

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, November 8, 2012
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – October 11, 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 – December 13, 2012
9. Adjourn

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

October 11, 2012

PRESENT:

Mark Alvarez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Stacey Aldstadt, City of San Bernardino Water Department
Robin Ohama, City of San Bernardino Water Department
John Mura, East Valley Water District
David Raley, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
George Aguilar, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal 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.** – Vice Chair Stacey Aldstadt chaired the meeting in Butch Araiza's absence.
- 2. Approvals of Minutes** – M/S/C (McDonald/Aranda) approving the minutes of September 13, 2012.
- 3. Update on SBVMWD Activities** – George Aguilar announced the commencement ceremony for the Baseline Feeder, scheduled for October 19, 2012. Mr. Aguilar also announced the SAWPA OWOW project submittal deadline was October 1, 2012 and that over thirty nine agencies submitted projects this round. SAWPA is considering allowing their grant writer to assist local agencies with future proposals. Mr. Aguilar also reported the City of San Bernardino has been awarded \$5 million for a new park located at 8th Street in San Bernardino. The question has been raised as to whether the funding will be disbursed to the City in light of the bankruptcy issues currently being faced. Mr. Aguilar also reported Valley District is considering creating a parks assessments district, which will require a fee to help maintain the park. Valley District is also looking at reassessing the Lakes and Streams Project, as many things have changed since its inception. A discussion ensued regarding the City's park functions and the agency that will likely become responsible for them.
- 4. Legislative Update** – No report was given at the meeting.

5. **Other** – This item was taken out of order.

Stacey Aldstadt reported on the status of the City of San Bernardino's bankruptcy issues. To date, over 100 employees have been lost either due to lay-offs or voluntary separation. It is anticipated that 200 additional employees will add to that growing number. A discussion ensued.

6. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- Habitat Conservation Plan Committee – Ms. Aldstadt reported the County of San Bernardino continues to be interested in taking the lead on the effort.
- Recharge Committee – The Daily Flow Report was distributed to the group for review. Daniel Cozad reported that Conservation District staff managed to put 9,000 acre feet of water into the ground. Mr. Cozad also reported on efforts by Valley District to put together a proposal for a conservation project, below their plunge creek, which was submitted to SAWPA's OWOW project submissions.
- Basin Technical Advisory Committee-Tom Crowley reported on the October 1, 2012 BTAC meeting where the groundwater model was presented. The BTAC also encouraged local agencies to take the amended 2010 San Bernardino Valley Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP) to their respective Boards for consideration and approval by November 1st. Mr. Crowley also reported the new Basin Management Plan for the upcoming water year will be discussed at the November meeting. Preliminary results are similar to last year's. A presentation was also made by SAWPA regarding their current efforts to engage with the National Forest Service. It was reported that 33% of the Santa Ana watershed is within the the National Forest, including San Bernardino, San Jacinto and Cleveleand. 90% of the the water that falls within the watershed, falls within in that area. Mr. Crowley also reported on the City of Rialto's Water Service (RWS) Concession Agreement. He stated the City entered into an agreement to have operators come in and operate their water system. The negotiations are ongoing and hurdles still need to be overcome. Mr. Crowley also reported on a preliminary consent decree with EPA and Emhardt related to the first major settlement coming out of the litigation regarding perchlorate in groundwater in the Rialto-Colton Basin. BF Goodrich is now at the table and projects will be identified as part of the remediation effort.
- Santa Ana Sucker Task Force –Stacey Aldstadt reported that the judge made a tentative opinion at the September 20, 2012 hearing, which has also been published. It states that the SAS Task Force did not win on any points in spite of efforts by Greg Wilkinson and the other attorneys. Ms. Aldstadt stated there was a brief spark of interest in the lack of due process, as we did not receive certain reports on the habitat conservation provision. The judge may remand USFWS and order the reports to be sent to the Task Force. An amicus to the case has

already been filed, going to the supreme court which relates to the economic impact, not the designation. A discussion ensued.

- Seven Oaks Dam – Mr. Cozad reported that monthly conference calls result in reiterations incomplete tasks and that very slow progress is being made. The USACE has completed some surveys, and a plan for a winter operations caucus group is set to be formed. Water quality funds have been expended and exceeded and linked to the water conservation study Valley District is paying for. Mr. Cozad stated the USACE will need to conclude the study and place full attention into conservation efforts.

7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting –None.

8. Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.