

Regional Sewerage Program Policy Committee Meeting

AGENDA Thursday, March 3, 2022 3:30 p.m. Teleconference Call

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Call to Order/Flag Salute

Roll Call

Public Comment

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Additions to the Agenda

In accordance with Section 54954.2 of the Government Code (Brown Act), additions to the agenda require two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda being posted.

1. Technical Committee Report (Oral)

2. Action Item

A. Approval of February 3, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

3. Informational Items

A. Regional Contract Negotiation Update (Oral)

4. Receive and File

- A. Building Activity Report
- B. Recycled Water Distribution Operations Summary

5. Other Business

- A. IEUA General Manager's Update
- B. Committee Member Requested Agenda Items for Next Meeting
- C. Committee Member Comments
- D. Next Meeting April 7, 2022

Adjourn

DECLARATION OF POSTING

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ACTION ITEM

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2022 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)/Regional Sewerage Program Policy Committee was held via teleconference on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Chair Bill Velto/City of Upland, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Reed/Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) led the Pledge of Allegiance. Recording Secretary Sally Lee took roll call and established a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE via Teleconference

Committee Members:

Jesse Sandoval	City of Fontana		
John Dutrey	City of Montclair		
Randall Reed	CVWD		
Peter Rogers	City of Chino Hills		
Eunice Ulloa	City of Chino		
Debra Dorst-Porada	City of Ontario		
Bill Velto	City of Upland		
Marco Tule	IEUA		

Others Present:

Dave Crosley	City of Chino		
Christopher Quach	City of Ontario		
Nicole deMoet	City of Upland		
Braden Yu	City of Upland		
Amanda Coker	CVWD		
Eduardo Espinoza	CVWD		
Terra Alpaugh	Kearns & West		
Michael Harty	Kearns & West		
Steve Nix	TKE Engineering		
Thomas Myers Jr.	Unknown		
Shivaji Deshmukh	IEUA		
Christiana Daisy	IEUA		
Steve Elie	IEUA		

Others Present (continued)

Randy Lee	IEUA
Jerry Burke	IEUA
Pietro Cambiaso	IEUA
Andy Campbell	IEUA
Javier Chagoyen-Lazaro	IEUA
Lucia Diaz	IEUA
Denise Garzaro	IEUA
Don Hamlett	IEUA
Elizabeth Hurst	IEUA
Nolan King	IEUA
Scott Lening	IEUA
Sally Lee	IEUA
Eddie Lin	IEUA
Jason Marseilles	IEUA
Liza Muñoz	IEUA
Jesse Pompa	IEUA
Jeanina Romero	IEUA
Steven Smith	IEUA
Ken Tam	IEUA
Jeff Ziegenbein	IERCA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Nicole deMoet/City of Upland stated that the only action items presented at the January 27 Technical Committee meeting were the approval of the November 29, 2021 Special Technical Committee meeting minutes and the request by the city of Chino for a Regional Sewage Connection at Chino Parkway and Serenity Trails. IEUA presented seven information items: Rialto Water Principles Agreement, Recycled Water Cost of Service Study, Engineering Quarterly Project Update, Groundwater Recharge Update, Operations Division Quarterly Update, Return to Sewer Study Update, and the Operations and Compliance Update. Ms. DeMoet shared that Michael Harty/Kearns & West will present an update on the Regional Contract negotiations under Information Item 3A.

2. ACTION ITEM

A. <u>APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2021 POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES</u>

<u>Motion</u>: By Eunice Ulloa/City of Chino and seconded by Jesse Sandoval/City of Fontana to approve the meeting minutes of the November 4, 2021 Regional Policy Committee meeting by the following vote:

Ayes: Ulloa, Sandoval, Reed, Dutrey, Dorst-Porada, Velto

Noes: None Absent: None Abstain: Rogers

The motion passed by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstain, and 0 absent.

3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. REGIONAL CONTRACT NEGOTIATION UPDATE

Michael Harty/Kearns & West reported that Kearns & West was recently asked to reengage in the negotiation process with the contract agencies and IEUA. The primary focus of these joint sessions has been to review the draft contract language provided to IEUA at the end of 2021 by the contract agencies. A structured agenda has been created by the stakeholders with a goal to reach a conclusion by the end of 2022. He added that he anticipates further discussion on the topic of governance. Discussion ensued regarding the contract negotiation schedule and progress.

Committee Members requested an update on the negotiation process and timeline at the Policy Committee meetings.

B. RIALTO WATER PRINCIPLES AGREEMENT

Elizabeth Hurst/IEUA presented information on the Rialto Water Principles Agreement. She provided background information, a summary of the principles of agreement, and an overview of the approval process.

