

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE NOTES

April 20, 2021

Attendees:

Committee members:	Jim Curatalo (Chair) and Luis Cetina
Staff members:	Eduardo Espinoza, Chad Brantley, Rob Hills, Taya Victorino, Praseetha Krishnan, and Gidti Ludesirishoti
Members of the Public:	None.

Call to Order: 4:30 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None.

Introductory Remarks by Committee 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.

I. IEUA Contract Negotiations Update (verbal)

- Staff provided a verbal update regarding the IEUA regional sewer contract negotiations that started in August 2018 amongst the eight contract parties: IEUA and the seven regional contract agencies: CVWD, Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Fontana, Montclair, Ontario, and Upland.
- The contract commenced January 1973 with a 50-year term, and set to expire January 2023. IEUA on behalf of all the negotiation parties hired Kearns & West as their consultant to help facilitate negotiations. Their scope of work includes guiding negotiations, conducting negotiation meetings, setting schedules and agendas, and developing term sheets from these discussions.
- The parties agree that the existing contract has mostly served the parties well and has a good framework for the new contract. Contract parties have completed several term sheets including: capital calls, reporting by IEUA and contact agencies, collections of fees, forecasting, among others.

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- The contract agencies developed other proposed term sheets that are still under considerations on key issues like recycled water, Santa Ana River obligation, third party agreements, use of property taxes revenue. Other outstanding topics revolve around governance.
- Recently, the Contract-agencies have agreed that BB&K, who represents four (CVWD, Fontana, Ontario, and Upland) of the eight negotiating agencies, will take the term sheet work products to-date and begin drafting the amended and restated regional contract. The four parties will cost-share in this expense. The other negotiating parties were open to this approach.
- The Policy Committee has shown interest in the negotiations, including schedule to complete, and more recently governance and their role. In April, they requested a workshop for the policy committee to discuss some governance topics, which is tentatively scheduled in May or June.
- This was an informational only item.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.