

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – June 14, 2012
3. Update on SBVWMD's Activities Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
4. Legislative Update Manny Aranda
5. Other
6. Committee Reports & Schedules
 - Habitat Conservation Plan Committee Stacey Aldstadt
 - 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 – August 9, 2012
9. Adjourn

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

June 14, 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
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
George Aguilar, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Douglas Headrick, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ben Coleman, East Valley Water District
Seth J. Zielke, Fontana Water Company
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Thomas Crowley, West 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 April 12, 2012.
3. **Update on SBVMWD Activities** – Douglas Headrick reported on the following Valley District activities:
 - A Special Joint Board meeting held on June 5, 2012 with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.
 - Department of Water Resources East Branch Extension Projects including:
 - Crafton Hills Reservoir Enlargement.
 - Completion of the Yucaipa Connector.
 - Open bids on East Branch Extension Phase II crossing building. The low bidder came in at \$62 million dollars. The total project cost is estimated at \$170 million. The pump station is scheduled to begin delivering water in 2014.
 - The DWR managed settlement negotiations for a litigation through a collaborative process.
 - A meeting with Supervisor Josie Gonzales regarding a county wide limited scope Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for endangered species.

The USACE's Regional Director and staff are expected to resolve the issue and are encouraging a multiple species HCP for riparian type species. Stacey Alstadt suggested the possibility of the USAWRA taking the lead in coordinating the HCP. All urban water management plans from the basin have been compiled and will be presented at Building Industry Association's (BIA) water conference on August 10, 2012 to focus on anything riparian.

- Grand opening for the latest community garden near the boys and girls center. George Aguilar was featured on Channel Seven News.

4. Legislative Update – Manny Aranda reported on the following:

- AB 1508 and SB 1837 related to prosecuting junk dealers and recyclers who are stealing copper throughout the state of California. Eastern Municipal Water District has urged assemblymembers to bring forth the bill.
- Senators Emmerson and Dutton are both up for re-election.
- AB 1964 regarding the Federal Employment and Housing Act intended to protect and safeguard the right for all persons, including religious beliefs.
- U.S. Fish & Game supported by born free, which has the ability to impose administrative penalties for up to \$20,000 for any violation related to fish, birds or mammals.
- Mr. Headrick announced that on June 13, 2012, all negotiated pass through agreements will be suspended. ACWA has issued an outreach alert urging everyone to contact their legislature, as the agreements already have Prop 1A protection.
- Melody McDonald announced the passing of Jess Senecal.

5. Other – No other reports were provided.

6. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- Recharge Committee – No recharge committee report was provided.
- Basin Technical Advisory Committee – Mr. Crowley reported on the upcoming Home Depot sale of the Waterwise plants, where WVWD and the City of Redlands will be in attendance. Mr. Crowley also reported on the Cooperative Recharge Program and the BTAC Engineering Subcommittee's recommendation to the BTAC for recharge of approximately 15,000 acre feet of water through the program. Mr. Crowley also reported on a special meeting regarding SAWPA's

process related to projects in the second round of OWOW Proposition 84 funding and efforts of representatives and staff throughout the basin toward keeping the gate of budget based scenerios. At the next meeting, SAWPA will update the BTAC on the OWOW process.

- Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee – Mr. Headrick reported on water quality and conservation study delays and costs over years. A Presidential executive order has been issued regarding the USACE becoming more efficient, referred to as the (3x3x3). Projects must be submitted on three inches of paper, as the Army Corp cannot continue in the manner they have in previous years. Projects are currently under review and a meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., at the Army Corp’s Los Angeles office. The Project Manager for the basin will take a report back to Washington, D.C.
- Santa Ana Sucker Task Force – Mr. Headrick reported that a half day hearing is scheduled for September 11th or 12th in Federal District Court in Orange County regarding the Santa Ana Sucker. A series of emails supporting the fact that the F&WS did not have information to validate their claim will hopefully help to convince the judge.

7. **Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** –The Association will Discuss the possibility of taking the lead in the HCP.
8. **Next Meeting** – July 12, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.
9. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.