

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

October 30, 2017  
9:00 A.M.

Chairman Corneille called the Operations Committee Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Corneille, Chairman  
T. Milford Harrison, Director

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Daniel Cozad, General Manager  
Jeff Beehler, Land Resources Manager  
Manuel Colunga, Field Supervisor  
Katelyn Scholte, Assistant Engineer  
Angie Quiroga, Administrative Services Specialist  
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 APRIL 4, 2017**

**It was moved by Director Harrison and seconded by Chairman Corneille to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2017, Operations Committee meeting. The motion carried by 2-0 with all directors present voting in the affirmative.**

**Chairman Corneille: Yes**

**Director Harrison: Yes**

**4. REDLANDS PLAZA PARKING LOT AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**

Ms. Quiroga stated that the District hired a CASP inspector and obtained CASP report to review the ADA compliance of Redlands Plaza. She provided a handout of the CASP report and noted that the sidewalk and parking lot require alteration. Ms. Quiroga reviewed the asphalt and sidewalk estimates received. She said that permeable pavers were one of the options costs were obtained for, but it is a significant additional cost. Mr. Cozad said that the cost is significantly more than the benefit. Chairman Corneille agreed with regarding the cost

of permeable pavers. Director Harrison asked if the District considered replacing asphalt with concrete. Mr. Cozad said that the District would have to remove all of the existing asphalt.

**It was moved by Chairman Corneille and seconded by Director Harrison to award International Paving Services a contract for the parking lot and sidewalk improvements with an amount not to exceed \$100,000 addressing the ADA Compliance issues. The motion carried 2-0 with all directors present voting in the affirmative.**

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

5. FIELD SUPERVISOR UPDATE

Mr. Colunga presented a PowerPoint presentation. He stated that Tommy Purvis, Field Operations Specialist and himself had completed the certified applicators certification program for herbicide application. He said that they attended the symposium last week and indicated that it was useful to help identify invasive species. Mr. Colunga said that hand sprayers are currently being utilized. Mr. Beehler said that herbicide application is currently applied using a hand sprayer and in areas that require a significant application of herbicide the District contracts with IERCD. Mr. Colunga discussed the spreading of SWP water; he stated that he and Mr. Purvis have to constantly move water around to help minimize the buildup of algae. He said that the District is percolating SWP water; approximately 40 CFS to date. Mr. Colunga indicated that the invasive species being treated include tobacco and tamarisk. IERCD has helped with the application of herbicide. There is a lot of tobacco where the EBX pipeline was installed. He noted that gates had been installed at various locations.

6. PERMITTING PROGRESS ON MILL CREEK AND PLUNGE CREEK

Mr. Beehler said that the Plunge Creek permitting strategy is almost completed. He is working on determining whether it is best to move forward with a Notice of Exemption (NOE) or filed a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). If the District decides to do an MND, it will need to do a Cultural Resources Report as well. The Water Quality Management Report for Mill Creek was completed on Friday and will submit it to the Flood Control District. The Operations Committee is in support of a NOE for Plunge Creek.

7. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL UPDATE

Ms. Scholte handed out an updated Draft Operations and Maintenance Manual for 2017. She said that all maps had been updated and some of the appendices have been updated to include information that the District uses on a daily basis. More information has been added that is related to the Wash Plan such as species information and invasive management. Ms. Scholte said that field staff has reviewed and had a copy for reference. President Corneille requested this item be presented to the Board at its December Board meeting.

8. DREDGE AND FILL REGULATION IMPACTS

Mr. Cozad provided a handout on this item. He said that based on these new regulations most of Santa Ana would require permitting. The regulatory action is very restrictive. Staff has made a presentation to the State Board and hired Nossaman to help us address these issues. Mr. Cozad said that permitting fees would be an estimated \$50,000-\$100,000 annually to permit District facilities if the draft regulations are implemented.

9. ENHANCED RECHARGE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION ACTIONS

Mr. Cozad said that we would view this item on our field tour after the adjournment of the meeting.

10. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVIEW/UPDATE

Mr. Cozad provided a handout for this item. He obtained preliminary cost from Redlands Plumbing on the septic tank item. The District will need to obtain a permit for the septic tank and will need to permit restroom facilities. Mr. Cozad said the cost for restrooms would likely be higher than the current budgeted amount. Director Harrison suggested the District consider a prefabricated structure. The old dump truck and trailer have been disposed of, but the District has not found a replacement dump truck. As previously discussed, the gates have been installed. The canyon house and lead abatement may be done early 2018; field staff has been busy with other projects. Chairman Corneille requested information on the Mendoza Property to be able to present to the Mentone Area Chamber Association.

11. ADJOURN TO FIELD TOUR

**It was moved by Chairman Corneille and seconded by Director Harrison that the meeting be adjourned to Field Tour. 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 indoor portion of the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.