

Finance, Affordability, Asset Management, and
Efficiency Committee



Agreement for Water Service with the Barona Band of Mission Indians, San Diego County Water Authority, and Ramona Municipal Water District

Item 7-7
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Proposed Barona Water Service Agreement

Subject

Review and consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the Lead Agency for the project, adopt a resolution approving an Agreement for Water Service with the Barona Band of Mission Indians (Barona), San Diego County Water Authority, and Ramona Municipal Water District

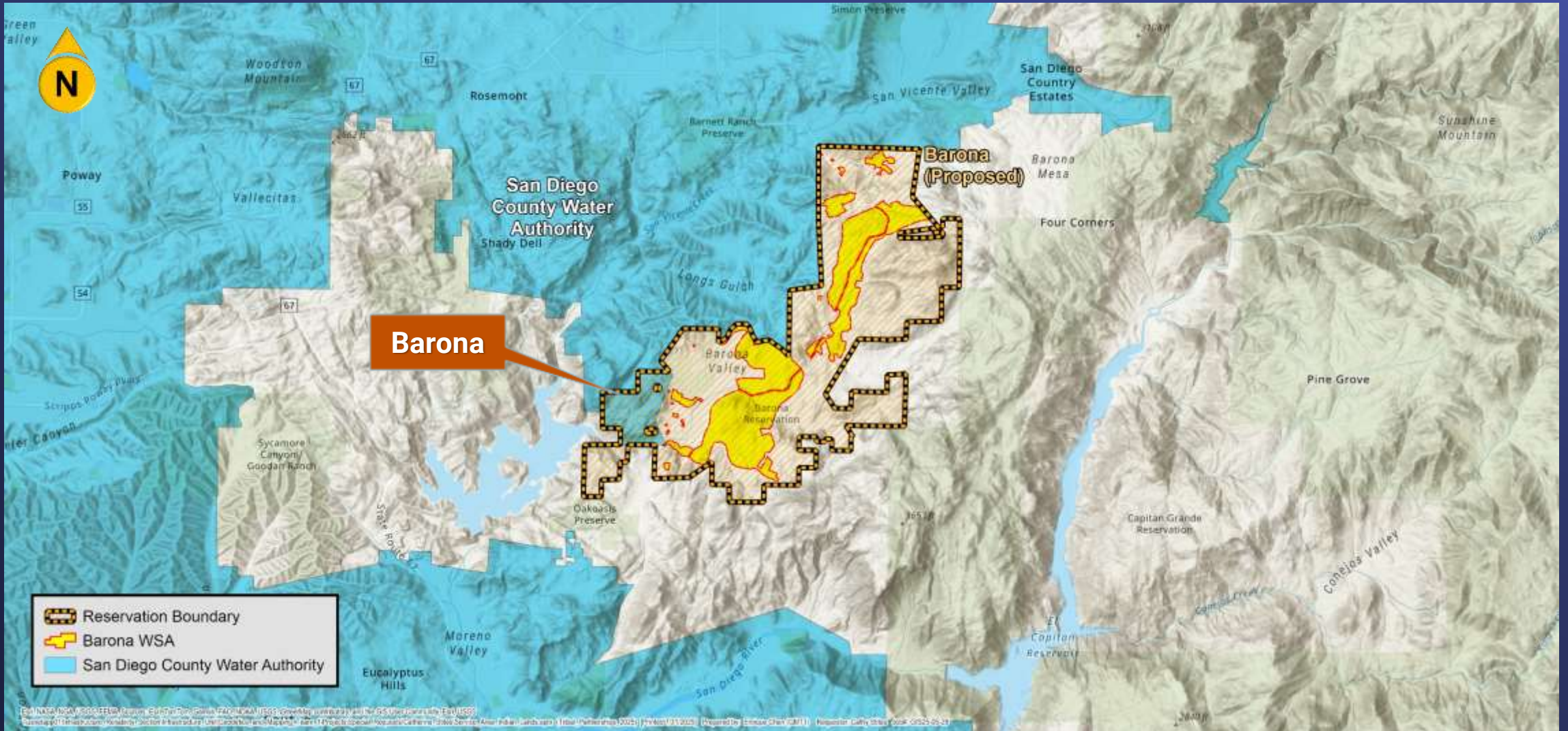
Purpose

To provide water service to the Barona Band of Mission Indians through Ramona and SDCWA

Barona Reservation Area



Barona



Key provisions of the Barona water service agreement



- Per state law, the proposed agreement treats Barona like any other customer
 - Subject contractually to Metropolitan's water service regulations and administrative code
 - Payment of in-lieu charges, including annexation fees and ad valorem taxes
 - Per MWD Administrative Code § 3106(b)-(c), requesting 15-year payment over time as allowed
 - Paying taxes annually with periodic reassessments
- Limited waiver of sovereign immunity
- Similar to existing agreements with Pechanga and Sycuan without changing service area boundary

Estimated Payments



- Total Annexation Charge \$14.8 M
- Annexation Charge Upfront and Financed payments over 15 years
 - Upfront Payment 10% plus Processing and Cost Study \$ 1,553,501
 - Annual Payment (for 15 yrs.) \$ 1,218,737
- Annual ad valorem tax payment with annual adjustments \$ 47,628

Board Options

Option No. 1

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Board Options

Option No. 2

- Decline the Request

Option No. 3

- Direct staff to renegotiate the terms of the water service agreement

Board Options

Staff Recommendation

- Option No. 1

