



COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee: Basin Water Management Committee

Meeting Date: April 12, 2017

Present: D. Arrighi (Acting Chair), J. Byerrum, S. Chapman, D. Colby, P. Cortez, D. DeJesus, A. Fellow, G. Galindo, C. Gott, R. Hansen, F. Heldman, E. Hills, E. Hitchman, B. Lewis, J. Macias, M. Na, L. Noriega, S. Patton, A. Tesfaye, C. Venegas and P. Zampiendo

Staff Present: T. Zampiendo, K. Gardner, R. Serna and K. Smead

I. Discussion Regarding Title 22 Laboratory Contract Renewal

The Executive Officer, Mr. Tony Zampiendo, reported that the renewal of the Title 22 Laboratory Contract with Weck Laboratories (Weck) is coming up in June. He stated that Weck provided an unsolicited proposal to renew the existing contract for an additional year, at the same rate. After brief discussion, the Committee recommended that the Board extend the existing contract for one-year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That Watermaster authorize the Executive Officer to enter into a one-year extension of the current contract with Weck Laboratories.

II. Water Resource Development Assessment (RDA) Report

The Executive Officer reported that the draft Watermaster Drought Management Plan (plan) had been distributed to all Parties, and posted on Watermaster's website. He provided a brief overview of the report and deferred technical discussion to Mr. Kevin Smead, Stetson Engineers.

Mr. Smead went through key points in the report, noting specifically, how Watermaster has consistently worked to manage Basin levels in accordance with the Judgment, as well as developing programs to ensure long-term water supply reliability. He referred to groundwater level data, noting that 8 of the last 10 rain years have resulted in drought conditions.

The Committee discussed sections of the report and suggest minor changes. Mr. Zampiendo requested that anyone with specific concerns, please email him so that he can review with the Engineer, report to the Board in May for consideration of

revisions and additions as appropriate. He noted that staff will include this report on the May 3, 2017 Watermaster Board Meeting agenda for consideration of approval.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: That the Board adopt Watermaster's Drought Management Plan after review and consideration of any comments.

III. Other

The Executive Officer asked Mr. Shane Chapman, General Manager, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, to provide an update on the invasive mussel concerns in the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) State Water Project (SWP) System. Mr. Chapman reported that MWD has been working with Fish and Wildlife to draft a letter to present to Los Angeles County Flood Control District, ensuring the absence of mussels in the Rialto Pipeline Section of the MWD system. He is working on setting up a meeting between MWD, Watermaster and Los Angeles County Flood Control, to discuss the status of imported water deliveries.

Ms. Monica Na asked the Committee how Producers are addressing the Governor's declaration that the drought is over. Several members shared their respective agency's positions.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY -- NO ACTION REQUIRED