seven contract agencies appointed Kearns & West (K&W), a consultant, as the Regional Contract negotiation team and commenced the negotiations in August 2018. The negotiations began with a "Terms of Reference", a MOU-type agreement amongst the staff of the negotiating parties, that set the ground rules for the negotiations. The parties also identified 21 topics (or issues) of importance to be discussed and negotiated. To-date the parties have made substantial progress on 10 issues. The K&W team has compiled scoping documents and a term sheet for each topic, which are the documents that memorialize the parties consensus on each topic. The term sheets will later be used to draft the new contract.
- The most challenging issue has been recycled water, with subtopics like the Santa Ana River Obligation, monthly peaking, and recycled water rate still open topics. In an effort to advance discussions, CVWD has taken a lead role, with encouragement by K&W and IEUA, to hold discussions outside of the formal negotiations with the contracting agencies only. CVWD has hosted one of meeting so far and discussions have been candid and fruitful. As of now, CVWD and the agencies will continue meeting separately on recycled water until the topic is resolved.
- Negotiations on the remaining topics are scheduled through December 2019.
- This is an informational item and there was no action taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.