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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

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AGENDA

2:00 PM Tuesday, June 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Board regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items except as authorized by law. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

2) CONSENT CALENDAR

2.1 Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting - May 16, 2023(2 min) - Page 4
[Staff Recommendation - Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors' Meeting - 051623](#)

2.2 Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors' Workshop - Resources/Engineering - May 18, 2023 (2 min) - Page 16
[Staff Recommendation - Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors' Workshop - Resources/Engineering 051823](#)

2.3 Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors' Workshop - Wages, Benefits & Insurance - May 22, 2023(2 min) - Page 21
[Staff Recommendation - Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors' Workshop - Wages, Benefits & Insurance 052223](#)

3) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 1177 Approving the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2024 and 2025(20 min) - Page 27
[Staff Memo - Consider Adoption of Resolution 1177 Approving the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority \(SAWPA\) Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2024 and 2025](#)
[Resolution 1177](#)
[SAWPA Member Contribution Summary for FY 2024 and 2025](#)

[SAWPA Budget Summary FYE 2024 and 2025](#)
[SAWPA Budget Summary FYE 2019 - 2025](#)

- 3.2 Consider endorsement of Cathy Green for ACWA President and approval of Resolution 1178
[Staff Memo - Consider endorsement of Cathy Green for ACWA President and approval of Resolution 1178](#) (10 min) - Page 35
[Resolution 1178](#)
- 3.3 Consider Adoption of Resolution 1179 Establishing the Appropriation Subject to Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (10 min) - Page 39
[Staff Memo - Consider Adoption of Resolution 1179 Establishing the Appropriation Subject to Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024](#)
[Resolution 1179](#)
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4) REPORTS (Discussion and Possible Action)

- 4.1 CEO/General Manager's Report (10 min) - Page 43
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[Project Status Update](#)
- 4.2 Directors' Report of Activities and Travel Requests in accordance with Resolution 1100
- 4.3 General Counsel Report
- 4.4 SAWPA Meeting Report

5) FUTURE BUSINESS

6) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 6.1 List of Announcements(2 min) - Page 52
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7) CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One or more potential cases

8) ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE:

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**MINUTES
OF
THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

May 16, 2023

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, T. Milford Harrison, June Hayes, Paul R. Kielhold, and Susan Longville.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
 Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR Habitat Conservation Program
 Wen B. Huang, PE, MS – Assistant General Manager/Chief Operating Officer
 Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board
 Michael Plinski, PE – Chief of Water Resources
 Cindy Saks, CPA – Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager
 Greg Woodside, PG, C.Hg – Chief of Planning and Watershed Resilience
 Melissa Zoba, MBA, MPA – Chief Information Officer

Leo Ferrando, PE – Assistant Chief Engineer
 Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
 Kelly Malloy, MPA – Strategic Communications Manager
 Matthew Olivo – Senior Accountant
 Karen Resendez, MAOL – Human Resources & Risk Manager

Brad Neufeld, Varner & Brandt, District Legal Counsel

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Jennifer Ares, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 Matt Porras, Yucaipa Valley Water District
 John Longville, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
 Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
 James Morales, East Valley Water District
 Michael Moore, East Valley Water District
 Kevin Walton, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
 Lance Eckhart, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
 Jonathan Guz, Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth
 Meredith Nikkel, Downey Brand
 Lora Nichols, Fieldman Rolapp
 Robert Porr, Fieldman Rolapp
 Richard Babbe, PFM Asset Management
 David Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Kielhold at 2:00 p.m. Director Longville led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was noted present by roll call.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment

President Kielhold stated that any member of the public wishing to make any comments to the Board regarding non-agenda items may do so. There were none.

Agenda Item 2. Closed Session. District Counsel Brad Neufeld introduced the Closed Session item. President Kielhold adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 2:02 p.m.

2.1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential for Significant Exposure to Litigation

Consideration of potential for significant exposure to litigation
Pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
One potential case

President Kielhold returned the meeting to Open Session at 2:07 p.m. District Counsel Brad Neufeld announced there was no reportable action taken.

Agenda Item 3. Consent Calendar

3.1) Approve the Appointment of Representatives to the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency

3.2) Approve Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting – May 2, 2023

3.3) Approve Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting – May 2, 2023

3.4) Approve Minutes of the Board of Directors' Workshop – Policy / Administration – May 4, 2023

The Board of Directors approved the Meeting Minutes on the Consent Calendar by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Hayes, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 4. Discussion and Possible Action Items.

4.1) Quarterly Investment Portfolio Update with PFM Asset Management and Annual Review of the District's Investment Policy. District financial advisor Richard Babbe from PFM Asset Management reviewed the quarterly investment portfolio activity. Mr. Babbe reported on economic uncertainty, interest rate trends, yields, and current portfolio content and liquidity.

Director Longville pointed out the impact of climate change and proposed asking staff to analyze investments and identify companies involved in fossil fuel production, or determine any prohibited investments under Investment Policy section XIV, and to examine the alternative of green investments for a future workshop. She noted the District is trying to become as carbon free as possible.

Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager Cindy Saks noted the Investment Policy is per Government Code. She assured the Board all current investments are in compliance with the policy and there are no prohibited investments.

The Board of Directors voted to hold a future workshop on the Investment Policy by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Longville	SECONDED: Hayes	APPROVED: 4-1
AYES:	Hayes, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	Botello	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Item 4.3 was taken out of order.

4.3) Consider Memorandum of Understanding, Payment Agreement, and Notice of Determination for the County Line Recharge Basin Turnout Project. Assistant Chief Engineer Leo Ferrando reminded the Board of the September 2022 approval of the project Term Sheet with the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA), and the approval for purchase of the temporary construction easement in October 2022.

As a member of the Yucaipa Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), the District has been working in partnership with the SGPWA on a conjunctive project to recharge in the GSA area, and with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to move State Project Water uphill toward the Yucaipa Basin, Mr. Ferrando explained. He provided details on the project and location.

Mr. Ferrando explained under the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), San Bernardino Valley will be responsible for design of the turnout, preparing the specs and bidding documents, coordinating plan review with DWR, acquisition of easements and right of way, maintenance of the turnout facilities, and identifying grant opportunities. The

SGPWA would be responsible for recharge basin design, specs and bidding documents, acquiring the property (7-acre parcel already acquired), the pipeline extension from the turnout to the Basin, operations and maintenance, and obtaining California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and regulatory permitting for the facility.

In order to complete the project in a timely manner, San Bernardino Valley is working with South Mesa Water Company (SMWC) to coordinate impacts to the street, traffic control, and paving operations to assure interruption only once, Mr. Ferrando explained. Plans and specs prepared by San Bernardino Valley were included in SMWC bids for their project, and bids came to \$115,000. With a 10 percent contingency, the total would be \$126,500. The payment agreement would be invoiced monthly to SMWC. The project is expected to start in the late summer and be completed in the winter of 2023, Mr. Ferrando explained.

Since this project involves recharge into the high priority Yucaipa Subbasin, there is a good chance of obtaining grant funding, Mr. Ferrando added.

Mr. Ferrando reported that a project by the City of Calimesa had a CEQA negative declaration in 2019, and this project was covered in an addendum last year. He recommended filing a Notice of Determination.

In response to Vice President Hayes, Mr. Ferrando confirmed that SMWC would be the lead, administering the overall construction contract for the area and the other pipelines along the same road. San Bernardino Valley will be able to do its own inspection and observe the construction, approving as it progresses day to day.

Vice President Hayes cautioned San Bernardino Valley loses control when someone else builds, including finances or increased expenses. She suggested inclusion of a not-to-exceed amount, agreement the price would not continue to increase, and limiting amendments. Assistant General Manager / Chief Operating Officer Wen Huang acknowledged the concerns and noted the \$126,500 is a not-to-exceed amount. This element is a straight pipeline which has been reviewed by DWR, it is a traditional design-bid-build, and it is believed risk is manageable, Mr. Huang stated.

Director Longville said she was in favor of working with the GSA, commended the progress made, and asked about grants. David Armstrong, general manager of SMWC, advised the grant has been approved and the funding agreement will be finalized by the middle to end of June. Director Botello asked how much of the cost would be covered by the grant, and Mr. Huang said it is intended to include all project related costs for the turnout portion, construction of the basin, and property acquisition. Mr. Armstrong stated the intent is to be 100 percent covered.

