

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE NOTES

July 2, 2019

Attendees:

Committee members: Oscar Gonzales (Chair) and Randall Reed

Staff members: John Bosler, Eduardo Espinoza, Chad Brantley, Rob Hills, Tuan Truong, and Robert Kalarsarinis

Members of the Public: Michael Camacho, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

Call to Order: 5:05 P.M.

Public Comment: None.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None.

I. Chino Basin Program (Verbal)

- Staff presented to the committee the latest developments regarding Inland Empire Utility Agency's (IEUA) Chino Basin Program (CBP), including a summary of the latest CBP Workshop #5 held at IEUA's offices on June 18, 2019. Staff's understanding of the program to-date is as follows:
 - i. IEUA obtained conditional approval to receive a \$207M grant from the state with a requirement to perform water exchanges for environmental benefits in northern California, up to 375,000 acre-feet of water over 25 years.
 - ii. IEUA has hired a consultant, Brown and Caldwell, who is developing a preliminary design report for the program. In this latest workshop, they presented several alternative scenarios and concept projects for performing the required exchanges.
 - iii. IEUA and their consultant have shown interest in CVWD's Royer-Nesbit plant as a possible program facility that could perform pump-back to MWD at the Rialto Feeder.
- Based on staff's participation to-date, engagement with IEUA and others, staff shared the following concerns with the committee, questions which have been posed to IEUA by CVWD and other stakeholders to answer:
 - i. The grant compared to the amount of water dedicated to the program seems to have a very low value. The rate is equivalent to \$552/acre-foot. IEUA has been asked to better explain the business case benefits to the region.
 - ii. To-date, IEUA has not adequately considered costs to operate and maintain the program.
 - iii. IEUA has identified recycled water as the primary new supply to offset the exchange. The seven contracting agencies have entitlements to recycled water, but IEUA has not explained how the agencies will be impacted.
 - iv. CVWD has concerns about the state having influence over local supplies.

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- Staff also provided a summary of the joint IEUA and Chino Basin Watermaster Board of Directors meeting held at watermaster's offices on June 27, 2019. IEUA staff presented a general informational presentation about the CBP to both boards.
- Michael Camacho, member of the Board of Directors of the IEUA and resident of Rancho Cucamonga, attended the meeting to understand CVWD's thoughts and perspective of the CBP.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45P.M.