

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING/WORKSHOP OF
March 17, 2008
1:30 p.m.

President Melody McDonald called the Board Meeting/Board Workshop of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. All present stood for the pledge of allegiance, led by President McDonald.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melody McDonald, President
Manuel Aranda, Vice President
Cheryl Tubbs, Director
Richard Corneille, Director
Clare Henry Day, Director
John Longville, Director

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Arnold Wright, Director

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David B. Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker, LLP

STAFF PRESENT:

Marvin Shaw, General Manager
Colleen Theuer, Admin. Services Mgr./Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT:

Victor Harris, MWH Americas, Inc.
Mark Rozman, GEI Consulting

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President McDonald 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 proceeded with the published agenda items.

2. AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR EVALUATION & CONCEPTUAL DESIGN TO OPTIMIZE SANTA ANA RIVER GROUNDWATER RECHARGE FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

Mr. Shaw discussed the proposed agreement for consulting services for the evaluation and conceptual design to optimize the Santa Ana River groundwater recharge facilities and operations. The proposal scope of work provides for field testing, including a pilot test basin study, groundwater modeling (to be performed by GSSI) and other analyses to determine the capacity of the Conservation District's existing facilities and determine whether or not additional facilities are needed pursuant to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). He noted that the revised proposal from MWH Americas, Inc. in the amount of \$871,992 did not include the construction of the three testing basins or of a pipeline to get the water to the basins. The fiscal impact for the current fiscal year was roughly estimated at \$65,000, included in this year's budget. The District assumes 50% of the total cost, except for the cost of conceptual design for new or improved diversion and conveyance facilities, not including the possibility of the grant of \$250,000. The project would take approximately one year to complete. Mr. Shaw introduced Victor Harris, representing MWH Americas, Inc. Mr. Harris made a presentation for the evaluation and conceptual design, and answered questions from the Board. A lengthy discussion continued. After discussion, the following motion was made:

It was moved by Director Tubbs and seconded by Director Corneille to approve and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with MWH Americas, Inc., for Evaluation and Conceptual Design to Optimize Santa Ana River Groundwater Recharge Facilities and Operations, subject to legal counsel review and minor revisions to the contract; and to find these activities exempt under CEQA, as provided for in Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15061(b)(2); and to direct staff to file the appropriate notice of exemption under Title 14, California Code of Regulations Section 15062. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Wright noted absent.

There was a discussion on the proposed letter agreement (a draft was included in the Board package) on this project with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Muni). Five changes/additions to the letter were suggested: (1) Use the acronym SBVMWD when referring to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; (2) SBVMWD may contract with GSSI for groundwater modeling and be responsible for all costs, and share the results with the District; (3) SBVMWD will make available state water project water as needed for testing, at no expense to the project; (4) the District will operate the basins; do the measurements; and read the information; and (5) the testing will be conducted within the parameters of the Integrated Management Program Demonstration project Agreement (IMPDP). After discussion, the following motion was made:

It was moved by Director Corneille and seconded by Director Day to approve and authorize the General Manager to send a letter agreement to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, with the suggested changes/additions: (1) Use the acronym SBVMWD when referring to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District; (2) SBVMWD may contract with GSSI for groundwater modeling and be responsible for all costs, and share the results with the District; (3) SBVMWD will make available state water project water as needed for testing, at no expense to the project; (4) the District will operate the basins; do the measurements; and read the information; and (5) the testing will be conducted within the parameters of the IMPDPA. The motion carried 6-0, with Director Wright noted absent.

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE EVALUATION AND CONCEPTUAL DESIGN TO OPTIMIZE SANTA ANA RIVER GROUNDWATER RECHARGE FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Mr. Shaw briefly discussed the management of the Evaluation and Conceptual Design to Optimize Santa Ana River Groundwater Recharge Facilities and Operations. He identified three project management alternatives for the Board to consider: (1) Utilize Muni staff to serve as project manager; (2) retain a qualified consultant to act as project manager; and (3) hire a qualified staff person to assume project management responsibilities. Mr. Shaw included a proposal from Joseph E. Bonadiman & Assoc., Inc., as a possibility as a consultant, should the District choose that alternative. This item was for information only; staff was directed to include this item on the agenda for the Board meeting of March 25.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Budget Workshop was conducted, with Mr. Shaw and Ms. Theuer discussing four major items: (1) the 2008-2009 proposed budget; (2) the mining income comparison by year, from 2000 to 2008; (3) the LAIF activity from 2000-2008; and (4) the 2007-2008 budget projections for year end.

5. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session for this meeting.

6. ADJOURN MEETING

At 5:30 p.m., the meeting adjourned to the Board meeting scheduled for March 25, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., at District Headquarters, 1630 W Redlands Blvd., Suite A, Redlands, CA.

Secretary of the Board