

State Water Project Contract Amendments

Santa Barbara County Flood Control
& Water Conservation District

Board of Directors

March 2, 2021

Central Coast Water Authority Request (Continued from February 2, 2021)

- Approve Amendment 20, State Water Project (SWP) Contract Extension
- Approve Amendment 21, SWP Water Management Amendment

Your Board continued this item to March 2, 2021 to allow staff to meet.

Amendment 20 - Update

Amendment 20 extends SWP contract from current expiration in 2038 to 2085:

- County Counsel and CCWA Counsel have revised the approach to the Transfer of Financial Responsibility Agreement (TFRA) to affirm the TFRA remains in full force if your Board approves Amendment 20 through adoption of the Agreement Confirming the Term of the TFRA.
- Recommend approving Amendment 20 and the Agreement at this time.

Amendment 21 - Update

Amendment 21 allows the sale and purchase of SWP water out of the County:

- CCWA requested unconditional approval of Amendment 21.
- CCWA since approved a Resolution of First Refusal to allow in County SWP participants first right of refusal, however, the terms would be the same as the term for an outside County sale.
- Recommending to not approve this Amendment at this time to allow staff to continue discussions with CCWA.
- Amendment 21 may return to your board at a future date based on discussion and new proposals from CCWA.

Report form CCWA Staff

Ray Stokes report from CCWA Board
Meeting of February 17, 2021

Recommendations

- Approve Amendment 20 with conditions outlined in staff report.
- Reject Amendment 21 at this time and direct staff to continue discussions with CCWA and return to your Board as appropriate.