

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, April 12, 2012
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2012
3. Update on Valley District's Activities Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
4. Legislative Update Manny Aranda
5. Other
6. Committee Reports & Schedules
 - Recharge Committee Daniel Cozad
 - Basin Technical Advisory Committee Tom Crowley
 - Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee Daniel Cozad
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force Sam Fuller
7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting
8. Next Meeting – May 10, 2012
9. Adjourn

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

March 8, 2012

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Mark Alvarez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
Chris Diggs, City of Redlands
Seth Zielke, Fontana Water Company
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Thomas Crowley, West Valley Water District
Sam Fuller, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Robin Ohama, City of San Bernardino Water Department
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Approvals of Minutes** – M/S/C (Aranda/Nelson) approving the minutes of February 9, 2012.
3. **Update on Valley District Activities** – Sam Fuller reported on the following Valley District activities:
 - Currently completing old projects, including eight bids for a contract on Mill Creek road. Staff is trying to determine who is qualified to complete the work, as it may be deemed an electrical specialty project.
 - East Branch Ext. Phase II Project - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has issued advertisements regarding building a reservoir that will be a benefit to the City of Redlands.
 - Wilson Creek in Yucaipa-Repairing a pipeline built in 1987 for Mill Creek in the old San Bernardino County Flood Control basin, including more controls, reliability and frequency in running the pumps.
 - Baseline Feeder wells had failed and Encantu Booster from the City of San Bernardino is no longer available. Building new wells on West Valley Water District property.
 - SAWPA is hiring grant writers to assist agencies with writing grants for the next round of Proposition 84 grant funding opportunity.

4. **Legislative Update** – Manny Aranda reported that the ACWA Legislative committee had met and reviewed and discussed a total of (10) bills from the assembly and (3) from the Senate. Only one of which, AB101 pertained to water. Seven bills are related to environmental issues, and the remaining six pertained to Northern California, although Southern California water demand is much greater. Mr. Aranda also reported that Assemblyman Ricardo Lara is in the process of drafting legislature which will require water agencies to explain the basis of their agency's rate increases in the form of water audits. Assemblyman Lara is requesting feedback from water agencies to assist with drafting the proposed legislature, which the Assembly has taken a vote on. Mr. Aranda will coordinate a meeting with Assemblyman Lara's office on behalf of the Association.

5. **Other** – Chairman Araiza reported several members of the Association, including Vice Chair Aranda, Stacy Altstadt, Tom Crowley, Robin Ohama and Daniel Cozad met to discuss possible revisions to the existing Articles of Association, which would ultimately restructure its mission. Mr. Araiza stated that the basin is now unified as a whole, and that there is now a need for a unified group for legislation related to water in the basin. He stated the BTAC has been charged with handling technical basin management related issues previously resolved by the Association. Tom Crowley and Ms. Ohama will be working on revising the Articles to bring back to members for review and comment. The group will also need to determine if the meeting frequency will remain the same or alternate every other month.

6. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- **Recharge Committee** – Sam Fuller reported on recharging at badger and waterman, which had not been utilized for quite some time and that repairs were needed last summer. The Basin Technical Advisory Committee set an objective of 1,000 acre feet of water and 1,600 acre feet has been achieved. The water will be re-allocated from east twin peak spring spreading basins over to badger, which recharges the east side of the University of Cal State San Bernardino campus.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Tom Crowley reported that Daniel Cozad presented the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's Annual Engineering Investigation report to the BTAC and that the presentation was well received. Mr. Crowley announced the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – No report.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Fuller reported the Task Force has initiated litigation and the Center for Biological Diversity filed for a hearing that has been granted by the judge. The hearing is scheduled for the week of March 12, 2012. Several environmental agencies will participate and voice their concerns. Mr. Fuller also reported that SAWPA implemented a SAS conservation team some years ago to coordinate with USACE to obtain permits to work on existing projects related to the sucker fish. Dr. Baskin has been hired to count the fish and apply electrical charges in the river to stun them and allow them to float to the surface and be caught in nets

for counting. He also reported that Doug Headrick has been instrumental in coordinating the U.S. Geological Survey study on sedimentation, as well as obtaining additional funding to enhance the study to keep sand and sedimentation out of the river and to figure out where habitat for the fish is located.

7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting – Ms. Ohama reported that a meeting will be coordinated with Mr. Crowley to discuss the possible revisions to the Articles of Association to bring back to the April meeting.

8. Next Meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2012 at 9:30 A.M., at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.