

SANTA ANA RIVER - MILL CREEK COOPERATIVE WATER PROJECT  
MINUTES OF THE 123<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

April 17, 2002

The 123<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Management Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Huffstutler at 1:33 p.m. in the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board Room, 1630 West Redlands Boulevard, Suite A, Redlands, California.

ROLL CALL

Present

Mike Huffstutler	Bear Valley Mutual Water Co.
Ed D. Patterson, Jr.	Crafton Water Company
Robert Martin	East Valley Water District
David B. Knight	Lugonia Water Company
Arnold Wright	North Fork Water Company
Douglas Headrick	Redlands Water Company/City of Redlands
Robert Reiter	San Bernardino Valley MWD
D. Burnell Cavender	San Bernardino Valley WCD
Joseph B. Zoba	Yucaipa Valley Water District

Absent

Gary Phelps	City of Redlands
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Guests

Sam Fuller	San Bernardino Valley MWD
Thomas Crowley	San Bernardino Valley WCD
Holly Haberli	San Bernardino Valley WCD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**It was moved by Ed D. Patterson Jr., and seconded by Arnold Wright to approve the Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on March 20, 2002 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSS EXCHANGE SCENARIOS FOR SPRING/SUMMER/FALL OF 2002 AND SWP WATER DELIVERIES

Robert Reiter said that he anticipates the pumps at Greenspot Pump Station (pump station) to be working by mid-July. He said that Brett Jordan, the on-site project manager for the construction company, has been very cooperative, and has been making every effort to complete the construction as soon as possible. Mr. Reiter suggested that a letter

of thanks be sent to the construction company upon completion of the project, if they finish by mid-July. D. Burnell Cavender suggested that Sam Fuller prepare a letter for Mike Huffstutler's signature.

Joseph Zoba said that Yucaipa Valley Water District (Yucaipa) expects to be self-reliant this summer. He said when the pump station goes on-line in July, Yucaipa expects that they will need supplemental water in August through September. He said Yucaipa is still tracking Mill Creek flows and working on a water exchange during that time.

Douglas Headrick said the process of the application with the Department of Health Services (DHS) continues to move forward. He said there are many more series of "jar tests" (a series of tests done in a lab to determine the optimal amount of coagulants and other aids used to treat surface water) to be completed. If the application is accepted by the DHS, the Tate Treatment Plant would receive three different sources of water, blending together for 14 hours per day. These sources of water are, the remainder of the exchange with Yucaipa from Mill Creek, State Water Project (SWP) water, and Santa Ana River (River) water. Mr. Headrick updated everyone on the City of Redlands' (Redlands) slip line pipeline project through an unused concrete pipeline, which parallels the Crafton Canal. He said Redlands anticipates being able to get 4 cfs of pumped water to the Crafton Hills Reservoir very soon.

Robert Martin said East Valley Water District (East Valley) is accepting SWP water, but continues to have THM problems. Mr. Martin said that East Valley is receiving River water as of today's date.

The "fate of flow" test performed by Southern California Edison (SCE) the previous week was discussed. North Fork Water Co. and East Valley Water District were greatly impacted by the test. Mr. Huffstutler said he advised his operators not to agree to anything in the future without clearance. He said he would request information from John Erwin of SCE, requesting data and the parameters of the test. He said he would ask for pre-notification from SCE of anything being done in the future, and would also ask Mr. Erwin if SCE is planning to shut down the power station soon due to lack of water in the River.

Mr. Huffstutler said Bear Valley Mutual Water Co. (Bear Valley) will be satisfied with the 9.1 cfs of water at the Forebay elevation. He said he is not quite sure what will be done if the River flow goes below that amount. He has had several calls from irrigators and has had to advise them that there is no additional water available. Irrigators may need to pump water from wells, but some irrigators have no source of water at all.

Mr. Huffstutler said there seems to be a discrepancy in SWP water being delivered to the Redlands Canal. After discussion, Mr. Fuller said he would look into the discrepancy.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Reiter said San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District is willing to deliver SWP water for the cost of conveyance when there is an excess of water in the Forebay. Mr. Huffstutler said he was interested in receiving the water.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 15, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Huffstutler, Chairperson