

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
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Thursday, December 13, 2012
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2012 and November 8, 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 – January 10, 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.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

November 8, 2012

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Mark Alvarez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Skip Wilson, East Valley Water District
Kip Sturgeon, North Fork
Sam Fuller, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
John Mura, East Valley Water District
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
Don Lee, Tetrattech
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-present
Bill Dickson, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
John Jeter, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District
Charles Roberts, Highland News

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

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Approvals of Minutes** – Minutes of the October 11, 2012 meeting were deferred to the December meeting due to the lack of a quorum.
3. **Update on SBVMWD Activities** – Sam Fuller reported that the Board of Directors of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District will be changing as a result of the elections on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Director Alvarez will be replaced by Mr. Ed Killgore. Director Aguilar will be replaced by Mr. Gil Navarro. Mr. Fuller also reported on the following SBVMWD activities:
 - The Board of Directors conducted a public hearing on the Regional Urban Water Management Plan and adopted Resolution Number 1001 approving the Regional Urban Water Management Plan.
 - San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District and San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District have entered into a joint agreement to develop additional recharge facilities and operate and maintain the recharge facilities in the Santa Ana River area.
 - San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District will participate as sponsor in the 2013 Inland Solar Challenge.

- The Board of Directors received a report from the independent audit firm, Rogers, Anderson, Malody and Scott indicating that the financial records of the District appear to be complete and accurate.
- The Department of Water Resources received only one bid on their specifications for Pumps Motors and Drives. The specifications were reportedly overly strict on design and construction aspects of the motors and pumps. The DWR is revising the specifications in accordance with recommendations received from consultants provided by SBVMWD and SGPWA. SBVMWD will provide additional services by the consultants including development of a new specification if required.
- The Board of Directors authorized staff and consultants to assist the Department of Water Resources with the design, construction and installation of the SCADA system for the East Branch Extension.

4. **Legislative Update** – Manny Aranda reported on the elections, mainly the representation to the state and federal governments. Gloria Negrete has expressed interest in water related activities. Manny urged all agencies to contact her for assistance. Manny also believes that Gary Miller may be very helpful to the water community. John Mura volunteered to attempt to arrange for a representative of Mr. Miller to attend a future meeting.

5. **Other** – No report.

6. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- Habitat Conservation Plan Committee – No report.
- Recharge Committee – Sam Fuller reported that State Water Project water was being recharged at Sweetwater, Badger and Waterman spreading basins.
- Basin Technical Advisory Committee-Mark Bulot reported the committee met on Monday, November 5, 2012. Discussion included the Basin Management Plan, as well as the approval of a recharge objective for 140,000 acre feet for the 2012-2013 water year. Mr. Bulot stated that Daniel Cozad recommended getting together collaboratively for the LAFCO Municipal Service Reviews to assist all agencies in the basins with the process.
- Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee-No report.
- Santa Ana Sucker Task Force – Sam Fuller reported that the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force had experienced a setback. The legal briefs the Task Force submitted in the litigation had been reviewed by the Judge James V. Selna in United States District Court in Santa Ana, California. The Court granted the Federal Defendants’ (United States Fish and Wildlife Service) motion and denied the Plaintiffs’ (Santa Ana Sucker Task Force) motion. This situation will be presented to a meeting of the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force together with

alternatives for the Task Force to pursue. The Task Force will be reviewing its alternative including appealing the decision to the District Court of Appeals and beyond that to the United States Supreme Court.

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

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

9. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.