

## **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE NOTES**

### **August 18, 2020**

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#### **Attendees:**

Committee members:	Jim Curatalo (Chair) and Luis Cetina
Staff members:	John Bosler, Carrie Guarino, Eduardo Espinoza, Chad Brantley, Rob Hills, Praseetha Krishnan, and Tuan Truong
Legal Counsel:	Steve Anderson (BB&K) for Closed Session
Members of the Public:	None.

**Call to Order:** 4:30 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None.

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

#### **Introductory Remarks by Chair Curatalo**

Chair Curatalo announced for the record that this meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to the Brown Act waivers provided for under the Governor's executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Further, the agenda stated that there was no public location for attending this meeting in person. The agenda stated that the public may listen and provide comment telephonically by calling the number listed on the agenda. Chair Curatalo took a roll call of Committee members and staff present on the call as listed above.

#### **1. Water Purchase from West Valley Water District**

- Staff presented purchase of 1,000 acre-feet of Chino Basin groundwater from West Valley Water District (WVWD). WVWD offered 500 AF from their rights for this fiscal year and 500 AF from last fiscal year (they did not sell water last year). Both parties have tentatively agreed to a purchase price of \$528.50 per acre-foot, which is 70% of the current CY 2020 MWD Tier I Full-Service Untreated Cost (\$755/AF). The total cost to the District would be \$528,500 for 1,000 acre-feet.
- Staff also updated that this purchase will utilize the Water Banking Reserve, which has sufficient funds for the purchase.
- The committee concurred with the staff's recommendation to forward this item to the Finance Committee to review the funding of the purchase.

#### **2. Regional Water Policy and Water Management MOU**

- General Manager John Bosler provided an update to the committee on an effort by several retail agencies to convene and cooperate on regional water policy matters and projects. Over the last few

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months, several general managers and principals from neighboring agencies have been meeting to discuss water policy issues, especially as they pertain to challenges at IEUA and Watermaster, and other topics that would bring mutual benefit to the agencies. The group agreed to work towards memorializing their intentions to cooperate in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

- An example of a current project could realize cost savings by several agencies working together is the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP). At least four agencies are participating in this effort, CVWD is the lead agency, and procurement is underway.
- The MOU is mostly voluntary, does not obligate the group to participate in projects or commit funding. It sets an expectation for the group to meet periodically, and expresses the opportunity for agency policymakers (elected) to participate when appropriate.
- Participating agencies include those in IEUA's sewer contracting agencies and imported water agencies: Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, Upland and special districts like Monte Vista Water District and CVWD. Only Fontana Water Company opted not to enter into the MOU. However, they along with other neighboring agencies like Jurupa Community Serviced District, City of Pomona, San Antonio Water Company, and regional agencies like IEUA and Watermaster may be invited from time to time.
- Staff also informed the committee that this item was recently presented to the Engineering and Finance Committees this month.
- Committee concurred with the staff's recommendation to forward the MOU to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval.

### 3. Closed Session

Closed Session was called to order at 4:50 p.m.

#### CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

*Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, San Bernardino Case No. RCV RS51010*

### 4. Reconvene/Report on Closed Session

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:33 p.m. at which time Mr. John Bosler announced that there was no action to report from closed session.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.