

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

MINUTES OF June 7, 2017
1:30 P.M.

President Corneille called the Workshop of the Board of Directors to order at 1:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, President
Melody McDonald, Vice President
David E. Raley, Director
John Longville, Director
T. Milford Harrison, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager
Jeff Beehler, Land Resource Manager
Athena Monge, Administrative Services Specialist
Katelyn Scholte, Assistant District Engineer

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Corneille announced this as the time for any persons present, who so desire, to make an oral presentation to the Board of Directors. Hearing none, the meeting continued with published agenda items.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Mr. Cozad reviewed the strategic planning process and the ranking of issues using PowerPoint presentation. The first issue being discussed was Item B-Trail Recreation. The Board approved the Master Trails Plan in November 2016 and appointed an Ad Hoc Trails Committee February 2017. Staff has been working with the Cities and Redlands Conservancy to identify next steps and coordinating with the Ad Hoc Trails Committee. The District needs to work with the land use entities to clarify issues such as costs, liability and enforcement. President Corneille asked if the District would need to seek activation of its latent powers through LAFCO and asked the Board if it should. Staff indicated that the District would not need to if it partners with those that already have authority to perform these functions. Mr. Cosgrove added that a request to activate latent powers through LAFCO is an extensive and costly process. The Board would need to assess viability and accessibility of activating such powers. President Corneille indicated that it could be a long term goal for the District, if needed. Vice President McDonald supported partnering with the Cities and Redlands Conservancy; she sees the District as more of a participant than a lead in trails. President Corneille said the County needs to be included in the parks discussions because they oversee the Santa Ana River Trail implementation. The Board requested that staff provide them with current powers the District is authorized to perform by LAFCO and powers that they are authorized in their organic act. Staff will provide this information at the next workshop.

Staff provided a map as a handout showing existing trails. Mr. Cozad asked for feedback from the Board. President Corneille requested that staff meet with the Trails Committees for each of the Cities to assist in preparing a priority list of trails. Mr. Beehler clarified that for paved road trails the Cities are lead entities for the completion of those Trails. The Alabama Street Trail is contingent on when street widening reaches completion. The District is the lead on wildland trails; all of the others are contingent on lead agency efforts. Mr. Cozad said the Cone Camp trail will be the longest lead and most complicated to implement. In the short term the goal is to get an MOU with Highland and Redlands for the governance of the trails. President Corneille said the District should set a goal to complete one or two of the wildland trails within the next five years.

The second issue being discussed was Item C. – Expanded Habitat Management. Vice President McDonald stated that mitigation banking may be a long term goal and objective for the District. President Corneille said that he sees this as a reactive goal not an aggressive goal or objective because it is not the primary function of the District. Director Raley said that the District should not have idle capacity and that any revenue generated should be set aside for purchase of land. The Board is in support of purchasing buffer land if the opportunity arises.

The third issue being discussed was Item D. – Treatment Wetlands. Mr. Cozad reviewed the purpose of treatment wetlands in a PowerPoint presentation. The typical timeline for implementation of wetlands is estimated around seven years. Wetlands are heavily regulated in implementation and operation. The total costs of large wetlands were between \$6 and \$21 million dollars. This estimate is based on 3-6 acre wetlands. Mr. Cozad reviewed wetlands concept developed for the District in 2008-2009 for treatment of poor quality water from Seven Oaks Dam or water from development. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board that it is not feasible for the District at this time, with opportunities for cooperative projects to be considered on a case by case basis.

The next Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for July 28th at 1:30 p.m.

4. ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Longville to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative and Director Harrison noted absent from the vote.

President Corneille: Yes

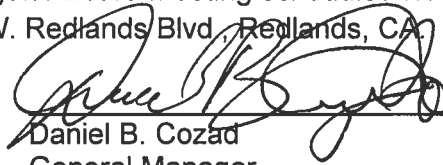
Vice President McDonald: Yes

Director Longville: Yes

Director Raley: Yes

Director Harrison: Absent

At 3:18 p.m. the meeting adjourned to Regular Board Meeting scheduled for June 14, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA



Daniel B. Cozad
General Manager