

San Geronio Pass Water Agency

DATE: May 24, 2021
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lance Eckhart, General Manager
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**SUBJECT: DISCUSS THE 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (UWMP)
ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW DRAFT**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests the Board review this item and provide comment in preparation for the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) Public Review Draft, which is scheduled to be distributed at the June 7, 2021 Board Meeting.

PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Board of Directors – May 18, 2020: The Board discussed the recommendation of a consulting firm to prepare the region’s wholesale UWMP. A sole-source contract utilizing the firm that prepared the Agency’s 2015 UWMP was recommended by staff. The Board considered the item and requested a total of three proposals be brought back to the Board for consideration.
- Board of Directors – August 17, 2020: Staff obtained a total of three proposals from qualified consulting firms for UWMP preparation and made a recommendation to the Board. The Board selected Tully & Young Inc. to prepare the region’s 2020 Wholesale UWMP.
- Board of Directors – March 15, 2021: A Workshop was Presented to the Board on the Urban Water Management Plan Update.
- Board of Directors – April 12, 2021: The Board approved a change order for work associated with the 2020 UWMP.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The California Water Code requires that wholesale and retail water providers of at least 3,000 acre-feet of water or with 3,000 or more retail connections prepare and submit an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) every five years. The UWMP is a long-range supply planning tool that documents available water supplies for a minimum of 20 years. San Geronio Pass Water Agency (Agency) will be updating the existing UWMP for 2020. The locally adopted 2020 UWMP is due to the Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2021.

Within the Agency region, three retail suppliers are large enough to prepare their respective ***retail*** UWMPs (Yucaipa Valley Water District, Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District, and the City of Beaumont). It is important that these retail plans are consistent with the regional wholesale plan. The goals of this planning effort are that the region's UWMPs are legally sufficient for the wholesale and retail agencies, and the plans demonstrate consistent efforts to collaboratively address future supply and demand challenges.

The 2020 UWMP effort included a strong emphasis on coordination with other local water suppliers. Regular meetings with stakeholder staff initiated in October 2020 and have continued throughout the UWMP preparation process. Retail agencies were encouraged to include regional projections and water supply estimates generated for the regional wholesale plan in their plans. Agency counsel participated throughout the entire process, including stakeholder meetings, to assist with the regional approach, consistency to increasing UWMP requirements, and legal sufficiency.

Staff is recommending the Board of Directors review the attached *Administrative Review Draft* of the 2020 UWMP and provide comments to the General Manager by June 1, 2021. Subsequently, the *Public Review DRAFT* of the 2020 UWMP is expected to be circulated June 7, 2021, with a tentative adoption date of June 21, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

The initial contract to prepare the 2020 regional UWMP was awarded to Tully and Young in the amount of \$93,000. This contract was increased to \$108,000 due to additional work associated with increased stakeholder meetings, coordination with Agency counsel, and more rigorous regional supply analysis.

ACTION

Motion to recommend to the Board of Directors to receive the Administrative Review Draft of the 2020 UWMP.