The Board of Directors approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency and a Payment Agreement up to \$126,500 with South Mesa Water Company for the County Line

Recharge Basin Turnout Project, subject to non-substantive changes approved by the CEO/General Manager and District Counsel, and the filing of the Notice of Determination to adopt the environmental analysis for the Phase I Turnout Project work in the 2022 Addendum to an existing City of Calimesa Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Hayes	SECONDED: Longville	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Hayes, Harrison, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

2:45 p.m. – Director Harrison exited the meeting

4.2) Consider Adoption of Resolution 1175 - Approving Issuance of Revenue Interim Notes in advance of WIFIA Loan for the Enhanced Recharge Project Phases 1A and 1B and Refund the 2011 Certificates of Deposits. Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager Cindy Saks introduced municipal finance advisors from Fieldman Rolapp & Associates, Lora Nichols (formerly Lora Carpenter) and Robert Porr. The Board approved the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Master Agreement, she reminded, and this is the second step of the transaction to finance the Enhanced Recharge Phase 1A liner and Enhanced Recharge Phase 1B project. These projects have been 30 years in the making, she noted.

This is short-term interim borrowing, Ms. Saks continued. She drew attention to the refunding (refinancing) of the 2011 Certificates of Participation (COPs) issued to construct the Baseline Feeder wells, being paid for by West Valley Water District (WVWD), City of Rialto, and Riverside-Highland Water Company. This will not advance the maturity of the loans but will save the ratepayers some money, she noted.

Ms. Nichols reminded that Fieldman Rolapp has been assisting in negotiating strategies to prepare the documents to complete an interim short term note to fund the much-needed construction of Enhanced Recharge Phases 1A and 1B. She advised money that has been spent to date can be reimbursed to the District following the completion and closing of the short-term notes.

Ms. Nichols explained the notes would span the construction timeline of the project (18 to 24 months). Approximately \$44 million is to be funded with proceeds of the short-term note, representing San Bernardino Valley's share of the 72 percent of the Enhanced Recharge project. The WIFIA loan closing date is June 7, at which point the interest rate will be set for the entire term of the loan through the 35-year period. S&P has provided an AAA rating, she added.

Ms. Nichols explained in detail the correlation of the strategies for the short-term loan with the WIFIA loan. She discussed avoidance of a development default, the financial benefits, potential for rate reset (reduction), reinvestment rate, and maturity. Based on current market conditions, the potential savings is \$537,000 versus drawing on the WIFIA loan, she noted.

Ms. Nichols advised the Board on the refunding bond (refinancing) of the 2011 COPs, the second part of the series of actions. She pointed out the approximately \$580,000 in savings on the debt service.

Robert Porr provided an overview of the volatile market, noting the short-term municipal market rate has not increased as much as the short-term taxable market. He pointed out the advantage of the AAA rating and explained the current municipal bond market. Fieldman Rolapp is also monitoring the current situation with the debt ceiling, he stated.

Ms. Nichols reviewed the financing schedule. With Board approval today, the documents will go to the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Authority (Authority) meeting tomorrow. Bond pricing will take place in the coming weeks. June 7 is the official WIFIA loan closing date, followed by potential pricing on June 8, and closing on June 15, she indicated.

Jon Guz of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth reviewed the legal documents for approval via the resolution:

- Installment Purchase Agreement between the District and the Authority
- Purchase Contract agreement among the District, Authority, and underwriter (Citigroup)
- Preliminary Official Statement of information to investors
- Continuing Disclosure Certificate agreeing to provide annual information
- Good Faith Estimates

CEO / General Manager Dyer identified for Director Longville the location in the Board packet of the documents for approval and assured staff has reviewed the items multiple times.

Director Botello commented on the WIFIA process and acknowledged the accomplishment of District staff and financial team.

President Kielhold thanked the consulting team for their assistance in being good stewards of the taxpayers' money and making the savings possible.

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 1175 authorizing the issuance of Revenue Interim Notes in advance of WIFIA loan and Refunding (Refinance) of the District's 2011 Certificates of Participation by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Longville	APPROVED: 4-0
AYES:	Botello, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Harrison	

RESOLUTION NO. 1175

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY OF NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000,000 REVENUE INTERIM NOTES IN ONE OR MORE SERIES AND NOT TO EXCEED 10,000,000 REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS

(See Resolution Book)

4.4) Proposed Joint Groundwater Recharge and Facilities Planning Agreement with San Bernardino County Flood Control. Chief Executive Officer / General Manager Heather Dyer outlined the facilities included in the agreement: Sweetwater Basin, Waterman Basin, East Twin Creek, Lynwood Basins, Wilson Basins, Oak Glen Basin, and Wildwood Creek Basins.

Ms. Dyer pointed out this is a very different agreement than the one proposed 18 months ago. It includes multiple uses for the seven facilities and multiple sources of water (State Water Project recharge, storm flow, and recycled water), and provides flexibility. In addition, the recitals were rewritten to reflect some foundational Flood Control District documents and its mission to conserve and recharge water within their facilities, along with the districts' joint mission to serve the people of the region.

The effort included discussion of shared goals with the County Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and Director of Public Works, Ms. Dyer explained. The Board's desire for a longer term was also addressed, settling on a 20-year term with 10 automatic extensions of one year each, to total 30 years before the agreement would need to be renegotiated or reauthorized by the governing bodies.

The originally proposed \$20 per acre-foot recharge fee was eliminated, Ms. Dyer continued. She highlighted the openness of County officials to working together, including

establishment of a joint implementation committee to discuss priorities and capital investments for the upcoming year. She added she would like this to be the first step in building a collaborative partnership to be a model of working together in the future.

Director Botello commented on the enormity of the challenge and the work that has been accomplished.

The Board of Directors approved the Joint Groundwater Recharge and Facilities Planning Agreement with the San Bernardino County Flood Control District by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Longville	APPROVED: 4-0
AYES:	Botello, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Harrison	

3:16 p.m. – Director Longville exited the meeting.

Agenda Item 5. Reports (Discussion and Possible Action Items).

5.1) State Water Project Report. Chief of Water Resources Michael Plinski provided highlights of the report:

- The 2023 SWP Table A allocation is 100 percent, in stark difference from the past three years
- The precipitation index shows this is the third wettest year on record as of May 19, 2023
- Water in storage at the Lake Oroville Reservoir is currently at about 3.4 million acre-feet. It is nearing capacity and there is still quite a bit of snowmelt
- San Luis Reservoir reached its 2 million acre-foot capacity as of April 1
- In 2022, the Department of Water Resources made Health and Human Safety Water available to two agencies, which is required to be repaid to the SWP
- Snowpack as of April 1
 - Northern Sierra is at 213 percent of average
 - Central Sierra is at 250 percent
 - Southern Sierra is at 326 percent

- SWP and the Central Valley Project are both at 100 percent allocation
- DWR is operating the aqueduct more full than usual with the intent to move as much water south as possible
- There is a constraint on the East Branch Pipeline at the Pearblossom Pumping Plant; repairs are being made quickly
- 2,006 af of CLAWA carryover water has been received
- 2,000 af of Article 21 water was received through April, and more may be available. The Board has authorized purchase of up to 5,000 af
- Mr. Tincher toured the SWP Edmonston Pumping Plant near Bakersfield
- Current focus areas of the Sites Reservoir include finalizing the EIR / EIS, working to obtain water rights, and developing operational agreements
- Mr. Tincher traveled to Washington, D.C. where he briefed legislators on the status of Sites Reservoir and garnered continued support, and met with Congressman Pete Aguilar

In response to Vice President Hayes, Mr. Plinski explained Article 21 water is above the Table A allocation, which would otherwise be lost. Vice President Hayes asked about repayment requirements of Health and Human Safety Water, and Mr. Plinski noted the agencies would want to repay it this year. Ms. Dyer added there is a table that states the repayment progression.

Director Botello pointed to a recent article about snowpack which indicated the snowpack is not muddy and therefore would take longer to melt. He asked about potential for flooding. Mr. Huang said the cool weather has been helpful and melt has been gradual. There is currently no potential for flood, but this is temperature dependent, and staff will continue to watch, he stated.

Director Botello asked about the Trinity Reservoir, and Ms. Dyer said the atmospheric rivers dumped the rain more south and missed the upper reservoirs. Trinity also has fisheries requirements and tribal interests, she added.

Strategic Communications Manager Kelly Malloy is working to put together a fall tour to see these facilities, Ms. Dyer advised.

5.2) Directors' Report of Activities and Travel Requests in accordance with Resolution 1100

Director Botello reported that he attended:

- 2023 Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment webinar

Director Hayes reported that she attended:

- May 5 – Water Advisory Committee of Orange County
- May 8 – Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA)

5.3) General Counsel Report. No report.

