



**QUANTIFICATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

Commissioners and Alternates present:

Arturo Delgado, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) – Chair
Jim Barrett, Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) – Commissioner
Henry Martinez, Imperial Irrigation District (IID) – Commissioner
Dan Denham, San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) – Commissioner
Robert Cheng, Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) – Alternate Commissioner
Kelly Rodgers, San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) – Alternate Commissioner
Tina Shields, Imperial Irrigation District (IID) – Alternate Commissioner

JPA staff present:

Jeff Ferre, Best, Best, and Krieger – Legal Counsel
Kara Mathews, SDCWA – Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Others present:

Mike Cohen, Pacific Institute
Mia Corral, Chandler Asset Management
Jessica Humes, IID
Genny Lynkiewicz, Chandler Asset Management
Alan Okewole, SDCWA
Ivory Reyburn, CVWD
Jessica Schroeder, CNRA
Gail Sevens, CDFW
Chris Woidzik, SDCWA

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order
Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.
2. Roll Call
There was a quorum of the Commission present at the time of the meeting.
3. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

4. Action: Approval of Minutes of Regular JPA Meeting Held September 30
Commissioner Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Martinez.
The minutes were approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

5. Information: Investment update (Representatives from Chandler Asset Management)

Mr. Chris Woidzik introduced Ms. Genny Lynkiewicz of Chandler Asset Management to present an investment update.

Ms. Lynkiewicz presented an economic update including employment, unemployment claims, inflation, gross domestic product, and bond yields. She touched on the QSA JPA's account profile, which included objectives and strategies, compliance, portfolio characteristics, sector distribution, issuers, quality distribution and the duration of the distribution as well as investment performance. Lastly, Ms. Lynkiewicz reviewed the holdings report and the transactions portfolio.

Information: Treasurer's Report ending September 30, 2020 (Chris Woidzik, SDCWA)

Mr. Woidzik provided a review of the Treasurer's Report ending September 30, 2020. The month ended with \$35.2 million in cash and investments. It dropped by \$10 million from last quarter due to Salton Sea mitigation water being paid off. He mentioned there was a good amount in LAIF at \$20M, but it is trending down. Total deposits were \$2.6 million, and four invoices were paid totaling \$10.7 million in mitigation expenses. He mentioned \$5 million will be sent to Chandler Asset for investing in the turn of the new year. Lastly, he reviewed outstanding balances for each agency, which totaled \$97.8 million or \$66.8 million at six percent present value.

6. Information: Financial Report ending September 30, 2020 (Chris Woidzik, SDCWA)

Mr. Woidzik provided a review of the Financial Report ending September 30, 2020. Total assets were \$101.5 million with \$1.4 million in liabilities. Total revenues were \$857,800, expenditures at \$1.0 million with a fund balance of \$34 million. Approximately 7 percent of the budget was spent to date.

IMPLEMENTATION

7. Information: Status report on implementation of mitigation measures (Jessica Humes, IID)

Ms. Jessica Humes provided an update on various mitigation measures:

Mitigation Measure 2 – Implementation Team Biologists: The IID biologist team currently has two vacancies: Environmental Specialist II to fill a vacancy and an Environmental Specialist 1, which is a new position. The positions should post in the next couple of weeks.

Mitigation Measure 24 – Air Quality: IID just completed the Alamo South extension surface roughening project and is working on vegetation enhancements within those extension areas and planning to plant and irrigate in February or March 2021. Also, IID is working on the annual emissions estimate, proactive dust control plan for air quality, and on the annual mitigation report which will be finalized by March 31, 2021.

Mitigation Measure 8 – Drain Habitat for Managed Marsh Complex: IID has completed all of the earthwork for the Managed Marsh Phase 3 project area. Ms. Humes showed and described photos of the project. She gave an overview of the area describing buffer zones, two riparian areas and emergent wetlands in the middle. IID started the project earlier in the year with tile installation, main conveyance of water, and water entry. The riparian furrows were planted with 6,000 trees in October. The two ponds of the emergent wetlands were filled, and the banks were seeded with silkgrass and cattail for erosion control.

Mr. Mike Cohen asked for a general estimate of total acreage for the dust suppression projects through 2020.

Ms. Humes responded that 2,300 to 2,400 acres is the estimate and IID would be able to provide a full acreage count once the Alamo Extension was added in coming weeks.

Alternate Commissioner Cheng asked if there were air monitoring stations for PM50 near the riparian furrows and asked about the effectiveness of the furrows to abate the dust issues and if it's possible to quantify the benefits they have provided.

Ms. Humes responded that there are monitoring stations in the vicinity and that the furrows especially on the western edges of the project have been really effective in dust control by catching the sand and dust. However furrows need maintenance, and IID is extending the surface roughening further west on more exposed playa. Ms. Humes indicated that she would provide more details at the next meeting. Alternate Commissioner Cheng requested that information on air quality standards and rules be included in the presentation.

8. Information: Update on State's Salton Sea Management Program (Gail Sevrens, CDFW)

Ms. Gail Sevrens, Salton Sea Program Manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, provided an update on the state's Salton Sea Management Program. She described four main priority programs, which included making significant, visible progress on implementation of the SSMP Phase 1 of the 10-year plan; establishing long-term pathway beyond the 10-year plan; building the capacity of the SSMP team; and strengthening partnerships with local leaders and communities.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 10:56 a.m.