

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

August 20, 2002

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Henriques called the Public Affairs Committee meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melody A. Henriques, Chair
Manuel Aranda, Jr., Director
Cheryl A. Tubbs, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

D. Burnell Cavender, General Manager/Board Secretary
Thomas J. Crowley, Assistant General Manager
Colleen Theuer, Administrative Services Manager

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Susan Patane, SLP Communications
Suzanne Exeter, SLP Communications

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chairperson Henriques announced this as the time for any persons present, who so desire, to make an oral petition to the Public Affairs Committee. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded with the published agenda items.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Director Tubbs and seconded by Director Aranda to approve the minutes of August 7, 2002. The motion carried.

4. UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

Mr. Cavender led a discussion on upcoming meetings. He said the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) would be hosting a reception for Senator Mike Machado on August 22, at which time Senator Machado would be providing some insight into Proposition 50, the \$3.4 billion statewide water bond for the November 2002 ballot.

Also, meetings scheduled with Assembly candidate Bob Dutton on August 26 at 9:00 a.m. and with State Senator Nell Soto on September 13 had been confirmed. The Water Resources Institute Quarterly Breakfast was scheduled for September 11, with Ron Gastelum, CEO of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, as speaker.

Mr. Cavender also discussed the recent meeting with the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources Association regarding the purchasing of State Water Project water.

5. 70TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Ms. Patane led a discussion on the upcoming Pit Barbecue. She said Congressman Richard Pombo was not available to attend the barbecue, and she was unable to get a confirmation for Huell Howser's appearance. Mr. Cavender suggested asking Dan Walters, a political analyst; however, he charges a fee for appearances. Director Tubbs suggested that unless Huell Howser could appear, perhaps the barbecue should be cancelled. The barbecue would be expensive, and the District has now committed to purchasing State Water Project water for up to \$400,000. Discussion continued. This action was tabled until such time as confirmation could be made on the appearance of Mr. Howser.

Mr. Cavender said the District would be presenting a resolution to ACWA and to Congressman Jerry Lewis at the next ACWA Region 9 meeting.

6. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM

This item was deferred until the next Public Affairs meeting, not yet scheduled.

7. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.