

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

July 26, 2010
4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Richard Corneille called the Resources Committee Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, Director
Clare Henry Day, Director
Arnold Wright, Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Claud Seal, Assistant General Manager/District Engineer
Lisa Pierce, GIS Coordinator
Shanae Smith, Executive Assistant II

GUESTS PRESENT:

David Raley, Director

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

2. MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2010 MEETING

The minutes from the July 14, 2010 Resources Committee meeting were deferred to the August 11, 2010 meeting.

4. Equipment Purchase as Requested by Director Raley

General discussion was held regarding a Capital Improvement item referred to the Resources Committee at the July 14, 2010 regular Board meeting, as requested by Director Raley. Assistant General Manager/District Engineer Claud Seal clarified the item is needed for the District's excavator, which is used for field operations. Mr. Seal stated a price proposal would be presented to the Board at the next regular Board meeting.

A motion was made by Director Wright made a motion and seconded by Director Wright to recommend to the Board to purchase a bucket for the excavator, subject to price proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

5. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Seal distributed a list of projects to the Committee for discussion. Mr. Seal stated that resulting from discussions with Director Day regarding items to bring forth to the Resources Committee (Committee) and the Board before his pending retirement, he put together a list consisting of 21 items, by priority. Items "R" and "S," will potentially be discussed at the Administrative Committee meeting, scheduled for July 27, 2010. Mr. Seal suggested briefly describing each item, allowing for five to ten minutes per item.

Mr. Seal began the discussion with the results of the Seven Oaks Dam (SOD) testing high flow releases conducted on July 12th through July 17th. Mr. Seal reported minimum daily flow releases of three to four cubic feet per second to over 2,700 cfs released. District staff had difficulty diverting 300 cfs due to debris build up. Water was also diverted into the CEMEX aggregate mining pit. The District dropped continued releases to 250 cfs due to trouble diverting 300 cfs. The City of Riverside, along with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) requested District staff work with them, closing off diversions for a brief period of time to determine how much water is percolated into the downstream main channel way. Mr. Seal stated there is a question of flow gauge accuracy in the parshall flume gauge owned by SBVMWD and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) upstream of the District's diversion structure. It is staff's recommendation to install two SCADA or solar powered meter systems. One meter would be installed at the overflow of the Cuttle Weir, the other at the discharge of the tunnel leading into the sandbox and read-outs by the inlet gates. Mr. Seal also announced that he would provide a full report, complete with still pictures, video and a complete write up of the discharge activities to the Board, the USACE and the SBVMWD. Chairman Corneille stated the Advisory Commission on Water Policy would be interested in viewing a clip of the activities of the discharges.

Mr. Seal continued briefing the Committee on pending items, covering all items on the agenda. After discussion, the following motion was made:

It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Wright to make a recommendation to the Administrative Committee to Retain GIS Technical Services in the name of Lisa Pierce, and to Negotiate a New Contract Subject to Meeting the FY 2010-2011 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned 5:55 p.m.