Committee Member Dorst-Porada asked if the procurement and treatment of external supplies will be covered by IEUA's wastewater rates and if they are, will the sewerage contract be amended. Ms. Hurst stated that she is unsure at the current stage as this agreement is in the exploratory phase. General Manager Deshmukh stated that IEUA will need more time to work through specifics of the project with contract agencies. Committee Member Dorst-Porada asked that her question be answered when possible. Mr. Deshmukh stated that there are many contingent matters that need to be addressed to affirmatively answer Committee Member Dorst-Porada's question such as if the Chino Basin Project will move forward.

Discussion ensued regarding the details of the agreement, the review by the Technical Committee, and the Committee's concern regarding using the term agreement.

C. RECYCLED WATER COST OF SERVICE STUDY

Eddie Lin/IEUA gave a brief update on the Recycled Water Cost of Service study. He reminded the Committee of the study's goals, fixed cost recovery rate structure options, timeline, and asked for input from the member agencies.

Committee Member Dorst-Porada stated that the city of Ontario would like to support keeping the existing rate structure. Committee Member Ulloa asked if the member agencies' concerns are being evaluated and considered. Mr. Lin stated this item will be presented to the IEUA Board of Directors in March 2022 and staff plans to meet with any interested member agencies individually to discuss the proposal further. He stated that this item will be brought back to the Technical and Policy Committees before a recommendation is brought to the IEUA Board in April/May 2022. Committee Member Ulloa stated that it would be beneficial to have a scheduled workshop before a recommendation on this item is taken to the Board to ensure all parties agree and all concerns are heard. General Manager Deshmukh stated that staff has received input through the Technical Committee and general manager meetings and will continue working directly with customer agencies to better understand their concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding rates and impacts of the various options. Committee Member Ulloa requested increased transparency and communication to help enhance trust. Committee Member Reed stated his support for the current rate structure. Committee Member Dutrey asked that efforts be made to ensure member agencies understand what IEUA is proposing and that this item be brought back to the Technical and Policy Committees before any IEUA Board action.

Chair Velto left the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

D. **ENGINEERING QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Jason Marseilles/IEUA provided an update on Engineering and Construction Management projects. He provided an update on three projects: Collection System Asset Management; RP-1 Old Effluent Structure Rehabilitation; and RP-4 Chlorine Contact Basin Cover Repair & Recycled Water Wet Wall Passive Overflow Line.

Chair Velto rejoined the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

E. GROUNDWATER RECHARGE UPDATE

Andy Campbell/IEUA provided an update on the Recycled Water Groundwater Recharge. He gave an overview of the accumulated monthly recharge by source, recent rain activity and its effects on groundwater recharge, groundwater recharge deliveries, annual water source history, upcoming activities, and demand history.

Discussion ensued regarding advanced treatment facilities, the Rialto agreement, and the Chino Basin Program and their impact on groundwater recharge.

F. OPERATIONS DIVISION QUARTERLY UPDATE

Don Hamlett/IEUA provided an update on IEUA's safety rates, SmartCover Technology, and reliability of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility. Nolan King/IEUA gave an update on the Agency's cybersecurity efforts.

4. RECEIVE AND FILE

A. BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

B. RECYCLED WATER DISTRIBUTION – OPERATIONS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2021

C. REVISED ANNUAL FY 2020/21 REPORTS

Item 4A through item 4C were received and filed by the Committee.

5. POLICY COMMITTEE ITEMS DISTRIBUTED

There were none.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A. <u>IEUA GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE</u>

General Manager Deshmukh stated that the State Water Resources Control Board adopted the wastewater arrearages payment program guidelines in order to provide funding relief to wastewater agencies and wastewater billing entities for unpaid residential and commercial customer debt accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic for the period between March 4, 2020 and June 15, 2021. He stated that if the Policy members or staff would like additional information, he would be happy to provide it.

He stated that the Agency is currently undergoing their redistricting process. A second community workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 5 and more information is available on the Agency's website. Finally, he stated that in January 2021, IEUA was selected to apply for a low-interest loan through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program to finance a suite of infrastructure improvement projects. IEUA staff is nearing completion of the agreement negotiation process and anticipates receipt of an executable funding agreement in March 2022. He shared that IEUA entered its first WIFIA agreement to finance approximately \$196 million of the overall project costs for the RP-5 Expansion Project in May 2020. This second WIFIA agreement will finance approximately \$120 million to cover the maximum eligible 49 percent of costs for each of the four infrastructure projects included in the suite: the RP-1 Solids Thickening Project, the CCWRF Process and Asset Management Improvements, the Philadelphia Lift Station and Force Main Improvements, and the RP-5 Expansion Project.

Committee Member Dorst-Porada asked what the interest rate is for the \$120 million under the second WIFIA agreement. Javier Chagoyen-Lazaro stated that the first WIFIA loan interest rate was 1.36 percent, the second WIFIA loan interest rate has not yet been set, noting that the current market rate is 2.15 percent.

B. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were none.

c. **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

The Committee Members welcomed IEUA Committee Member Marco Tule to the Policy Committee. Committee Member Reed stated that the State was fortunate to see rainfall late last year, which increased the allocation from 0 to 15 percent. He emphasized that it is important for the Policy Committee to consider other long-term options to increase regional sustainability and reliability and address solutions to depend less on imported water from the State.

