

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 22, 2004
4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Tubbs, Chairperson
Clare Henry Day, Director
Arnold Wright, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Thomas Crowley, Assistant General Manager
Walter Christensen, Project Manager
Colleen Theuer, Administrative Services Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Manuel Aranda, Director

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2003

It was moved by Vice President Day and seconded by Director Wright to approve the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting of October 14, 2003. The motion carried.

3. DISCUSS WATER REPLENISHMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Crowley recapped the Groundwater Level Mitigation Project from last year. He indicated that the project cost amounted to approximately \$150,000, which was for 2,500 acre-feet of State Project Water (SPW), at \$60.00/acre-foot. The amount that was

approved for the project was \$240,000. The new program, approved by the Board in December 2003, was to purchase 3,500 acre-feet of SPW water at a cost of \$420,000. This amount would need to be prepaid by the end of January, and the water would be spread by the end of May 2004. The conditions set by the Board was for staff to have a cost recovery plan in place before ultimately purchasing the water. Recovering the costs would entail raising groundwater assessment rates, and staff prepared several different scenarios for consideration. Mr. Crowley noted that the Resources Committee had already met to discuss this issue, and had recommended a five-year and six-year cost recovery plan. Using visual aids, Mr. Christensen presented the various scenarios. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Vice President Day and seconded by Director Wright to present to the Board for consideration the alternative of a five-year recovery plan, raising the non-agricultural rate to \$11.94 and the agricultural rate to \$3.11, and a ten-year recovery plan, raising the non-agricultural rate to \$10.95 and the agricultural rate to \$2.86. The motion carried.

Chairperson Tubbs suggested including a spreadsheet with the February Board package indicating the recommendations from the Resources Committee and the Administrative Committee.

4. ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.