

Water Resources COMMITTEE NOTES

June 18, 2019

Attendees:

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| Committee members: | Jim Curatalo (Chair) and Luis Cetina |
| Staff members: | John Bosler, Eduardo Espinoza, Rob Hills, and Gidti Ludesirishoti |
| Members of the Public: | None. |

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

1. Etiwanda Heights Water Supply Assessment (WSA)

- Staff briefed the committee on the background of the Etiwanda Heights Neighborhood and Conservation Plan (EHNCP). This item was also previously presented to the Engineering Committee on June 4.
- The lead agency for the project is the City of Rancho Cucamonga (City). Although it is the responsibility of the District to prepare the WSA, it has the option to delegate the preparation. Crabtree Group Inc., a consultant for the City, prepared the WSA under the direction and guidance of District staff.
- A Water Supply Assessment (WSA) is a requirement under SB 610 and SB 221. The project meets the requirements for a WSA since it is subject to CEQA and includes over 500 dwelling units. A WSA's purpose is to demonstrate a water purveyor can meet the demands of the specified project. It is required to analyze current and projected conditions for normal years, single-dry years, and multiple-dry years over a 20-year period.
- The WSA demonstrates CVWD has sufficient water supplies to meet the demands of the EHNCP. Staff also noted that additional infrastructure improvements are necessary to serve the new development. This information was shared with the City and is noted in the WSA.
- The committee concurred with Staff's recommendation to forward the item to the full Board of Directors.

2. Chino Basin Program

- Staff presented a verbal update on the Chino Basin Program (CBP), which is led by IEUA and in partnership with regional stakeholders.
- The update included information from the most recent CBP Workgroup #5, which was held earlier in the day (morning of June 18) at IEUA's offices. CVWD was represented at the workshop by John Bosler and Eduardo Espinoza. The latest work by IEUA and their consultants included operational scenarios to perform that grant requirements.

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- CVWD staff shared concerns with the committee regarding the program, which have also been shared with IEUA staff. Our most significant concerns are: the cost of the project to the region, to CVWD, and to their rate payers; equity for the sharing of costs and benefits is not yet clear; seems to be a lack of recognition of the value of the water being dedicated to the program; and that the program could affect our ability to deliver water to our customers. To-date, the project still does not have firm projects and costs, only general scenarios. The preliminary design of projects is being prepared by IEUA's consultant, Brown and Caldwell.
- Staff is maintaining an open mind and will continue to participate in developing the project with IEUA and other regional stakeholders, as we committed in the MOU.
- The committee was appreciative of the information, understood the concerns and requested that staff remain engaged and share our concerns in writing to IEUA.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.