

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

February 7, 2018
9:00 A.M.

Chairman Corneille called the Operations Committee Meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, Chairman
T. Milford Harrison, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 30, 2017

It was moved by Chairman Corneille and seconded by Director Harrison to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2017, Operations Committee meeting with minor revisions. The motion carried by 2-0 with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

Chairman Corneille: Yes

Director Harrison: Yes

4. PERMITTING PROGRESS ON MILL CREEK

Mr. Cozad introduced this item for discussion. The District has submitted the 408 permit application to the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (FCD) for the Mill Creek Diversion Project. Mr. Beehler stated that staff had provided plans, specifications, water quality management plan and construction information to FCD. FCD reviewed the permit application and had completed their review. Staff received a comment letter from FCD with a checklist of items that need to be included to submit an application to Corps of Engineers (COE). The estimated review time for the COE to review the District application is two to two and a half years; unless the District pays to expedite the process. The estimated cost for

expedited review is \$75,000. The COE will review hydraulics, structural, geo-tech, real estate and environmental areas of the project. Staff will assist in the process in an effort to minimize the cost. President Corneille asked for staff to advise the Committee of the risks and potential costs after it meets with the COE. Mr. Cozad said that the \$75,000 was not budgeted and that he will need to look at the project charter and possibly revise it as needed. This item will be brought back to Committee for review.

It was moved by Chairman Corneille and seconded by Director Harrison to authorize staff to spend up to \$75,000 to expedite 408 permits and direct staff to meet with the COE. The motion carried 2-0 with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

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

5. MILL CREEK SURVEYING

Mr. Beehler introduced this item for discussion. The District has to perform a civil engineer survey for the Mill Creek Diversion project. Staff has requested a list of Valley Municipal of recommended surveyors. This survey is a requirement from the COE for 408 permit application. The Morongo Band of Mission Indians asked to be present during surveying. President Corneille reviewed various survey options and suggested hiring a local firm. Mr. Cozad said that the District would have to have both Mill and Plunge Creek surveyed. The District will also need to identify control points for meets and bounds to support conservation easements in the Wash Plan.

6. ADJOURN

President Corneille requested a review of the CIP status and budget for the calendar year. The next meeting will be held on March 21 at 9:00 a.m.

It was moved by Chairman Corneille and seconded by Director Harrison that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 2-0 with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

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

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.