



**MINUTES FOR THE  
SPECIAL JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE  
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AND THE REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015  
10:00 A.M.**

**IEUA DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Terry Catlin, President  
Michael Camacho, Vice President  
Steven J. Elie, Secretary/Treasurer  
Jasmin A. Hall, Director

**IEUA DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Gene Koopman, Director

**REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jim Bowman, City of Ontario  
Earl Elrod, City of Chino  
Trisha Martinez, City of Montclair  
Debbie Stone, City of Upland  
Jim Curatalo, Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Jesse Sandoval, City of Fontana

**REGIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Peter Rogers, City of Chino Hills  
Paul Eaton, City of Montclair  
Kathy Tiegs, Cucamonga Valley Water District

**MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT DIRECTOR PRESENT**

Sandra Rose, Monte Vista Water District

**STAFF PRESENT**

Steve Nix, City of Chino Hills  
Braden Yu, Cucamonga Valley Water District  
John Bosler, Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Nicole deMoet, Monte Vista Water District  
Peter Kavounas, Chino Basin Watermaster  
Eunice Ulloa, City of Chino

Ryan Shaw, City of Ontario  
Christina Valencia, IEUA  
Chris Berch, IEUA  
P. Joseph Grindstaff, IEUA  
Martha Davis, IEUA  
Sylvie Lee, IEUA  
Jean Cihigoyenette, IEUA  
April Woodruff, IEUA  
Teresa Velarde, IEUA  
Elizabeth Hurst, IEUA  
Melinda Temblador, IEUA

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Joint Workshop was held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency located at 6075 Kimball Avenue, Chino, California. IEUA Board President Terry Catlin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IEUA Board President Terry Catlin led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**WORKSHOP**

**1. A. INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PLAN (IRP)**

Chris Berch, Executive Manager of Engineering/Assistant General Manager of IEUA, gave an overview of the development of the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IRP). He included the status of the IRP process, goals and perspectives on water resource challenges, modeling results, lessons learned, recommendations and next steps. The Agency has been very successful, responsible and resourceful in utilizing water resources, meeting economic growth, looking at the effects of climate change, and strategically utilizing grant opportunities. Goals will be to set broader policy goals to remain resilient, operate efficiently and meet mandates, be sustainable and cost-effective.

The two phases of the IRP will be, Phase #1: Focus on climate change modeling and future demands, complete CEQA requirements, and develop grant opportunities. Joe Grindstaff/IEUA General Manager commented that future discussions about decisions and prioritizations would be held with all member agencies and partners. Mr. Berch continued that Phase #2 would focus on defining specific projects and needs on a local and regional level. Previously this was accomplished on an ad hoc basis, but will be on a more formal basis in the future to formalize specific projects and needs involving all the partners, utilizing a wide range of scenarios depending on growth density, state mandates and planning for the middle ground but to still have the ability to plan for the unexpected. For example, during the water year 2014-

15 there was a high level of variability, low rainfall, little snowpack, and in response Metropolitan Water District (MWD) implemented a 15% cut in its Water Supply Allocation Supply. Staff are watching El Nino projections very carefully and planning for it.

Elizabeth Hurst/IEUA reviewed the Climate Model Results, which looks at the past and to the future to predict future climate trends. Temperature and precipitation are up in the models, as temperature is the main driver of the model due to precipitation being unreliable. Stormwater and creek flow are dependent on climate and rain variability. Groundwater is slightly impacted by climate and recycled water is not impacted by climate at all but by indoor conservation efforts. Supplies that can be most relied upon are groundwater and recycled water.

Four main IRP scenarios were presented: 1.) Do nothing and sustain a shortfall; 2.) Use existing stored groundwater supplies but draw down a finite resource; 3.) Maximize recycled water to meet demands but still experience a small shortfall; and 4.) Conservation combined with maximizing recycled water to build a surplus. Mr. Grindstaff stated that it is important to build resilience into the system even with the likelihood of a catastrophic disaster.

Martha Davis, Executive Manager of Policy Development/Assistant General Manager reviewed the three major Lessons Learned. The value of conservation looks at the integral role of water efficiency and its use to develop reliability. The value of supplemental water includes rainfall, stormwater, recycled water opportunities, imported water and supplemental supplies from Northern California, JCSD, and City of Pomona via development of mutually beneficial partnerships. Lastly, the value of the groundwater basin and increasing groundwater storage increases resiliency and ensures future growth and economy.

Core recommendations from Phase #1 include continuation of investment of recycled water projects, groundwater recharge and conservation measures. Next steps are to draft the IRP; complete the programmatic EIR; explore funding opportunities with City of Chino and City of Chino Hills, JCSD external recycled water supplies and the City of Pomona/MVWD recycled water intertie; and set up a budget based rate structure water forum to make a decision on water resources for the region.

#### **1. B. RECYCLED WATER POLICY PRINCIPLES**

Sylvie Lee/Manager of Planning & Environmental Resources reviewed the Recycled Water Policy Principles that have been under review and development by the Regional Technical Committee and Policy Committee members, as one component of the IRP process.

The seven principles are: 1.) Maximize the beneficial use of recycled water to enhance local water resource availability and reduce the reliance on imported water, 2.) Promote efficient application and use of recycled water as a drought-proofing measure, 3.) Regional recycled water entitlements based on certain criteria, 4.) Operation of the recycled water system based on priorities, 5.) Meet peak recycled water direct demands, 6.) Maintain financial viability with incentivizing rates, and 7.) Maximize the use of recycled water capital investments.

A consensus has been reached on most of the seven principles, however Principle 3.2.ii is still a work in progress. This item will be brought back to the IEUA Board of Directors and Policy Committee in the next several months with a redline version for review and approval. Mr. Grindstaff congratulated staff and the member agencies on their tremendous progress in the past four years in bringing this process to near completion as it has been the most contentious issue in the Regional Contract re-write. The Regional Contract expires in six years and staff would like to finish the Recycled Water Policy Principles by June 2015. Staff will continue to work with the member agencies to reach a consensus on item 3.2.ii and bring the item back for IEUA Board and Policy Committee review and approval.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



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Steven J. Elie, Secretary Treasurer

**APPROVED: DECEMBER 16, 2015**