

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
REGARDING COLLABORATION ON THE  
COACHELLA VALLEY SALT AND NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is entered into among the Parties identified herein for the purpose of collaborating on the development of a workplan to update the Coachella Valley Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (CV-SNMP) and on subsequent work that may arise from the CV-SNMP Development Workplan and Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan. The Parties to this MOU shall be collectively referred to herein as “Parties” and individually as “Party.”

Parties

1. City of Palm Springs, a charter city that owns its wastewater treatment plant and manages municipal wastewater within its service area.
2. Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD), a county water district organized under the California County Water District Law, codified at Sections 30000, et seq., of the California Water Code and the Coachella Valley Water District Merger Law, Water Code section 33100, et seq.
3. City of Coachella, a general-law City that provides water service through the Coachella Water Authority, a joint powers authority formed as a component of the City of Coachella and the Housing Authority of the City of Coachella, and manages municipal wastewater in its service area through its subsidiary Coachella Sanitary District.
4. Desert Water Agency (DWA), an independent special district organized under the Desert Water Agency Law, codified at Sections 100-1, et seq., of the Appendix to the California Water Code.
5. Indio Water Authority, a joint powers authority formed as a component of the City of Indio and Housing Authority of the City of Indio.
6. Mission Springs Water District, a county water district organized under the California County Water District Law, codified at Sections 30000, et seq., of the California Water Code.
7. Myoma Dunes Mutual Water Company, a mutual water utility system organized under California Corporations Code Sections 14300, regulated under the U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Act, and by California’s Water Code, Health and Safety Code.
8. Valley Sanitary District, a California special district, which operates under the authority of the Health and Safety Code, Sanitary District Act of 1923, Sections 6400 et seq.

RECITALS

A. *The Policy for Water Quality Control for Recycled Water* (Recycled Water Policy) required local water and wastewater agencies, together with local salt contributing stakeholders to develop a Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP) for those basins identified as “priority basins,” to help address the potential for recycled water use to impact groundwater quality and to promote basin-wide management of salts and nutrients in groundwater.

B. The CV-SNMP was prepared and submitted to the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) in June of 2015, but was not adopted by the Regional Board because certain components were considered to be insufficient.

C. On February 19, 2020, in accordance with the Recycled Water Policy as amended in 2018, the Regional Board, prior to adopting a determination on the CV-SNMP, provided specific findings regarding which components of the CV-SNMP were found to be insufficient and recommendations to develop an acceptable SNMP.

D. The Parties, which are composed of local water and wastewater agencies, have agreed that it is in their mutual interest to collaborate on the development of an updated CV-SNMP, and further agreed to collaboratively prepare a CV-SNMP Development Workplan and Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan, as agreed to with the Regional Board and confirmed in their subsequent communication dated April 27, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually understood and agreed as follows:

1. Preparation of the CV-SNMP Development Workplan

The Parties will collaborate on the preparation of the CV-SNMP Development Workplan and Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan.

- a. Consultant: The Parties selected Wildermuth Environmental, Inc. (WEI) to prepare the CV-SNMP Development Workplan and Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan. CVWD has retained WEI on behalf of the Parties to complete this work.
- b. Cost-Share: The not-to-exceed cost for preparing the SNMP Development Workplan and Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan is \$226,578.00. Each Party will be responsible for an equal share of the not-to-exceed cost for preparing these deliverables.
- c. Billing: WEI will submit monthly invoices to CVWD. CVWD will initially be responsible for payment of such invoices, but will, in turn, invoice each of the other Parties for their equal share of each invoice.

2. Implementation of Monitoring Workplan

The Parties will collaborate on the implementation of the Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan.

- a. Monitoring: Each Party will be responsible for monitoring wells identified for inclusion in the monitoring network, in accordance with the Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan, that are within their ownership or, if it is a customer-owned well, within their jurisdiction. Where jurisdictions overlap, the Parties with overlapping jurisdictions will designate the Party that will monitor individual customer-owned wells.
- b. Reporting: Each Party will be responsible for submitting monitoring data according to the schedule and format identified in the Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan.

- c. **Monitoring Costs:** Each Party will be responsible for absorbing its own costs related to implementation of its individual monitoring responsibilities identified in the Groundwater Monitoring Program Workplan.

### 3. Preparation of the Updated CV-SNMP

The Parties will collaborate on the development of an updated CV-SNMP following completion of and in accordance with the recommendations in the SNMP Development Workplan. The means of procuring consulting services and need to share additional costs associated with the development of the updated CV-SNMP will be addressed in future amendments to this MOU.

### 4. Participation by Other Local Salt Contributing Stakeholders

It is the stated goal of the Parties to expand participation in this collaboration to any and all interested local salt contributing stakeholders. Addition of Parties and associated cost-share provisions will be addressed in future amendments to this MOU.

### 5. General Provisions Governing MOU

- a. **Term.** The term of this MOU shall be from the date the second Party signs this MOU (“Effective Date”). This MOU shall be effective as to any Parties that execute it, whether or not all named Parties execute it.
- b. **Modification.** This MOU may be amended in a writing signed by a duly authorized officer or representative of each of the Parties hereto.
- c. **Termination.** Any Party may terminate its participation in this MOU upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Parties for any reason or no reason. Any Party terminating or otherwise ceasing its participation in this MOU shall be responsible for its share of the costs, as set forth herein, which are incurred on or before the effective date of said termination.
- d. **Dispute Resolution.** Each Party shall use its best efforts and work wholeheartedly and in good faith for the expeditious completion of the objectives of this MOU and the satisfactory performance of its terms. The Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute or disagreement arising out of or in relation to this MOU. If the dispute or disagreement cannot be settled amicably within fourteen (14) days from the date on which either Party has served written notice on the other Parties, the dispute or disagreement will be resolved by a simple majority vote. Final decisions agreed upon by a majority of the Parties will become binding on all Parties.
- e. **Payment Default.** In the event a Party (Defaulting Party) fails or refuses to make any of its payments under this MOU, CVWD will provide a 30-day notice to cure to the Defaulting Party. If the Defaulting Party does not make the required payment before expiration of the 30-day notice period, the Defaulting Party shall be deemed to have terminated its participation in this MOU. The Defaulting Party shall remain responsible for its share of the costs, as set forth herein, which are incurred on or before the expiration of the 30-day notice period. After the Defaulting Party has been deemed to have terminated its participation in this MOU, each

remaining Party will be responsible for an equal share of the remaining not-to-exceed cost for preparing the deliverables.

- f. Counterparts. This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this MOU as of the day and year indicated below.

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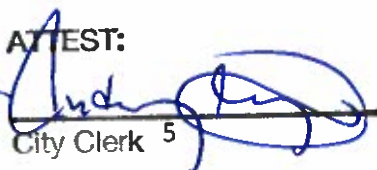
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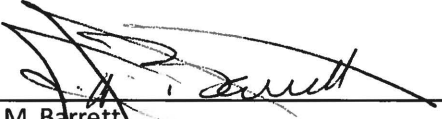
  
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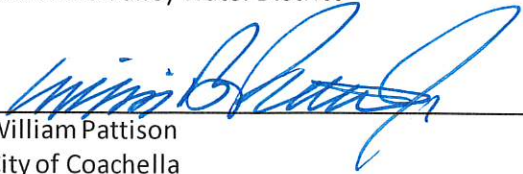
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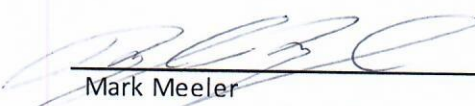
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