

Chino Basin Program
Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into effective _____, 2019, between various Chino Basin stakeholders (“Stakeholders”) and the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (“IEUA”) (collectively, the “Parties”).

Whereas, Parties have developed and approved various planning documents that have identified the need for investment in infrastructure within the Chino Basin. These investments would help address various sustainability objectives of the Chino Basin Optimum Basin Management Program (OBMP), such as, recycled water compliance, groundwater quality, storage and recovery programs, and subsidence mitigation. The Parties are currently in the process of updating the OBMP.

WHEREAS, IEUA received a conditional funding approval of \$207 million through the California Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program.

WHEREAS, IEUA has established the Chino Basin Program (“CBP”) Workgroup to help provide local input in the development of a regional program that best meets the current and future needs of the individual Stakeholders and the Chino Basin as a whole.

WHEREAS, formal funding approval of the CBP requires development of a refined project, including operations, finance, environmental permitting and all associated institutional agreements. A formal CBP Agreement amongst the Parties is essential for successful agreements with State Water Project Contractors and administering agencies.

WHEREAS, this MOU is substantively non-binding on the Parties, but expresses the agreement and commitment of the Parties to initiate the process to work collaboratively, in good faith, to identify issues of common concern, and goals and solutions which are of common benefit to the Parties, and which may ultimately be implemented through the CBP.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby make the following mutual commitments:

1. Work together in good faith to cooperatively plan and evaluate a strategy for the successful development of the CBP and receipt of the \$207 million funding.
2. Collaborate to refine the CBP components, including, but not limited to, water supply sources, infrastructure requirements operations, performance obligations, program costs and Basin impacts to optimize the benefits for the Chino Basin and the individual Stakeholders.
3. Develop a CBP Agreement.
4. Support securing additional grants and other funding sources for the CBP.
5. All Parties will work together in good faith to ensure that the CBP Agreement is negotiated and ready for potential execution by Summer 2019, recognizing the urgency of completing the institutional agreements by 2020.

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This MOU may be signed in identical counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and shall constitute one MOU.

Executed this _____ day of March 2019 by:

City of Pomona

Signature

Date

Name:

Title: