

## **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE NOTES**

**May 19, 2020**

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### **Attendees:**

Committee members:	Jim Curatalo (Chair) and Luis Cetina
Staff members:	John Bosler, Eduardo Espinoza, Chad Brantley, Rob Hills, Eric Grubb and Praseetha Krishnan
Other:	Chris Berch (General Manager, JCSD)
Members of the Public:	None.

**Call to Order:** 4:35 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.

The agenda was re-ordered to present the second item first. Thus, the minutes are summarized in the order it was presented.

### **I. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) for Water Supply Projects**

- Staff presented a draft MOU between JCSD and the District to cooperate on efforts to mutually enhance water reliability and to explore a water supply partnership. JCSD is a member agency to Western Municipal Water District (WMWD), 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 through the JCSD's WMWD allocation, and is an opportunity to bring value to the District's excess capacity. The parties will also explore groundwater exchange opportunities. The parties would explore potential projects, preliminary technical studies, cost estimates, and determine equitable financial arrangements for the projects and services. The MOU would facilitate any mutual aid in case one of agencies are impacted. Also, the MOU would not obligate the parties to any projects or water

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supply commitments, but rather only a good faith commitment to study and cost share in preliminary studies. The MOU also makes available more funding opportunities.

- JCSD General Manager, Chris Berch, was present and added that the agencies are exploring potential grant funding opportunities that would further make the contemplated projects more viable. He also added that the MOU is scheduled to be presented to the JCSD's Engineering Committee on May 26, 2020.
- The committee concurred with staff's approach of exploring and collaborating with agencies and finding opportunities to provide high quality water to serve District's customers and suggested to share the initiative details to IEUA, MWD and WMWD upon finalization of the MOU.
- The committee concurred with staff's recommendation to forward the MOU to the Board of Directors for their consideration and approval.

### **2. Cucamonga Basin Update**

- Staff updated the committee on Cucamonga Basin ("Basin") activities and collaborative efforts with the other Basin parties.
- The parties are developing a "Terms of Reference", which is a non-binding staff level document and taking note of the intentions to collaborate on future studies and projects for the benefit of the Basin and all parties. The document could become the basis for a Memorandum of Understanding that would be brought to the parties' governing bodies, and which could open up opportunities for grant funding.
- Staff gave a few examples of possible collaborative projects such as further study of the basin to maximize beneficial use, recharge projects, centralized wellhead treatment (like the CVWD's nitrate treatment plant), and others that are still under discussion.
- Staff informed the committee that proposed CIP budget for next fiscal year includes a project that would be available for some of these projects.
- The committee was receptive to the idea of an MOU and cost sharing on mutual benefit projects between the Cucamonga Basin parties.
- This was an informational item only.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.