

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

December 7, 2010
8:00 A.M.

Chairman Richard Corneille called the Resources Committee Meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

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. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

No additions/deletions to the agenda.

3. MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 MEETING

Upon a motion by Director Day and second by Director Wright, the minutes of the October 6th meeting were unanimously approved.

4. FIELD OPERATIONS UPDATE

Staff provided a verbal update on field operations. Randy indicated that they were picking up turbid water up to 40 CFS in the Santa Ana side and up to 24 CFS in the Mill Creek facilities. Water is available but not being taken by others due to the sediment in the flow from the recent rains. Recently State Project Water was stopped due to facility issues in the State Project. They

have taken over 500 AF of a 714 AF spread request from SBVMWD. Members question the payment terms for this water and Staff indicated this is covered under an existing agreement and SBVMWD pays a prorated share of operations costs for the water recharge. State Project water often has more algae or nutrients than native water.

Director Corneille requested staff find a way to communicate monthly totals for water taken in some written or graphical report for the Committee but it may be useful for others too. No other action was taken under this item.

5. GATE CONTROL ACTUATORS

Staff presented issues with manual control of the Gates at the Cuttle Weir and the potential for injury. Staff had done some preliminary research and provided some material on low cost mechanical electrical gate actuators that are available. The options and constraints were discussed. Issues are safety, security of the gate and systems, operation ease and capital costs.

Discussion ensued and brainstorming of ideas and alternatives to be reviewed were identified. Staff was directed to continue research and to potentially look at a two step process to pilot an option on one or more gates and then to expand when budget allowed based on the success of the pilot. Staff will coordinate with SBVMWD to see that the changes are also understood in the enhanced recharge plans for the weir. Staff will work with vendors to provide specific alternatives and costs. Committee also requested the efforts be expanded to any other large gates that are difficult to operate. No further action was taken on this item.

6. FACILITY MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND AGGREGATE MANAGEMENT

Staff provided a review of current activities and an outline for a longer term plan for maintenance and operations including the planned cleaning of basins and removal of the accumulated sand, rock and sediment and resource recovery as aggregate resource. Discussion ensued related to the outline and after discussion the Committee requested a section be added for the costs and revenue of water spreading under agreements and the groundwater charge.

7. MENTONE AND CANYON PROPERTY

Staff presented background and alternatives for the planning and utilization of the Mentone Property (house and shop) and the Canyon Property (house and shop). Four non-exclusive options were evaluated and presented in the memo. The Committee discussed the operations and requirements for the shop. They do not support moving the shop unless it makes financial sense and would like to plan some improvements in the 2011-2012 budget.

After review and discussion the Committee also supported alternative 3 as proposed by staff. They recommend the Board approve authorization of the General Manager to contract with Escoto Construction for the improvements not to exceed \$10,000 and advertise and lease the property.

The Committee discussed the situation and condition of the Canyon house and recommended that staff include funding for demolition of the structure in the 2011-2012 budget to reduce future costs and limit fire danger and District liability.

8. ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.