5.4) SAWPA Meeting Report. Director Botello reported on the following actions taken at the May 16, 2023, Commission Meeting:

- Approved \$6,520 from the Building Reserve Fund to update the design of the SAWPA Building Landscape and Irrigation Improvements
- Adopted Resolution No. 2023-5 establishing the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Inland Empire Brine Line Rates to be effective July 1, 2023
- Adopted Resolution No. 2023-6 to Support the Nomination of Cathy Green as a Candidate for the Position of Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) President
- Adopted Resolution No. 2023-7 to recognize Mark R. Norton for his contributions and service to SAWPA
- Authorized the General Manager to send a support letter for SB 366 (Caballero) to pertinent legislators, which would require long-term water supply targets under the California Water Plan

5.5 Treasurer's Report. Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager Cindy Saks presented the report.

The Board approved the following expenses for the month of April 2023: State Water Contract Fund \$3,106,912.80 and General Fund \$3,940,351.11 by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Hayes	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 3-0
AYES:	Botello, Hayes, Kielhold	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Harrison, Longville	

5.6) Water Delivery Report. Chief of Water Resources Michael Plinski presented the report. In April 2023, approximately 2,700 acre-feet of imported water was delivered to the District.

Mr. Plinski advised the target for 2023 is to deliver up to 99,000 af of water, with about 6,700 af of recharge.

In response to Director Botello, Mr. Plinski noted the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department did not order any water this year. Mr. Huang added that most agencies recharge via the San Bernardino Groundwater Council.

Mr. Huang explained that construction activities may impact delivery of water, but staff is working on the issues and a delivery plan will be brought to the Board in early June.

Agenda Item 6. Future Business.

The Board approved a request that a Board of Directors' endorsement for Cathy Green as a candidate for ACWA President be added to the next Regular Meeting by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Hayes	SECONDED: Botello	APPROVED: 3-0
AYES:	Botello, Hayes, Kielhold	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Harrison, Longville	

Agenda Item 7. Announcements. Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board Jose Macedo pointed out the list of announcements and provided highlights.

Agenda Item 8. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m. by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Botello	SECONDED: Hayes	APPROVED: 3-0
AYES:	Botello, Hayes, Kielhold	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	Harrison, Longville	

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.

Secretary

Date _____

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

**MINUTES
OF
THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – RESOURCES/ENGINEERING
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

May 18, 2023

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, T. Milford Harrison, June Hayes, Paul R. Kielhold and Susan Longville.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
 Joanna Gibson, MS – Executive Director Upper SAR Habitat Conservation Program
 Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board
 Michael Plinski, PE – Chief of Water Resources
 Cindy Saks, CPA – Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager
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 Chris Jones, MESM – Preserve System Program Manager
 Kelly Malloy, MPA – Strategic Communications Manager
 Matthew Olivo – Senior Accountant
 Karen Resendez, MAOL – Human Resources & Risk Manager

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Conservation District

The Resources/Engineering Workshop of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson June Hayes at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was noted present.

Agenda Item 1. Introductions.

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

Chair Hayes invited public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion And Possible Action Items.

3.1) Consider Amendment No. 1 to the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council Framework Agreement. Chief of Water Resources Michael Plinski introduced the extension of an agreement for the Groundwater Council. He provided a refresher on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and noted that adjudicated basins are not subject to SGMA regulations, therefore the Bunker Hill Basin is not included.

The Groundwater Council framework was developed by local water managers to collaborate and equitably share the cost among groundwater producers to maintain the long-term yield of the basin, and the Council was established in 2018 as a five-year program with the intent to extend, Plinski explained.

Groundwater Council member agencies deposited almost \$12.2 million for wet year imported water year purchases (more than 100,000 acre-feet) for recharge, Mr. Plinski continued. San Bernardino Valley currently administers the water purchase and delivery component for the Council, and the Conservation District administers for operation and maintenance of the recharge facilities. More than 60,000 af has been recharged in Bunker Hill, and the balance of about 43,000 af plus 20,000 af in the upcoming fiscal year is scheduled to be delivered and recharged this year and early 2024, he noted.

Although the agreement expired in February, the funding for the Groundwater Council efforts remains in effect through the fiscal year, Mr. Plinski advised.

A Renewal Committee of the Council recommended some changes to the Equitable Allocation Model (EAM) and requested further discussion, Mr. Plinski reported. It was agreed to move forward with a one-year extension to work through some refinements to the agreement, he said.

San Bernardino Valley's equitable share of the Council's total cost for fiscal year 2023-2024 is \$2,367 (about 20 af). The water purchase from SBV is currently estimated at 20,000 af or \$2.3 million, Mr. Plinski continued. At the direction of the Board, the Groundwater Council's water purchase will be included in the District's proposed 2023-2024 general fund budget.

Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Heather Dyer noted the Groundwater Council was a voluntary effort by the region, which identified the wisdom of proactively working together to buy water to recharge during wet years for use in dry years. When the Agreement was approved, it was recognized that it would take some time to figure out how everything works, she reminded. The first five years has provided a great deal of insight and this yearlong extension will allow addressing any concerns of each agency over the first few years regarding what may need to change.

It is important to the Groundwater Council that payment is based on how much the agency pumps, Ms. Dyer continued. That is one of the reasons San Bernardino Valley's share is small, as little water is pumped from the Basin, she explained. It was understood this would not be easy, but all will work together to seek win-win situations so it can be

reported back to the boards of directors that each agency is getting a good deal, Ms. Dyer explained.

Director Longville noted it took decades to get to groundwater management in California and the compromise to achieving SGMA was to exempt the adjudicated basins. She reminded that San Bernardino Valley had sought legislation to form an adjudicated basin, but the voluntary effort was a remarkable achievement. It will be important to understand the formula as the renewal progresses, she advised.

Director Longville noted the retailers participating in the demand reduction program are rewarded for pumping less. Ms. Dyer reiterated that an agency pays in based on how much is pumped, and there are benefits to reducing demand over time. Other things that need to be worked out are calculations of changed diversions, recycled water going into the Basin, and the crediting system, she stated.

Director Harrison reminded that all worked hard to get the Groundwater Council established. He recommended focusing on the Council members who have raised interesting points and to get them back on track. He said he would hate to see the Council fail, and hopefully the one-year extension will be enough time to reach agreement and move forward for another five or 10 years. Ms. Dyer confirmed staff is working with the members to understand their concerns and things they would like to see modified. The goal is to keep everyone involved and move forward as a regional groundwater council.

Mr. Plinski added that it is very important for dry year yield programs to recharge when water is available. The Groundwater Council needs to stay together with a long-term extension, he posited.

Director Harrison noted it is a unique agreement and serves as an example for the entire state. Ms. Dyer noted the S&P analyst considered the Groundwater Council a positive when determining the AAA rating for the District's bonds.

Director Botello reiterated the importance of listening to the Council members' concerns and pointed to those voiced by the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department.

Vice President Hayes asked about the late addition of some smaller agencies. Ms. Dyer said she would get back to her with the information. Mr. Plinski acknowledged that a couple were added after the initial formation. Mr. Ferrando identified West Valley Water District and City of Redlands as the last two to join. Ms. Hayes acknowledged the participation of the smaller agencies and encouraged working hard on negotiations, pointing to success with win-win situations.

The Board of Directors authorized the CEO/General Manager to execute the first amendment to the San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council Framework Agreement, which will extend the Agreement through June 20, 2024 and implement revisions for the Equitable Allocation Model by the following roll-call vote:

Moved: Kielhold	Second: Longville	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board Jose Macedo advised that the Climate Resilience Committee will meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. via Zoom only.

3.2) Authorize the CEO/General Manager to execute a 2023-2024 support services agreement with Dudek on behalf of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency. Michael Plinski reminded that SGMA required formation of hundreds of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) that are required to prepare groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs).

Mr. Plinski described GSPs and advised that the Yucaipa SGMA includes the City of Redlands, South Mesa Water Company, South Mountain Water Company, Western Heights Water Company, City of Yucaipa, Yucaipa Valley Water District, San Geronio Pass Water Agency, and San Bernardino Valley. Annual reports have been submitted to the State and Dudek has been providing support services since 2002.

On April 26, 2023, the Yucaipa SGMA Board approved the proposal from Dudek to provide support services for the third year of the GSP implementation, Mr. Plinski continued. The Yucaipa SGMA Board requested that San Bernardino Valley consider contracting with Dudek on behalf of the Yucaipa SGMA, he said, and described the scope of work.

The fiscal impact to San Bernardino Valley for entering the service agreement with Dudek would be \$33,490, but the SBV share would be approximately 6 percent (\$2,093.13).

The Board of Directors authorized the CEO/General Manager to execute a 2023-2024 support services agreement with Dudek in the amount of \$33,490 on behalf of the Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency for the period May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 by the following roll-call vote:

Moved: Harrison	Second: Kielhold	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

In response to Chair Hayes question, Ms. Dyer confirmed the Yucaipa SGMA has been approved. Director Longville and Director Harrison noted there are many challenges and reasons other SGMA’s have experienced issues. Yucaipa SGMA has overcome such issues due to collaboration, Ms. Dyer added.

Agenda Item 4. Future Business

The Board of Directors voted to add a future workshop regarding the Cactus Basins by the following roll-call vote:

Moved: Kielhold	Second: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hayes at 2:26 p.m.

<p>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

**MINUTES
OF
THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP – WAGES, BENEFITS & INSURANCE
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

May 22, 2023

Directors Present: Gil J. Botello, T. Milford Harrison, June Hayes, Paul R. Kielhold and Susan Longville.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Heather Dyer, MS, MBA – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
Jose Macedo, ML, CPT-P (USA Retired) – Chief of Staff/Clerk of the Board
Michael Plinski, PE – Chief of Water Resources
Cindy Saks, CPA – Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager
Melissa Zoba, MBA, MPA – Chief Information Officer

Leo Ferrando, PE – Assistant Chief Engineer
Anthony Flordelis – Business Systems Analyst
Kelly Malloy, MPA – Strategic Communications Manager
Matthew Olivo – Senior Accountant
Karen Resendez, MAOL – Human Resources & Risk Manager
Shavonne Turner, MPA – Water Conservation Program Manager

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Edina Goode, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Megan Gardner
Nyles O’Harra, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Ryan Janisch, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Wade Allsup, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Ron Coats, East Valley Water District

The Wages, Benefits & Insurance Workshop of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Paul Kielhold at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1. Introductions. None.

Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.

President Kielhold invited public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion Items.

3.1) Approve Revised Job Position and Salary Range Table. Human Resources and Risk Manager Karen Resendez presented two proposed title changes:

- From *Administrative Services Manager / Chief of Staff / Clerk of the Board* to *Chief of Staff / Clerk of the Board*
- From *Water Conservation Program Manager* to *Engagement & Conservation Program Manager*

Ms. Resendez emphasized the need for flexibility and demonstration of clear career paths within the agency. She further recommended addition of three new position titles:

- Senior Engineer
- Principal Engineer
- Water Systems Operator Trainee

No new full-time positions are being requested, and the retitled roles remain at the same pay range, Ms. Resendez explained.

In response to Vice President Hayes Ms. Resendez explained the qualifications for the engineering positions. Director Botello asked for further detail, and Ms. Resendez assured she had created the career path based on other agencies' requirements and typical competencies and tied them to the performance review and assessment program.

Vice President Hayes asked about the required certification levels of the water systems operator series, and Ms. Resendez provided details on the requirements. Chief Financial Officer/Deputy General Manager Cindy Saks added the Baseline Feeder is operated for the District by West Valley Water District.

Director Botello expressed enthusiasm for the Trainee position as it represents an opportunity to bring in local talent.

Director Longville asked about the policy for interns. Ms. Resendez explained there is not a specific policy, but there are currently four spots for paid interns and they are hired mostly via referrals. Director Longville requested information on the intern pay range. Ms. Resendez said the salaries were currently being reviewed.

The Board of Directors approved the revised March 2, 2023 Job Position and Salary Range table by the following roll-call vote:

Moved: Botello	Second: Hayes	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

3.2) Consider Cost of Living Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Ms. Resendez noted the calculation of the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is based on the March to March Consumer Price Index (CPI). She acknowledged the Board has approved two COLAs over the past year, which has allowed the District to be better situated than other agencies.

Ms. Saks reviewed the past year's CPI of 9.9 percent and noted the Board first approved a 6 percent COLA and after a November-to-November comparison, approved an additional 6.7 percent COLA, bringing the District up to the November CPI.

Now comparing to the March 2023 CPI, Ms. Saks continued, staff recommends approval of a 1.2 percent COLA to keep the salary schedule competitive, with consideration again in March 2024. CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer added the smaller recommended COLA reflects the work throughout the year to keep up with extreme inflationary pressures. There are other agencies having to do a much larger jump now, she reported.

President Kielhold noted that it is easier to deal with large increases in smaller increments.

The Board of Directors approved a 1.2 percent COLA effective July 1, 2023, and adjustment of the Job Position and Salary Range Table for all full-time positions to reflect a COLA of 1.2 percent in compliance with California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 570.5 by the following roll-call vote:

Moved: Hayes	Second: Longville	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

3.3) Consider Dental Plan Enhancement. Ms. Resendez explained the current two tiers of benefits based on hire date prior to or after 2011. She noted that the Delta Dental PPO Premier Plan with highest annual maximum benefit does not currently provide orthodontic coverage.

One of the District's goals is to ensure competitive benefits offerings for all employees by looking for affordable and cost-effective ways to enhance benefits, she continued. She provided some detail on the recommended orthodontic coverage and noted that coverage for all employees and directors would be an approximate monthly cost of \$684 based on current enrollments and forecast for vacant positions.

Vice President Hayes pointed out the cost of braces and noted that the \$2,000 max coverage would be a drop in the bucket. Directors discussed orthodontia costs, and Ms.

Resendez pointed out the enhancement would also cover other ailments. Director Botello stressed the importance of benefits and expressed support.

The Board of Directors approved enhancement of the current dental plan to provide orthodontic coverage, effective for the 2024 plan year starting January 1, 2024 by the following roll-call vote:

Moved: Harrison	Second: Botello	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

3.4) Review Draft Resolution Paying Employer Paid Member Contributions for Employees Hired On or After July 1, 2011. Ms. Resendez introduced this annual resolution, noting that historically the Board has paid 16 percent of the contributions for second tier employees. Anything over 16 percent is borne by the employee, she advised. There are no changes in the historical practice recommended, she continued, but with the increase in retirement costs effective July 1, the employee contribution will increase to 2.88 percent from 1.44 percent.

Ms. Dyer advised retirement accounts are currently funded at 95 percent for Tier 1, 105 percent for Tier 2, and 105 percent for Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) employees.

Director Harrison complimented staff for monitoring and taking care of this account, noting that other agencies are in trouble.

Vice President Hayes asked about funding levels and Ms. Saks pointed out that the District participates in pooled plans and the levels at 105 percent reflect a good year in the stock market. The District cannot control this; it will fluctuate, she explained.

Director Longville referred to the changes made by PEPRA, and Ms. Saks provided some detail on the effects.

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 1176 for paying employer paid member contributions to California Public Employees Retirement System for Employees hired on or after July 1, 2011 by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Hayes	SECONDED: Harrison	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

RESOLUTION NO. 1176**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR PAYING EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES HIRED ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2011**

(See Resolution Book)

3.5) Long-Term Care Insurance Pending Legislation. Ms. Resendez drew attention to the pending California legislation and reminded about the establishment of the Long-Term Care Task Force via AB 567 in 2019. Industry experts have advised that the legislation is likely to pass this year to be enacted January 1, 2024. The final recommendation of the Task Force will likely be based on the final actuarial report due in mid-December, which will determine the individual contribution to fund benefits, she explained.

Ms. Resendez discussed the latest indications from the Task Force and noted there are unanswered questions. The State of Washington already has a program in place, and other states are considering it, she noted. San Bernardino Valley may engage with the District's lobbyist or ACWA/JPIA to determine if there is additional information or other options, she advised.

Ms. Dyer added the District is monitoring this to understand implications for the District and the employees who would be paying into the insurance. She noted that it is possible there may be an exemption if there is a policy in place that meets the requirements.

Vice President Hayes asked if the tax would apply to directors; Ms. Saks explained it would most likely apply, as directors are subject to the same withholdings as employees.

Director Botello pointed out the importance of the coverage and indicated support for the legislation. Director Longville said it is a good step forward.

The Board received and filed the report.

3.6) Review Director Daily Per Diem. CEO / General Manager Heather Dyer explained the most recent Ordinance 76 was adopted September 6, 2016, setting the director per diem rate at \$299. She reminded that until Ordinance 78 in 2017, the per diem had been set to automatically increase by 5 percent every year. Since then, the Board has not elected to increase the rate, she noted.

A five percent increase (\$14.95) may be considered, which would bring the per diem to \$313.95, Ms. Dyer stated. She reminded of the extreme inflationary pressures of the last 1.5 years and advised that other nearby agencies have increased their per diems.

Director Botello said he appreciated the comparisons, which show the current per diem seems to be in range.

