

AGENDA

**SPECIAL MEETING
IMPORTED WATER COMMITTEE**

MARCH 12, 2020
1:30 p.m. – Board Room

Keith Lewinger – Chair	Michael Hogan
David Barnum – Vice Chair	Jim Madaffer
David Cherashore – Vice Chair	John Masson
Betty Evans	Joe Mosca
Lois Fong-Sakai	Jose Preciado
Christy Guerin	Elsa Saxod
Matt Hall	Joel Scalzitti

1. Roll call – determination of quorum.
2. Additions to agenda (Government Code Section 54954.2(b)).
3. Public comment – opportunities for members of the public to address the Committee on matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.
4. Colorado Work Group Update - Regional Conveyance System Study. (Presentation)
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Melinda Nelson
Clerk of the Board

NOTE: This meeting is called as an Imported Water Committee meeting. Because a quorum of the Board may be present, the meeting is also noticed as a Board meeting. Members of the Board who are not members of the Committee may participate in the meeting pursuant to Section 2.00.060(g) of the Authority Administrative Code (Recodified). All items on the agenda, including information items, may be deliberated and become subject to action. All public documents provided to the committee or Board for this meeting including materials related to an item on this agenda and submitted to the Board of Directors within 72 hours prior to this meeting may be reviewed at the San Diego County Water Authority headquarters located at 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123 at the reception desk during normal business hours.



March 5, 2020

Attention: Imported Water Committee

Colorado River Work Group Update - Regional Conveyance System Study. (Presentation)

Purpose

This report provides an update from the Colorado River Work Group (CRWG) on the Regional Conveyance System Study (RCSS).

Discussion

As part of the 2003 Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA), the Water Authority has rights to 280,000 acre-feet of Colorado River supplies each year from a conserved water transfer with the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) and the lining of the All-American and Coachella Canals. The terms of the IID Transfer and Canal Lining Agreements are up to 75 years and for 110 years, respectively. The Water Authority does not have a pipeline or aqueduct to the Colorado River to directly convey its QSA supplies to the San Diego region. As such, the Water Authority pays the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to deliver these supplies through its Colorado River Aqueduct via an Exchange Agreement that expires in 2047 for the transfer water but covers the entire term of the canal lining water. As part of due diligence to ensure the Water Authority continues to receive these highly reliable supplies cost effectively, over the past few decades, the Water Authority has been studying alternative conveyance, mainly as part of its Regional Water Facilities Optimization and Master Plan Update efforts.

The CRWG was created to provide guidance on continuation of this study work and on a variety of other Colorado River issues. As a result, in June 2019, as part of the fiscal years 2020 and 2021 budget process, the Board approved the addition of \$3.9 million to the Capital Improvement Program for a new two-phase study that would build upon previous work. In July 2019, the Board authorized the General Manager to award a professional services contract to Black & Veatch (B&V) for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,890,000 to complete Phase A and B study work with "offramps" for the Board included at the end of each phase. Staff prioritized B&V's scope of work by phase based on input received from the CRWG, Board, and Member Agency Managers Group (MAM) and authorized Phase A work per Board direction. B&V's deeper technical and financial analyses work has been underway since July 2019 and is critical to helping to inform staff's economic analyses also in progress. On a concurrent path, potential partnership projects along each of the three conveyances routes under study are also being evaluated.

B&V and staff have made significant progress since the last update to the CRWG and Imported Water Committee in November 2019. A follow-up report will be provided at the Special March 12 Imported Water Committee Workshop. It will include preliminary technical and cost results and schedule for completing Phase A work by June when the Board will consider a Go/No-Go decision on Phase B.

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