

FOWD-SJWD 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes

San Juan Water District

May 22, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Committee Members: Mike McRae, FOWD Member
Chris Petersen, FOWD Member
Dan Rich, SJWD Member
Ted Costa, SJWD Member

Staff: Tom Gray, FOWD General Manager
Paul Helliker, SJWD General Manager
Greg Zlotnick, SJWD Water Resources Manager
Tony Barela, SJWD Director of Operations

Topics: Voluntary Agreement Groundwater Substitution Transfers
SJWD Water Right Protection – Proposed Wholesale Agreement Language
FOWD-SJWD Groundwater Partnership – Project-Specific Action Items
Sacramento Regional Water Bank Governance Document
Agenda Items for Next Meeting
Public Comment

1. Voluntary Agreement Groundwater Substitution Transfers

General Managers Tom Gray and Paul Helliker described the current discussions among the Sacramento region agencies that will provide groundwater substitution water for the Voluntary Agreement, and the plans for distribution of the \$55 million in associated funding from the California Department of Water Resources. GMs Gray and Helliker also discussed the upcoming meeting on May 24 among Wholesale Customer Agencies, to work on the details of agreements to implement the “fair share” contributions identified by the regional groundwater group.

2. SJWD Water Right Protection – Proposed Wholesale Agreement Language

GM Gray reviewed draft revisions to the Wholesale Water Supply Agreement that were proposed by FOWD. The committee discussed the proposed revisions, and GM Helliker provided his perspective. The committee requested that the GMs discuss the proposed revisions further, before bringing the subject back to a future committee meeting. Director Ted Costa requested that SJWD legal counsel review any proposed changes to the Agreement developed by the GMs.

3. Sacramento Regional Water Bank Governance Document

GM Helliker provided a summary of the comments that SJWD provided on the draft governance document for the Water Bank, prepared by RWA/SGA.

4. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The committee decided to focus at its next meeting (June 19 at 6 p.m.) on the elements of a project-specific partnership between FOWD and SJWD.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.