

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE NOTES

April 21, 2020

Attendees:

Committee members:	Jim Curatalo (Chair) and Luis Cetina
Staff members:	John Bosler, Carrie Guarino, Eduardo Espinoza, Chad Brantley, Rob Hills, and Praseetha Krishnan
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.

I. Chino Basin Watermaster (CBWM) Storage Management and Optimum Basin Management Plan Update (OBMPU) (Verbal)

- Staff presented a high level overview of the CBWM OBMPU efforts at Watermaster and progress to-date. John Bosler, chair of the Appropriative Pool (AP), is leading the AP parties on the OBMP update and the Storage Management Plan (SMP) program element in OBMP.

CBWM initially developed the SMP with some input from the parties. At their April pool meetings the AP moved forward with the SMP to be included in the April advisory and board agendas. Staff also mentioned that the AP continues to work collectively and diligently in drafting an Implementation Plan Agreement related to Local Storage and Storage and Recovery programs, which would become an amendment to the Peace Agreement. The need to make progress on the SMP, Implementation Plan Agreements, and CEQA (led by IEUA and currently in public comment period) is critical due to physical storage in the Basin is reaching a regulatory limit of 600,000 Acre Feet (AF). Watermaster and IEUA are making progress in increasing the storage limit to one million AF and hopefully avoid Watermaster's proposed evacuation of storage, which will affect CVWD.

- This was an informational item only.

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2. Potential Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) for Water Supply Projects (Verbal)

- John presented to the committee that the District is in communication with JCSD regarding a potential MOU to explore a water supply partnership. JCSD is a member agency to Western MWD, but does not have access to imported water. The agencies are exploring the viability to utilize the excess capacity at the District's Lloyd W. Michael and/or Royer Nesbit Treatment Plants to provide JCSD access to imported water made available thru JCSD's WMWD allocation. The parties will also explore groundwater exchange opportunities. The agencies are exploring potential grant funding opportunities that would further make the contemplated projects more viable. The parties would explore potential projects, preliminary technical studies, cost estimates, and determine equitable financial arrangements for the projects and services. A MOU would also position the parties to gain access to grant opportunities available by the state and federal governments. The MOU would not obligate the parties to any projects or water supply commitments, but rather only a good faith commitment to study and cost share in preliminary studies.
- Director Cetina concurred with staff's approach of exploring and collaborating with agencies and finding opportunities to provide high quality water to serve District's customers.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.