

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

January 13, 2004  
3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Manuel Aranda Jr., Chairman  
Cheryl Tubbs, Director  
Melody Henriques, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Lawrence M. Libeu, General Manager  
Thomas Crowley, Assistant General Manager  
Colleen Theuer, Administrative Services Manager

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairman Aranda announced this as the time for any persons present, who so desire, to make an oral petition to the Outreach Committee. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded with the published agenda items.

Chairman Aranda asked that the Committee add to the agenda the minutes from the October 16, 2003 Outreach Committee meeting.

**It was moved by Director Henriques and seconded by President Tubbs to approve adding to the agenda the minutes from the October 16, 2003 Outreach Committee meeting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by President Tubbs and seconded by Director Henriques to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2003 Outreach Committee meeting. The motion carried.**

2. UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

Chairman Aranda reported on several upcoming events. The Loma Linda Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner will be held on January 22; the District has been nominated for "Business of the Year." The San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner will be held on January 29, 2004. On January 19, the San Bernardino County Special Districts dinner is scheduled; and on January 24, Congressman Jerry

Lewis' 25th Anniversary Dinner will be held. On February 24, the San Bernardino City mayor will give the San Bernardino State of the City Breakfast Address. The ACWA/DC conference will also be held during the week of February 24; President Tubbs and Mr. Libeu will be attending. Lastly, the WRI breakfast will be scheduled for the end of February.

3. RESULTS OF ACWA COMMITTEE SELECTIONS

Chairman Aranda announced the results of the ACWA committee selections: he has been appointed to the Legislative and Federal Affairs Committees; Director Henriques has been appointed to the Water Management Committee; Mr. Libeu has been appointed to the Federal Affairs and Local Government Committees; and Mr. Crowley has been appointed to the Groundwater Committee.

4. 63RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT INVITATION

Chairman Aranda advised the Committee that Assemblyman Bob Dutton would be leaving the 63rd District to run for Senator Brule's seat. Possible candidates for the 63rd District were discussed. Chairman Aranda proposed sending a letter to the candidates inviting them for a tour and education of the District. President Tubbs suggested waiting until after the primary election in March and inviting the winning candidates.

**It was moved by President Tubbs and seconded by Director Henriques to send a letter of invitation, after the primary election in March, for a tour and education of the District to the winning Democratic and Republican candidates for the 63rd Assembly District. The motion carried.**

5. ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO

The upcoming Environmental Expo 2004 (Expo) was discussed. Mr. Libeu said he has spoken to Ada Ramirez, coordinator of the Expo, who asked the District to participate in the Expo at a Partnership Gold Level for \$5,000. The District would not have to attend the Expo, and one of the benefits of this level would provide "goodie bags" that would have the District logo imprint. Discussion ensued. President Tubbs said she is opposed, as the District experience with the Expo in the past has not been positive. Additionally, the audience that the District needs to reach is not there. Mr. Libeu said he would get additional information in time for the February Board meeting.

**It was moved by Director Henriques and seconded by President Tubbs to put the item of the Environmental Expo on the agenda for the Board meeting on February 4, 2004. The motion carried.**

6. LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2004

Chairman Aranda said the next ACWA Legislative Committee meeting would be held in February. He said AB896, providing retirement benefits through the Public Employees

Retirement System (PERS) to members of Boards, has been stalled at this time. Senator Deborah Ortiz is conducting an investigation into the conduct of Directors and staff within water districts, as a result of misconduct within the Sacramento Water District. As a result, AB896 has been put on hold.

There was no other legislation to report on at this time.

7. 2004 REGION 9 SURVEY

The District has received the ACWA 2004 Region 9 Survey. Director Henriques reported that each year each region sends out a survey to its membership to see what is most important to the agencies, in order to focus their upcoming meetings around these issues. Some areas of concern discussed were groundwater, water transfers, federal funding, and groundwater contamination. Staff was directed to complete the survey with this information and send to ACWA.

8. ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.