D. NEXT MEETING – MARCH 3, 2022

7. ADJOURNMENT

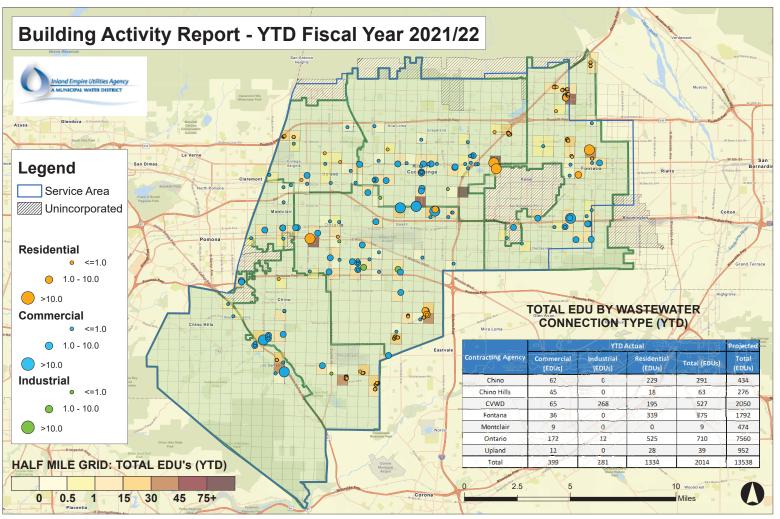
Chair Velto adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Prepared by:

Sally Lee, Recording Secretary

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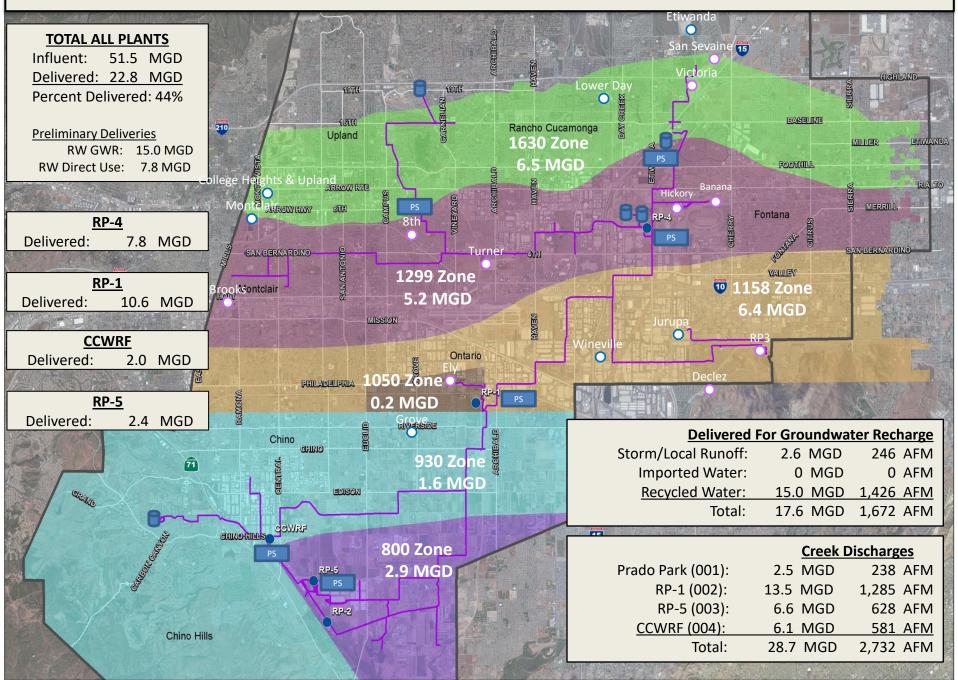




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IEUA RECYCLED WATER DISTRIBUTION – JANUARY 2022



Basin	1/1-1/8	1/9-1/15	1/16-1/22	1/23-1/31	Month Actual	FY To Date Actual	Deliveries are draft until reported as final and do not included evaporative losses.
Ely	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.7	45.7	401	
Banana	0.0	7.4	1.3	16.7	25.4	392	
Hickory	0.0	5.4	1.3	16.7	23.4	634	
Turner 1 & 2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	466	_
Turner 3 & 4	0.0	22.9	4.4	38.0	65.3	400	
8th Street	21.9	73.4	83.6	98.2	277.1	1379	_
Brooks	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	2.7	482	_
RP3	80.4	122.4	102.6	87.1	392.5	3338	_
Declez	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	4.3	492	
Victoria	0.0	47.3	64.9	62.8	175.0	652	_
San Sevaine	98.3	81.8	79.8	155.0	414.9	1916	
Total	200.6	360.6	337.8	527.2	1,426.2	10,151	10,579 AF previous FY to day actual

