

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

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**WILL BE HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017**

**8:30 A.M.**

**ANZA CONFERENCE ROOM  
AT THE OFFICE OF THE AGENCY  
6075 KIMBALL AVENUE  
CHINO, CA 91710**



## Special Technical Committee Workshop

### AGENDA Wednesday, August 16, 2017 8:30 a.m.

#### Location

Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Anza Conference Room – Building B  
6075 Kimball Avenue  
Chino, CA 91708

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#### Call to Order and Roll Call

#### Additions/Changes to the Agenda

##### 1. Action Item

- A. Approval of the July 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

##### 2. Informational Items

- A. Regional Contract Facilitator
- B. Regional Contract Facilitation Process
- C. Sewer Fee Evaluation Update (*Oral*)

##### 3. Adjournment

#### DECLARATION OF POSTING

I, Laura Mantilla, Executive Assistant of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, A Municipal Water District, hereby certify that a copy of this agenda has been posted by 5:30 p.m. in the foyer at the Agency's main office, 6075 Kimball Avenue, Building A, Chino, CA on Friday, August 11, 2017.

  
Laura Mantilla

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## Regional Sewerage Program Special Technical Committee Meeting MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2017 MEETING

### CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the IEUA/Regional Sewerage Program – Technical Committee was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency located at 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, California. Committee Chairman Dan Chadwick called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Committee Members:

Jesus Plasencia	City of Chino
Ron Craig (Alternate)	City of Chino Hills
Braden Yu (Alternate)	Cucamonga Valley Water District
Dan Chadwick (Alternate)	City of Fontana
Derek Wieske	City of Montclair
Katie Gienger (Alternate)	City of Ontario
Rosemary Hoerning	City of Upland
Chris Berch	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

#### Others Present:

Nicole deMoet	City of Montclair
Mark Wiley	City of Chino Hills
Dennis Diemer	Diemer Engineering Inc.
Michael Rudinica	
Craig Proctor	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Michael Dias	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Laura Mantilla	Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Ken Tam	Inland Empire Utilities Agency

### ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Chadwick asked if there were any changes/additions/deletions to the agenda. There were none.

#### 1. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

##### A. REGIONAL CONTRACT FACILITATOR

Craig Proctor/IEUA stated that at last month's Technical Committee the Committee requested to meet with Michael Rudinica and Dennis Diemer to discuss their experience and approach on

facilitating regional contracts. Mr. Rudinica stated that he and Mr. Diemer have over 40 years' experience in the water and wastewater industry. Mr. Diemer was previously the general manager of East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and retired from there starting his own consulting firm. Mr. Rudinica was a national market leader for RBF, which later became Michael Baker International. Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer have collaborated on various public agency projects serving as subject matter experts. Mr. Rudinica stated that he was instrumental in renegotiating the contract for the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Rudinica explained the method and approach used to renegotiate the contract with the City of Los Angeles which took close to two years to complete. Mr. Diemer represented the regional entity while Mr. Rudinica represented the contract agencies. Mr. Diemer then discussed his involvement with regional systems, water and wastewater JPA arrangements and service agreements. He explained that during his tenure at EBMUD, they had to renegotiate their service agreement to make it more equitable and fair. Mr. Diemer also stated that he arranged a regional JPA for Eastern San Francisco Bay for recycled water. He recently finished a project in the Western Sacramento Valley by developing a regional water system and developed a JPA cost sharing and operating agreements for the regional entity. He stated there are a lot of different approaches to solve issues in a fair and equitable manner and that it is important to have a process where everyone's views are collected and there is an opportunity for dialogue and an exchange of ideas.

Mr. Chadwick asked how long would it take to renegotiate the Regional Contract. Mr. Diemer said it is difficult to set a timeframe without having the opportunity to talk with all the parties. Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer proposed doing an initial phase to gather and review information and talk to the entities. At the end of that phase they would have a better idea on how long that would take to get to an agreement. Mr. Rudinica stated they would review the information independent from one another and then collaborate and meet with the contracting side and regional side to get different perspectives.

*Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer left the meeting room at 2:47 p.m.*

Discussion ensued on who would be the lead for the facilitation of the contract. Mr. Chadwick asked if there are any cities that are interested in a direct hire or is the decision here that it will be a direct contract with IEUA. Katie Gienger said they are interested in direct hire. Mr. Chadwick said he would have to check with his city manager. Mr. Proctor asked the Committee if Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer are the consultants to help us with the contract facilitation. Ms. Gienger stated that she is not comfortable moving forward with only looking at one firm and would like to look at more facilitators. Mr. Proctor said IEUA had reached out to several other facilitators in December 2016 and asked if the Committee is interested in revisiting those consulting firms. Mr. Berch added that at the last Technical Committee meeting, the Committee discussed issuing an RFP and scheduling a meeting with Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer because they were recommended. Mr. Weiske stated he appreciates the concerns to fully vet other consultants; however, he is not sure what is the urgency in renegotiating the regional contract. Mr. Berch responded that one of the urgencies is the expansion of RP-5, which is in design phase now. IEUA will be out to bid for about \$350 million in construction work and certainty in the future of the regional contract to issue debt is needed.

Rosemary Hoerning stated that it would be her preference to move forward with Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer since they have the experience and if the Committee does not like the direction it is going, the Committee could stop the process. Braden Yu stated that if the Committee is going through the facilitation process, he wants to keep the process moving forward. Mr. Yu said the Committee should decide today whether to select Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer or do an RFP. Mr. Chadwick agreed with Ontario in terms of the RFP process. He wanted to see more than just one company come in and do a proposal. Mr. Plasencia agreed in having an RFP to consider other firms. Mr. Wieske stated he is inclined to move forward with Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer because the RFP process can take up to three months. Mr. Craig was also inclined to follow what Ms. Hoerning described and contract with Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer.

Mr. Berch stated that if the three agencies feel that getting other proposals is necessary, Mr. Proctor can go out to targeted firms. If any of the Committee Members know of a firm they can provide Mr. Proctor with the contact information by July 25. Mr. Yu recommended that the Committee meet with the other firms for informal interviews and then decide from those meetings whether to go through a formal RFP, if they are acceptable. Mr. Plasencia and Ms. Gienger concurred with that process. Mr. Yu asked if IEUA can schedule interviews with the firms in the next two weeks. Mr. Berch stated that Mr. Proctor will reach out to the firms to see if they are still interested and will have them come as soon as possible. Mr. Proctor will send the Committee the information (scopes of work and estimates) of the firms that submitted proposals last December. Mr. Berch asked Mr. Proctor to also obtain an updated scope of work from Mr. Rudinica and Mr. Diemer based on what they heard today and ensure that all parties get the information as received.

**A. NEXT MEETING – TBD**

**2. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.**

Transcribed by:

Laura Mantilla, Executive Assistant