

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE NOTES

June 15, 2021

Attendees:

Committee members:	Jim Curatalo (Chair) and Luis Cetina
Staff members:	John Bosler, Eduardo Espinoza, Chad Brantley, Rob Hills, Gidti Ludesirishoti, Taya Victorino
Members of the Public:	Jeff Davis

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. Chino Basin MOU (verbal)

- Staff provided a verbal update on the Chino Basin Program (CBP) notifying the committee that some agencies have or plan to rescind their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) for participation in the CBP.
- CVWD staff is working with IEUA on the latest developments of the CBP. As it was originally conceived and developed, CVWD staff did not see the benefit and value of the project and provided such comments over time.
- However, IEUA staff has recently presented significant changes and progress to the Program that may address previous concerns and make the project more appealing. The most notable changes are as follows:
 - Metropolitan Water District (MWD) performs release of water up north for environmental purposes.
 - Department of Water Resources (DWR) has recognized carriage losses through the delta, reducing performance from 375,000 AF to 300,000 AF.

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- Regional performance mostly or entirely in-lieu. In other words, little to no export of local water. Minor or no pump back facilities to the MWD system. IEUA is still negotiating this feature.
- Little to no compensation to MWD for imported water not delivered.
- Does not affect region and CVWD's imported water baselines.
- Minimizes recycled water to the Santa Ana River recognizing the value of that water.
- As the Program appears to be changing fundamentally from the original concept, we anticipate its potential to help the region, especially CVWD, achieve resilience against imported water disruptions in the future; like the Rialto Feeder shutdown, natural disasters, State water project shortages, and other scenarios.
- CVWD staff is considering a different approach to our continued participation in the CBP MOU. Staff proposes to submit conditions to IEUA by which CVWD would continue participation in developing the CBP; otherwise, we would conclude our participation. Conditions, related to the fundamental changes referenced in this report, are still being refined and will be presented at upcoming committees and Board Meeting.
- Staff advised that the item would come back to the committee with further details. The Committee expressed concerns over the project, however did not make a recommendation.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.