

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

August 1, 2019
8:00 A.M.

Chairman Corneille called the Operations Committee Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, Chairman
Melody McDonald, Vice President

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager
Jeff Beehler, Land Resources Manager
Manuel Colunga, Field Supervisor
Katelyn Scholte, Assistant Engineer
Athena Monge, Administrative 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 JANUARY 17, 2019

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

4. FIELD SUPERVISOR UPDATE

Mr. Colunga provided an update on field operations and reviewed the handout of a map for basin cleaning and repair. Mr. Cozad provided a summary of discussions with CEMEX and Upland Rock regarding removal of materials. Vice President McDonald asked if the sand could be used by landscaping companies. Mr. Cozad said that it could, but most of it is used for laying pipe, and it can be used for sandbags for stormwater work on construction sites. Mr. Colunga said that Upland Rock would be starting soon.

5. GENERAL MANAGERS UPDATE

Mr. Cozad stated that Ms. Scholte prepared and handed out a tour map. The Committee will view the newly acquired Seven W Enterprise property, Redlands (R100), and various ponds. Mr. Cozad said that the District is interviewing for the Land Resources Manager/Assistant General Manager, Senior

Engineer/Project Manager, and Field Operations Specialist. President Corneille asked for an update of the Operations & Maintenance Manual.

6. FALL MAINTENANCE

Ms. Scholte indicated that this item was covered previously when basin cleaning and maintenance were reviewed. She said that the measurement device is likely to be installed the end of summer. We have the gate; the concrete structure is needed. The District is waiting for the contractor. Mr. Colunga said that there was growth in the canal and it affected the road. Field staff cleaned out the brush and plants, and it is now flowing. Ms. Scholte stated that the yellows dots on the map provided show areas that need work.

7. PLUNGE CREEK

Mr. Beehler said that the District does not have the Section 7 or the 2081 permit yet. He said that the permit from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) staff has not seen progress on obtaining the permit; there is no draft CESA document. There will be a hearing at CDFW to discuss the San Bernardino Area Kangaroo Rat (SBKR) under the California Endangered Species Act on August 7. CDFW will not issue permits unless they have take for the SBKR for a project that is likely to have impacts on the species once listed. Mr. Beehler provided maps to review and potential alternatives for a reduced project size. Staff will begin trapping Monday to see if there are SBKR on the proposed new reduced project area; if it can show it is unoccupied the District can build a smaller footprint project. Mr. Beehler reviewed the SBKR Bridge; it's a forty-foot wide pipe so that SBKR can run over it. Initially it was planned to be placed on the sixty-nine breakout, but staff revised it and moved it fifty feet down to reduce permitting. This provides eighty percent of the benefits without the need for additional permitting.

8. ACTIVE RECHARGE TRANSFER PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Cozad said that the District has a request into the Groundwater Council to appoint a member to the Policy Committee. The first meeting will likely be in September. The ARTP funds have been moved to a money market account with CAMP.

9. ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Chairman Corneille and seconded by Vice President McDonald that the meeting be adjourned to field tour. The motion carried 2-0 with all directors present voting in the affirmative.

Chairman Corneille: Yes

Vice President McDonald: Yes

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.