The Board of Directors decided to make no changes to the current per diem rate by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Kielhold	SECONDED: Hayes	APPROVED: 5-0
AYES:	Botello, Harrison, Hayes, Kielhold, Longville	
NOES:	None	
ABSTAIN:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

Agenda Item 4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Kielhold at 2:48 p.m.

<p>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

DATE: June 6, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Heather Dyer, CEO / General Manager

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 1177 Approving the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2024 and 2025

Staff Recommendation

1. Approve Resolution No. 1177 adopting the SAWPA budget for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024
2. Approve \$461,655 for SAWPA Member Contribution in Valley District's General Fund budget for 2023-2024.
3. Approve \$452,282 for SAWPA Member Contribution in Valley District's General Fund budget for 2024-2025.

Summary

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement creating the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) requires that each member agency's Board of Directors approve SAWPA's General and Specific Project Budgets by Resolution. The two-year SAWPA budget for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 was presented to and approved by the SAWPA Commission on March 21, 2023.

Background

The Valley District Board is now being requested to consider approval of the SAWPA budget for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Unanimous approval of the SAWPA budget by the five-member agencies is required for the SAWPA budget to become effective. If one or more member agencies fail to approve the budget, SAWPA reverts to the prior year budget until such time as all member agencies have approved the budget.

SAWPA member agency contributions are budgeted at \$2,308,275 for 2023-2024 (\$461,655 per member agency) and \$2,261,410 for 2024-2025 (\$452,282 per member agency). Member agency contributions from 2019-2025 ranged from \$1,455,980 to \$2,308,275 averaging of \$1,831,368 per year (\$366,274 per member agency). Valley District Staff was included in several

discussions and meetings between SAWPA and the other member agencies regarding the development of this 2-year budget.

Fiscal Impact

If approved, this item will be included in the Valley District General Fund Budgets for fiscal year 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

Attachments

- 1) Resolution No. 1177
- 2) SAWPA Member Contribution Summary Schedule for FY 2024 and 2025
- 3) SAWPA Budget Summary FYE 2024 and 2025
- 4) SAWPA Budget Summary FYE 2019 through 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 1177

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE SANTA ANA WATERSHED PROJECT AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING 2024 AND 2025

WHEREAS, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District is a member agency of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA);

WHEREAS, the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA), which created SAWPA, requires approval by the member agency of all general and specific project budgets of SAWPA to the extent that such budgets may impose any liability on the member agency; and

WHEREAS, Paragraphs 9 and 27 of the JPA requires the Agency's approval of such budgets be evidenced by a certified copy of a Resolution of Approval filed with SAWPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District hereby approves SAWPA's Fiscal Year Ending 2024 and 2025 Budgets, directs the Board Secretary to send a certified copy of this Resolution to SAWPA, and authorizes payment to SAWPA of the member agency contribution for Fiscal Year Ending 2024 and 2025.

ADOPTED this 6th day of June 2023.

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Paul Kielhold, President

ATTEST:

Heather Dyer, Board Secretary



MEMBER CONTRIBUTION

Summary Schedule

		<u>Adopted</u> <u>FYE 2023</u>	<u>Adopted</u> <u>FYE 2024</u>	<u>Adopted</u> <u>FYE 2025</u>
Member Agency Contributions				
<u>Exempt from Indirect Costs</u>				
	<u>Funds</u>			
SAWPA General Funds	100-00	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000
State Legislative/Regulatory Outreach	100-03	\$ 224,232	\$ 199,550	\$ 215,250
Federal Legislative/Regulatory Outreach	100-04	\$ 26,205	\$ 21,725	\$ 22,660
		<u>\$ 725,437</u>	<u>\$ 696,275</u>	<u>\$ 712,910</u>
<u>Planning Projects</u>				
General Planning	370-01	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
USBR Partnership Studies	370-02	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Watershed Management (OWOW)	373	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
SA River Fish Conservation	381	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
LESJWA Management	477	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
		<u>\$ 840,000</u>	<u>\$ 840,000</u>	<u>\$ 840,000</u>
Total Member Agency Contributions before Special Projects		\$ 1,565,437	\$ 1,536,275	\$ 1,552,910
Per Member Agency before Special Projects		<u>\$ 313,087</u>	<u>\$ 307,255</u>	<u>\$ 310,582</u>
<u>Special Projects</u>				
PFAS Study	377	\$ 363,825	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000
Weather Modification Pilot Project	378	\$ 140,500	\$ 222,000	\$ 158,500
		<u>\$ 504,325</u>	<u>\$ 772,000</u>	<u>\$ 708,500</u>
Total Member Agency Contributions with Special Projects		\$ 2,069,762	\$ 2,308,275	\$ 2,261,410
Per Member Agency with Special Projects		<u>\$ 413,952</u>	<u>\$ 461,655</u>	<u>\$ 452,282</u>



MEMBER CONTRIBUTION *by Agency* FYE 2024

ACTIVITY	TOTAL	IEUA	EMWD	OCWD	SBVMWD	WMWD
370 General Planning	400,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
370 USBR Partnership Studies	20,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
373 Watershed Management (OWOW)	400,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
381 SA River Fish Conservation	10,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
477 LESJWA Management	10,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Subtotal (Planning)	840,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000
State/Federal Leg/Reg Outreach	221,275	44,255	44,255	44,255	44,255	44,255
Commission/General Fund Costs	475,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
Subtotal (Administration)	696,275	139,255	139,255	139,255	139,255	139,255
377 PFAS Study	550,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
378 Weather Modification Pilot	222,000	44,400	44,400	44,400	44,400	44,400
Subtotal (Special Projects)	772,000	154,400	154,400	154,400	154,400	154,400
Member Agency Contributions to SAWPA	<u>2,308,275</u>	<u>461,655</u>	<u>461,655</u>	<u>461,655</u>	<u>461,655</u>	<u>461,655</u>



MEMBER CONTRIBUTION *by Agency* FYE 2025

ACTIVITY	TOTAL	IEUA	EMWD	OCWD	SBVMWD	WMWD
370 General Planning	400,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
370 USBR Partnership Studies	20,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
373 Watershed Management (OWOW)	400,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
381 SA River Fish Conservation	10,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
477 LESJWA Management	10,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Subtotal (Planning)	840,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000	168,000
State/Federal Leg/Reg Outreach	237,910	47,582	47,582	47,582	47,582	47,582
Commission/General Fund Costs	475,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000
Subtotal (Administration)	712,910	142,582	142,582	142,582	142,582	142,582
377 PFAS Study	550,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
378 Weather Modification Pilot	158,500	31,700	31,700	31,700	31,700	31,700
Subtotal (Special Projects)	708,500	141,700	141,700	141,700	141,700	141,700
Member Agency Contributions to SAWPA	<u>2,261,410</u>	<u>452,282</u>	<u>452,282</u>	<u>452,282</u>	<u>452,282</u>	<u>452,282</u>

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Budget Summary
FYE 2024 and 2025

	FYE 2024	FYE 2025	2-Yr Budget
<u>Source of Funds:</u>			
Discharge Fees	\$ 11,961,620	\$ 12,405,112	\$ 24,366,732
Financing Proceeds	\$ 185,857	\$ 188,285	\$ 374,142
Grant Proceeds	\$ 3,357,148	\$ 2,359,785	\$ 5,716,933
Member Agency Contributions	\$ 2,308,275	\$ 2,261,410	\$ 4,569,685
Participant Fees	\$ 1,301,678	\$ 1,324,212	\$ 2,625,890
Other Income	\$ 4,017,302	\$ 2,880,133	\$ 6,897,435
Interest & Investments	\$ 770,000	\$ 673,000	\$ 1,443,000
Total Source of Funds	\$ 23,901,880	\$ 22,091,937	\$ 45,993,817
<u>Staffing:</u>			
Hours Allocated	58,880	58,880	58,880
FTE (based on 2080)	28.3	28.3	28.3
<u>Use of Funds:</u>			
Labor	\$ 4,086,368	\$ 4,416,450	\$ 8,502,818
Benefits	\$ 1,499,134	\$ 1,609,040	\$ 3,108,174
Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Education & Training	\$ 71,700	\$ 76,225	\$ 147,925
Consulting & Professional Services	\$ 6,380,573	\$ 4,764,865	\$ 11,145,438
Operating Costs	\$ 2,812,709	\$ 3,053,819	\$ 5,866,528
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 630,580	\$ 660,458	\$ 1,291,038
Phone & Utilities	\$ 96,666	\$ 102,866	\$ 199,532
Equipment & Computers	\$ 635,206	\$ 469,830	\$ 1,105,036
Meeting & Travel	\$ 111,150	\$ 92,450	\$ 203,600
Other Administrative Costs	\$ 298,047	\$ 312,218	\$ 610,265
Other Expenses	\$ 645,975	\$ 716,885	\$ 1,362,860
Program Expenses	\$ 1,649,594	\$ 478,726	\$ 2,128,320
Construction	\$ 2,511,000	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 3,636,000
Debt Service	\$ 1,709,476	\$ 1,709,476	\$ 3,418,952
Total Use of Funds	\$ 23,138,178	\$ 19,588,308	\$ 42,726,486
<u>Contribution To Reserves:</u>			
Pipeline Replacement & Capital Investment	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 3,800,000
OC San Pipeline Rehabilitation	\$ 325,309	\$ 155,786	\$ 481,095
Post Retirement Medical Benefits	\$ 91,235	\$ 99,523	\$ 190,758
Building Repair/Replacement Reserve	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 200,000
Total Contributions to Reserves	\$ 2,416,544	\$ 2,255,309	\$ 4,671,853
Total Use of Funds	\$ 25,554,722	\$ 21,843,617	\$ 47,398,339
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (1,652,842)	\$ 248,320	\$ (1,404,522)
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 3,924,038	\$ 2,271,196	\$ 3,924,038
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,271,196	\$ 2,519,516	\$ 2,519,516
<i>Project Reimb (Prop 1 and 84 - Capital)</i>	\$ 13,901,867	\$ 15,263,495	\$ 29,165,362

Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
Budget Summary
FYE 2019 through 2025

	FYE 2019	FYE 2020	FYE 2021	FYE 2022	FYE 2023	FYE 2024	FYE 2025
	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Budget	Budget	Budget
Source of Funds:							
Discharge Fees	\$ 11,123,310	\$ 11,539,517	\$ 11,539,517	\$ 12,159,431	\$ 12,071,872	\$ 11,961,620	\$ 12,405,112
Financing Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Proceeds	\$ 2,311,159	\$ 3,115,525	\$ 2,569,692	\$ 856,080	\$ 1,672,212	\$ 3,357,148	\$ 2,359,785
Member Agency Contributions	\$ 1,455,980	\$ 1,611,965	\$ 1,530,340	\$ 1,581,845	\$ 2,069,762	\$ 2,308,275	\$ 2,261,410
Participant Fees	\$ 1,168,412	\$ 1,611,653	\$ 1,930,499	\$ 1,565,787	\$ 1,570,498	\$ 1,301,678	\$ 1,324,212
Mitigation Credit Sales	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 889,900	\$ -	\$ 889,800
Operating Transfer	\$ 162,188	\$ 132,344	\$ 133,000	\$ 114,625	\$ 114,625	\$ 124,165	\$ 120,320
Use of Reserves	\$ 2,698,596	\$ 3,432,407	\$ 4,701,359	\$ 2,331,557	\$ 2,207,931	\$ 3,893,137	\$ 1,870,013
Other Income	\$ 1,416,848	\$ 201,393	\$ 212,889	\$ 547,701	\$ 188,307	\$ 185,857	\$ 188,285
Interest & Investments	\$ 1,614,643	\$ 1,482,684	\$ 1,410,166	\$ 384,954	\$ 325,000	\$ 770,000	\$ 673,000
Total Source of Funds	\$ 21,951,136	\$ 23,127,488	\$ 24,027,462	\$ 19,541,980	\$ 21,110,105	\$ 23,901,880	\$ 22,091,937
Use of Funds:							
Labor	\$ 3,331,077	\$ 3,576,121	\$ 3,227,595	\$ 3,531,792	\$ 4,053,240	\$ 4,086,368	\$ 4,416,450
Benefits	\$ 1,455,682	\$ 1,474,606	\$ 1,438,426	\$ 1,468,272	\$ 1,701,016	\$ 1,499,134	\$ 1,609,040
Indirect Costs	\$ (103,416)	\$ (29,029)	\$ 100,390	\$ 127,279	\$ 45,145	\$ -	\$ -
Education & Training	\$ 13,978	\$ 30,749	\$ 22,959	\$ 25,210	\$ 61,100	\$ 71,700	\$ 76,225
Consulting & Professional Services	\$ 3,623,812	\$ 3,735,574	\$ 2,364,675	\$ 1,892,178	\$ 4,488,920	\$ 6,380,573	\$ 4,764,865
Operating Costs	\$ 2,991,112	\$ 2,703,725	\$ 2,705,072	\$ 2,783,028	\$ 3,746,050	\$ 2,812,709	\$ 3,053,819
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 377,480	\$ 291,211	\$ 310,470	\$ 333,628	\$ 596,400	\$ 630,580	\$ 660,458
Phone & Utilities	\$ 62,254	\$ 68,083	\$ 65,174	\$ 67,243	\$ 105,850	\$ 96,666	\$ 102,866
Equipment & Computers	\$ 256,275	\$ 276,862	\$ 241,142	\$ 253,862	\$ 549,780	\$ 635,206	\$ 469,830
Meeting & Travel	\$ 41,432	\$ 31,336	\$ 6,034	\$ 28,704	\$ 109,350	\$ 111,150	\$ 92,450
Other Administrative Costs	\$ 220,002	\$ 226,613	\$ 216,991	\$ 208,494	\$ 270,904	\$ 298,047	\$ 312,218
Other Expenses	\$ 445,997	\$ 496,704	\$ 510,704	\$ 429,728	\$ 576,302	\$ 645,975	\$ 716,885
Program Expenses	\$ 549,958	\$ 564,152	\$ 841,910	\$ 1	\$ 467,637	\$ 1,649,594	\$ 478,726
Construction	\$ -	\$ 1,358,656	\$ 2,695,477	\$ 83,522	\$ 700,000	\$ 2,511,000	\$ 1,125,000
Debt Service	\$ 3,183,451	\$ 2,835,753	\$ 2,835,753	\$ 2,835,027	\$ 1,709,476	\$ 1,709,476	\$ 1,709,476
Total Use of Funds	\$ 16,449,095	\$ 17,641,119	\$ 17,582,772	\$ 14,067,968	\$ 19,181,170	\$ 23,138,178	\$ 19,588,308
Contribution To Reserves:							
Pipeline Replacement & Capital Investment	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,435,478	\$ 1,435,478	\$ 1,810,491	\$ 1,467,543	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000
OC San Pipeline Rehabilitation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,309	\$ 155,786
Self-Insurance	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	\$ 1,879,144	\$ 1,790,027	\$ 1,790,027	\$ 1,708,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Post Retirement Medical Benefits	\$ 95,534	\$ 109,522	\$ 81,266	\$ 131,283	\$ 197,414	\$ 91,235	\$ 99,523
Building Repair/Replacement Reserve	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Total Contributions to Reserves	\$ 3,674,678	\$ 3,535,027	\$ 3,506,771	\$ 3,850,524	\$ 1,764,957	\$ 2,416,544	\$ 2,255,309
Total Use of Funds	\$ 20,123,773	\$ 21,176,145	\$ 21,089,543	\$ 17,918,492	\$ 20,946,127	\$ 25,554,722	\$ 21,843,617
Net Gain (loss)	\$ 1,827,362	\$ 1,951,343	\$ 2,937,919	\$ 1,623,488	\$ 163,978	\$ (1,652,842)	\$ 248,320
<i>Project Reimb (Prop 1.50, & 84 - Capital)</i>	\$ 24,514,735	\$ 5,409,512	\$ 10,726,798	\$ 11,290,121	\$ 21,209,717	\$ 13,901,867	\$ 15,263,495

DATE: June 6, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Heather Dyer, CEO/ General Manager
Kelly Malloy, Strategic Communications Manager

SUBJECT: Consider endorsement of Cathy Green for ACWA President and approval of Resolution 1178

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board consider formally endorsing Ms. Cathy Green as a candidate for ACWA President through approval of Resolution 1178.

Summary

The Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) holds annual elections for President and Vice President. The positions serve as leadership for the 460 public members collectively responsible for 90% of the water delivered throughout the state. Official ballots for the 2024-25 term will be distributed on July 17 with results formally announced on September 27.

Candidates interested in being considered for the positions must submit all required documentation by June 16, with resolutions of support as an optional element to highlight peer agency support. A draft resolution has been prepared based on direction from the Board of Directors at the May 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, adding an item to a future agenda to endorse Cathy Green for 2024-25 ACWA President.

Background

Beginning in 2023, a new procedure takes effect for the election of ACWA President and Vice President. The modifications have implemented new milestone dates and eliminated the requirement of voting at the fall conference.

