

**SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 21, 2016  
9:30 A.M.

Chairman Corneille called the Operations Committee Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Corneille, Chairman  
T. Milford Harrison, Director

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Daniel Cozad, General Manager  
Athena Monge, Administrative Services Specialist  
Manuel Colunga, Field Supervisor  
Jeff Beehler, Land Resource Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

**There were no additions/deletions.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 28, 2016**

**It was moved by Chairman Corneille to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2016 Operations Committee meeting. The motion carried by acclamation.**

**Chairman Corneille: Yes**

**Director Harrison: Yes**

**4. FIELD SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Mr. Colunga stated that field staff is currently working on Mill Creek cleaning Pond #13 due to sand and silt accumulation. Pond #12 was cleaned out by Upland Rock. The Tamarisk near the ponds is almost completely removed. Field staff is utilizing new chipper to get rid of stockpiled debris. Mr. Colunga said that the District is spreading SWP water in Santa Ana for EVWD. There is some algae growth due to SWP water and they may have to scrape the bottom of pond. City of Redlands and Loma Linda have also purchased SWP Water; they will take as much as they can and then the District will spread the remainder for them. Mr. Colunga spoke highly of Mr. Purvis', Field Operations Specialist performance to date. He stated that they both completed their Herbicide Applicator tests in order to obtain licensing to apply herbicide. Mr. Beehler said they have to be licensed and will receive licenses from the Department of

Pesticide Regulation. Mr. Cozad provided handout on SB-88 prepared by Katelyn Scholte, Assistant Engineer for the Mill Creek Diversion. He noted that the District will need to ask for alternative compliance and this item will be included in Operations & Maintenance Manual as an update. Mr. Cozad said that the District will likely need to replace the metering equipment in the parshall flume. This item was received and filed.

#### 5. TRAILS PLAN REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Beehler introduced this item for discussion. Mr. Beehler stated that the first draft of the Trails Plan was prepared by the Districts' interns and consultants expanded upon that in order to make it grant compliant and address any concerns resource agencies may have. Interns are keeping track of comments in a spreadsheet. Chairman Corneille reviewed his comments on the report in detail and requested that Mr. Colunga review the Trails Plan. He asked if the proper name for the wash area was Ecological Preserve; Mr. Beehler indicated that is what it is listed as within the HCP. Director Harrison noted that Loma Linda's Park should be included within the lists of parks, since they have one of the largest parks. Chairman Corneille requested that a reference be made to previous report and when it was approved by the Board. Mr. Beehler indicated that the history of the report and how it evolved will be added. Chairman Corneille said there is no parking specifically identified within Trails Plan. Mr. Beehler said that was not included in the HCP. Mr. Cozad stated that parking cannot be included in the "preserve" because this is the set aside area for the preserve; parking will have to be identified offsite. Staff will work with local cities and agencies to identify offsite parking. Director Harrison inquired as to whether or not the City of Redlands General Plan will include the Trails Plan. Mr. Beehler indicated that their plan will be modified to include the District's Trails Plan.

Chairman Corneille asked why the WSPA bridge is included in this Plan. Mr. Beehler and Cozad said that the SAR Conservancy may be including it in their plan so they left it in as a placeholder; possibility for grant funding. This will be revisited at a later date. Director Harrison stated that there is a reference to Alabama Street but no reference to Palm Avenue which is what Alabama turns into as soon as it crosses the river. Staff will double check the plan and confirm street name. Director Harrison said that buses that go through plan area carry bikes and this is another alternative to parking. Mr. Beehler looked at bus stops at each end of plan and there are bus stops at each end. Chairman Corneille asked why some trails are not named. Staff pulled together names from other city maps and will verify names of trails and if not named will indicate "unnamed trail". The Committee reviewed tables and figures and made recommendations to staff. Mr. Beehler provided a handout of the Wash Plan Trails presentation to the Committee. Discussion ensued regarding revisions to Trails Plan. Chairman Corneille suggested that the next steps be 1) obtain concurrence to adopt from cities, 2) Develop governance structure and 3) Identify priority of trails and corresponding costs. Revisions (comments/questions in hard copies of the Plan) were handed in by Committee to Staff for incorporation into Plan. Mr. Beehler will update the budget document for Trails Plan. Chairman Corneille said that the Trails Plan should be brought to the Board in November if comments are incorporated in time. Staff will incorporate comments and prepare final for approval at November Board meeting.

#### 6. MILL CREEK STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion. He provided a handout of a proposal and specifications to Committee. CWE is the design consultant on Mill Creek and this final work product will be utilized for permitting project. This item was received and filed.

#### 7. PRIORITIES UPDATE

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion. He said that the Groundwater Sustainability Council GSC meeting has been moved to February 2017. Director Harrison requested additional clarification on GSC. The Wash Plan dates are consistent with Mr. Beehler's update. FWS is working on the Implementation Agreement and tables. FWS staff have been assigned to other projects. Mr. Cozad reviewed the status of the IA, HCP and EIR/EIS. Board priorities were reviewed in depth with minor revisions noted. This item will be brought forward to Board for final approval.

8. TRANSITION, STAFFING AND SUCCESSION PLAN REVIEW 2016

Mr. Cozad briefly reviewed the plan. Chairman Corneille asked that the Land Resource Manager position be added to the Plan and that the Administrative Services Manager be removed since that position no longer exists. Additional minor clarifications were suggested with staff noting that this item will be forwarded to the Finance & Administration Committee for review.

9. EBXII BASIN OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

Mr. Beehler said that this item is related to the EBXII scar. He stated that the work will likely cost between \$30,000-\$35,000 with Valley Municipal paying the cost. Since DWR has not completed the work the Conservation District will likely take over the repairs. This is a 50 acre restoration project which needs additional coordination and final costing.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ISSUES

Chairman Corneille requested that staff review the Operations and Maintenance Manual and update. He indicated that diversion facilities, pictures and specifications should be included. Mr. Cozad said that Mill Creek and City road extension should likely be discussed as well as an update on SB 88.

11. ADJOURN

**It was moved by Chairman Corneille and seconded by Director Harrison that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried with all directors present voting in the affirmative.**

**Chairman Corneille: Yes  
Director Harrison: Yes**

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.