The Board of Directors added an item to a future agenda to consider endorsement of Cathy Green for 2024-25 ACWA President at the May 16, 2023 Board Meeting. Due to the approaching June 16 filing deadline for candidates, should the Board authorize the endorsement Ms. Green will have the

opportunity to include the resolution candidate paperwork which will be distributed to member agencies for their consideration.

The complete list of candidates will be included on the ballots distributed in July 2023. Agencies will cast their votes through the Authorized Voting Representative prior to the September 15 deadline, with results announced on September 27. The Board of Directors will be provided with additional information regarding the election process as it becomes available.

District Strategic Plan Application

The strategic communication efforts align with the District's mission of working *collaboratively to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply to support the changing needs of our region's people and environment*. This association participation supports Strategy 4 to build trust by being a collaborative and resourceful partner through effective communication and engagement.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this update.

Attachments

- 1) Resolution No. 1178

RESOLUTION NO. 1178

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN
BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF CATHY GREEN
AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF ASSOCIATION
OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, this district is a member district of the ACWA; and

WHEREAS, the Election Committee has announced a call for nominations of candidates for the election of President and Vice President of the Association for the 2024-'25 term; and

WHEREAS, the Election Committee will present an open ballot with all qualifying candidates to the members for a vote by written ballot; and

WHEREAS, the individual who fills an officer position will need to have a working knowledge of water industry issues and concerns, possess strength of character and leadership capabilities, and be experienced in matters related to the performance of the duties of the office; and

WHEREAS, this person must be able to provide the dedication of time and energy to effectively serve in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, has served in a leadership role as a member of the Board of Directors since ; and

WHEREAS, (list positions held to demonstrate knowledge of water and leadership)

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Board of Directors that possesses all of the qualities needed to fulfill the duties of the office of ACWA ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District supports Cathy Green for the nomination as a candidate for the office of ACWA President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Authorized Voting Representative is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution along with the official ballot, as required by ACWA bylaws.

ADOPTED this 6th day of June, 2023.

President

ATTEST:

Secretary



DATE: June 6, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Heather Dyer, CEO / General Manager
Cindy Saks, CFO / Deputy General Manager

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution 1179 Establishing the Appropriation Subject to Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Staff Recommendation

Approve Resolution 1179 establishing the Appropriations Subject to the Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Summary

The District is required annually to calculate the appropriation limit as required by Article XIII B of the California Constitution and Section 7910 of the Government Code.

Background

The appropriation limit sets the amount of property taxes the District can expend. The law does exempt certain types of expenditures from the appropriation limit which include outlay for capital projects and facilities and debt service on voter approved bonds used to finance the District's State Water Contract.

In November 1979 the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 4, commonly known as the Gann Initiative. The Proposition placed limits on the amount of revenue, which can be spent by all entities of government. These limits are based on the amount of appropriations in the 1978-79 "base" year. In June of 1990 voters approved Proposition 111. Proposition 111 provides new adjustment formulas which make the Appropriations Limit more responsive to local growth issues.

The factors used to adjust and calculate the limit are the percentages of change in population in San Bernardino and the per capita personal income as calculated by the California Department of Finance.

As shown in the calculations on following pages, Valley District's appropriation limit for fiscal year 2023-24 is \$37,465,879. The calculations are being reviewed by the District's auditors. The amount of General Fund property tax revenue budgeted and spent by Valley District each fiscal year is less than \$12.9 million dollars. This total is well below the appropriation limits.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the District for setting the Appropriations Limit.

Attachments

1. Resolution 1179
2. Appropriations Limit calculations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 1179

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER
DISTRICT ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS
SUBJECT TO LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023-2024**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that, in accordance with Article XIII B of the California State Constitution, the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District hereby establishes \$37,465,879 as the appropriations subject to limit for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

ADOPTED this 6th day of June 2023.

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water
District

By: _____
Paul Kielhold
President

ATTEST:

Heather Dyer
Secretary



**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT
 2023 ~ 2024 FISCAL YEAR**

2022 - 2023 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT			35,428,727
	Percent	Ratio	
2022 - 2023 ADJUSTMENT FOR PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN:			
CALIFORNIA PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - PER CAL DEPT OF FINANCE	4.44	1.0444	
POPULATION PERCENT CHANGE 2022 TO 2023	1.25	1.0125	
PERCENT CHANGE AS A FACTOR			105.75%
2023- 2024 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT			37,465,879



A REGIONAL WATER AGENCY
SINCE 1954

DATE: June 6, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Heather Dyer, Chief Executive Officer/General Manager
SUBJECT: CEO/General Manager's Report

In this report:

- I. Staff Updates**
- II. Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) at Seven Oaks Dam**
- III. Climate Resilience Committee**
- IV. Basin Optimization Study Kickoff**
- V. Headwaters Resiliency Partnership Retreat**
- VI. SARER Phase 1B Groundbreaking**
- VII. 2023 Community Trails Day**
- VIII. Project Updates/ Agendas for the next 90 days**

The following is an update from the Chief Executive Officer/General Manager on the status of several items at the Agency.

I. Staff Updates

Our culture supports professional and personal growth and encourages continuous learning. Two of our team members recently demonstrated their commitment to this priority.

Mr. Aaron Jones is currently in the role of Associate Engineer and recently passed the State of California Professional Engineering (PE) registration exam. Earning his PE

registration is a significant step in Aaron's career progression. Congratulations Aaron on your achievement!

Mr. Ben Williams is currently in the role of Water Systems Operator I. He recently completed coursework earning his Associate of Arts Degree in Business Fundamentals from the University of Phoenix. Congratulations Ben on your achievement!

II. Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) at Seven Oaks Dam

San Bernardino Valley participated in the kickoff meeting of the Steering Committee for FIRO at Seven Oaks Dam on May 15. San Bernardino Valley serves as the co-chair of the Steering Committee, along with Marty Ralph (Scripps/CW3E) and Cary Talbot (US Army Corps of Engineers). At the meeting, discussion included roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee, an overview of San Bernardino Valley and our agency goals, and background information on the Seven Oaks Dam. Marty Ralph presented an overview of atmospheric rivers that affected the west coast this water year and highlighted selected research items Scripps is working on.

III. Climate Resilience Committee

Directors Hayes and Longville participated in a meeting of the Climate Resilience Committee on May 23. San Bernardino Valley staff and consultant presented information on three ongoing initiatives including: an update on the recent strategy-focused retreat held by the Headwaters Resiliency Partnership; a summary of the May 15 Seven Oaks FIRO Steering Committee meeting; and an update on development of the Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan.

IV. Basin Optimization Study Kickoff

The kick-off meeting for the Basin Optimization Study was held on May 15. This starts a collaborative process to envision, scope, prepare, and implement an Optimization Plan for the Basin. Participants included the water retailers of the region that use local groundwater resources, our fellow Watermaster agency, Western Water, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, and our contracted facilitators. Information presented included the overall vision and scope of the study and a discussion of how input from agencies will be provided. Additionally, the consultants led a discussion seeking input from the water retailers regarding what Basin Optimization could mean to their agency, how the basin should adapt to change and uncertainty of future hydrologic conditions, and what new opportunities could be pursued by working together proactively.

V. Headwaters Resiliency Partnership Retreat

A two-day retreat was held at the Big Bear Discovery Center on May 15 and 16 with the objective of continuing to develop the Headwaters Resiliency Partnership (Partnership). This event provided an opportunity for a better understanding of the resources and expertise each partner brings to the group, how to best leverage these resources and expertise, and how to best align them to implement successful projects. Key outcomes included:

- Refinements to the description of the area of interest of the Partnership to include the Inland Empire Mountains and Foothills with a focus on the Santa Ana River Watershed.
- Updates to Mission, Vision, and Strategies sections of the Strategic Plan.
- Identification of key issues and goals through an exercise where the group identified internal strengths and weaknesses and external opportunities and threats or a SWOT Analysis.
- Discussions around available funding opportunities.
- Development of a draft work plan for Fiscal Year 2023/24.
- Reinforcement of team bonds and momentum moving forward.

Partners in attendance include the US Forest Service, CAL FIRE, the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District, Southern California Mountains Foundation, California State University at San Bernardino, the National Forest Foundation, and San Bernardino Valley.

VI. Inland Solar Challenge

For the first time since 2019, local high school students participated in a full Inland Solar Challenge event held at the Yucaipa Regional Park. These activities take place throughout the school year and culminate with a weekend of competitions including various boat races and student presentations of public service announcements. Participating schools included: Colton High School; Cajon High School; Cathedral City High School; Desert Hot Springs High School; Indian Springs High School; Redlands East Valley High School; Rialto High School; and Yucaipa High School. This program provides a unique opportunity for students to interact with water professionals and enhance their understanding of the complexities of a healthy and reliable watershed.

VII. SARER Phase 1B Groundbreaking

Together with Western Water, Riverside Public Utilities, and San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District we hosted the Santa Ana River Enhanced Recharge Phase 1B groundbreaking event. Once completed, this complex of basins and canals will increase the regional groundwater capabilities while simultaneously protecting habitat for the endangered San Bernardino kangaroo rat and other native species of the Santa Ana River.

VIII. 2023 Community Trails Day

Partnering with the City of Highland, community members attended an event at San Bernardino Valley's Sunrise Ranch property located in the eastern portion of Highland. Activities includes trails of varying difficulty, San Bernardino Valley project information, partner organization information booths, and a food truck. Community members had the opportunity to learn more about the upcoming Sunrise Ranch Master Planning process and share initial thoughts on priorities and concerns.

I. Project Updates and 90 day-Look Ahead

See attached.

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.

Agendas: 3 Month Look Ahead

Item	June	July	August
Project Status Update on the Feasibility Study for the Foothill Pipeline Crossing at City Creek	x		
Board of Directors Committees Policy Discussion (Sep)			
Board Handbook Reformatting and Review (Sep)			
Scheevel Engineering Design and Construction of Native Fish Habitat Enhancement Structures in the Santa Ana River			x
Consider Authorizing CEO/General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Scheevel Engineering for Engineering Consulting Services	x		
Consider Contract for Inland Empire Brine Line Pretreatment Program Services	x		
State and Federal Legislative Update	x	x	x
Water Sales Agreement w/ SB County Flood control for Glen Helen area		x	
Section 6 Grant Agreement with CDFW and Resolution for Consideration (Upper SAR HCP)		x	
Louis Rubidoux Parkland and Pecan Grove (LRPPG) Project Update		x	
Headwaters Resilience Partnership (HRP) Facilitator Consideration		x	
Tributaries Restoration Purple Pipe Project: CEQA/NEPA and Permitting Consultant Contract and Cost-Share Agreement with RPU for Consideration			x
Upper SAR HCP Final Environmental Impact Report and Joint Powers Authority Agreement		x	
Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan Update			x
Geoscience, Inc. ESRI modeling Conjunctive Use Project Plan as part of the Three-Party Agreement between San Geronio Pass Water Agency, Valley District, and YVWD	x		
Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for Strategic Communications and Engagement Plan	x		
San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council Renewal Agreement		x	
Foothill Pump Station and Inland Feeder Intertie Project Agreement with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California			x
East Branch Extension Intertie Project - Equipment Procurements for the Central Feeder		x	
Sunrise Ranch Property Master Plan Update		x	
Basin Optimization Plan, WSC and Dopoudja & Wells		x	
ESRI Update		x	

Agendas: 3 Month Look Ahead

BOD Requested Items			
Presentation on Investment Policy (Sep- BOD Handbook agenda)			x
Endorse Kathy Green for ACWA President	x		
Cactus Basin- Overview and Path to Recharge		x	
Description on the Property Tax bill; possibly change the name to something that indicates the State Water Project			x
Program for the Expansion of Recharge Capacity (PERC) / Recharge SoCal – Rebrand Presentation of both Items			x
Review the District Policy -Spokesperson of the District; allowing the President to appoint an alternate appointee (Sep- BOD Handbook agenda)			x
Headwaters Resiliency Partnership Update			x

Project Status Updates

Item	Status	Estimated Next Board Update or Action
AECOM Tunneling Feasibility Study for Foothill Pipeline Crossing at City Creek Project	In progress. Recently finished geotechnical investigation and staff is reviewing technical reports.	June
East Branch Extension Intertie Project - Equipment Procurements for the Central Feeder	Materials procurement in progress.	Upon completion July/ Aug
ESRI Enterprise Advantage Program	In progress.	June
Geoscience, Inc. modeling Conjunctive Use Project Plan as part of the Three-Party Agreement between San Geronio Pass Water Agency, Valley District, and YVWD	In progress. Project partners and stakeholders coordination is ongoing.	June
Grant application to DWR, \$7 million for 2022 Urban Community Drought Relief Grant (\$4 mil for conjunctive use wells; 3 mil for water conservation programs)	Application completed. Staff will be notified of grant award status in coming months.	Upon notification
Master Plan Development for the Louis Rubidoux Parkland & Pecan Grove	In progress. Community meetings complete. Individual interviews being planned. Planning by project partners is ongoing.	July
Opportunities and Constraints Analysis at LRPPG	Contracting is underway.	July
Regional Recycled Water System Construction, Weaver Basins and Regional Pipeline	Construction in progress. Contract amendment 4 approved Feb 23. Projected completion on or about Nov 2023.	November
Replacement of Two Air Conditioning Units at Greenspot and Crafton Hills Pump Stations	In procurement; anticipated to be installed and completed in May 2023.	None
Rincon Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP) with expanded stakeholder engagement	In progress. Engagement with stakeholders and staff ongoing. Climate Resilience Committee update scheduled for June.	June
Salt and Nutrient Management Plan for the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Groundwater Basins	In progress. Multi-agency technical team coordination and modeling is ongoing.	June

Santa Ana Low Turnout Upgrades	Environmental Complete. NOE filed with San Bernardino County Clerk December 5, 2022	Upon completion
SB County Flood Control Recharge Agreement	In negotiation. One final point for resolution is ongoing. District staff and legal counsel have been meeting regularly with County staff and legal counsel regarding perceived risk to water quality from recharge at Cactus Basins.	SB Flood control taking to Board on 13 June.
Scheevel Engineering Design and Construction of Native Fish Habitat Enhancement Structures in the Santa Ana River	In progress. Pilot projects have been constructed and results measured.	August
Strategic Communications and Engagement Plan	In progress. Draft document in review by staff.	June
UC San Diego, USACOE Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations at Seven Oaks Dam Preliminary Viability Assessment	In progress Steering committee being formed, meetings being scheduled.	June
Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan	Final EIR and NEPA in progress.	Update provided in April. Anticipated Board action in June.
USGS Cooperative Study Program (Watershed/Hydrology Studies)	In progress.	August
USGS Data Collection Program (Water/Well Data)	In progress.	August
USGS Technical Assistance Agreement Western Ecological Research Center (Biological Studies)	In progress.	August
WIFIA	Master loan agreement and term sheet in preparation with WIFIA team and EPA.	None. Complete
Waterman Basins Maintenance (Environmental Permits)	Extensions to 401 and 404 submitted January 2023.	None. Complete
Yucaipa Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency, Dudek preparation of the Water Year 2022 Annual Report	Complete	None. Complete
Enhanced Recharge 1B	Construction contract was awarded in March. Preconstruction meeting in late March, Mobilization in April, and groundbreaking ceremony in June.	June
Greenspot Pipeline @ Mill Creek emergency	Complete post project reporting	None. Complete
Basin Optimization Plan, WSC and Dopoudja & Wells	In progress.	July
Regional Salt Mitigation Feasibility Study, Rincon	In progress. Grant application is in preparation for the study.	July

Sunrise Ranch Property Master Plan	Project kickoff in May. First public outreach in June.	June
Foothill Pump Station and Inland Feeder Intertie Project	Staff is finalizing the design and coordinating terms on a joint operational agreement with Metropolitan Water District staff	July
Headwaters Resiliency Partnership	In progress. Staff coordinating with partners on partnership development, monitoring plans, and implementation of partner projects.	August
Board Handbook	In progress. Initial review with Board; Workshop upcoming; Spreadsheet of all changes in progress	June
Outreach Activities	Update on Community outreach activities.	September



DATE: June 6, 2023

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: List of Announcements

- A. June 7, 2023, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA In-Person (Cancelled)
- B. June 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – San Bernardino Basin Groundwater Council Meeting by
Teleconference
- C. June 13, 2023, 2 p.m. – Board Workshop – Resources/Engineering by Teleconference
or In-Person
- D. June 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA Technical Advisory Committee In-Person
- E. June 14, 2023, 1:30 p.m. – SBVW Conservation District Board Meeting
- F. June 15, 2023, 2 p.m. – Board Workshop – Budget by Teleconference or In-Person
- G. June 19, 2023 – Juneteenth Federal Holiday - District Closed
- H. June 20, 2023, 09:30 a.m. – SAWPA Commission Meeting by Teleconference or In-
Person
- I. June 20, 2023, 2 p.m. – Regular Board Meeting by Teleconference or In-Person
- J. June 21, 2023, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA In-Person
- K. June 28, 2023, 8:30 a.m. – Upper SAR WIFA Technical Advisory Committee In-Person