

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

January 6, 2011
8:00 A.M.

Chairman Richard Corneille called the Resources Committee Meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager
Eunice L. Griffith, Administrative Manager

GUESTS PRESENT:

Randy Carlisle, Field Supervisor
Manuel Colunga, Field Technician, (8:03 a.m.)

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 continued with the published agenda items.

2. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

No additions/deletions to the agenda.

3. **MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 7, 2010 MEETING**

It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Wright that the approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2010 meeting are deferred until the next Resources Committee meeting.

4. **MILL CREEK REPAIR OPTIONS AND AUTHORIZATION**

Mr. Cozad, General Manager discussed the pictures illustrating damage to Mill Creek resulting from December 20-21st floods. Mr. Carlisle, Field Supervisor distributed a map detailing the damage and reviewed options for recommended repairs to restore the Mill Creek grounds. Staff conceived of two approaches that can be accomplished by Larry Jacinto under their existing services contract, at existing rates. The first approach would cost, \$5,236.20 was for one day of work to return to operation. The second proposal would take two-three days, estimated cost, \$10,844 to fully mitigate the damage and return the facilities to service. The Staff requested that the Committee authorize \$11,000 for repairs.

It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Wright to approve \$11,000 for Mill Creek repairs. The motion on the floor continued with discussion to further clarify repairs. The proposed repairs at Mill Creek are considered emergency repairs.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Carlisle has scheduled repairs for Thursday, January 13, 2011.

Mr. Colunga, Field Technician reported on receiving an email on the conditions at Big Bear Dam and stated that they are trying to keep the water level 1 foot below full as a caution. In Santa Ana the water level behind the dam is now at 2,331 feet, (the highest ever is 2,385 feet). It was also reported by Mr. Carlisle that Edison will not be picking any water up from Santa Ana for 2-3 months. He noted that the water quality is brown and turbid and could seal up beds if taken at this time.

The Committee continued discussion on water quality resulting from the rains. Mr. Cozad stated that he will participate in a meeting today with Seven Oaks Dam (SOD) Water Quality team, to discuss issues resulting from the flood with other Agencies. The meeting will feature the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) presenting the results of their water quality study for SOD. Mr. Cozad has invited Bob Tincher to present the 2011 Regional Water Management Plan by the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) at the January 12, 2011 Board meeting at the District.

5. HIGHLAND FLOOD EMERGENCY STOCKPILE UPDATE

Mr. Cozad reported that after the floods, Mr. Carlisle received a call from Ranch Rock. The City of Highland and County of San Bernardino are looking for space to store sediments resulting from the floods. President Day, and Mr. Cozad consulted and agreed to a 90 day storage period including a clause which stated that the storage period can be extended upon request; and that the City of Highlands can be held to remove sediments whenever the request is made. The City of Highland will use the north east corner of the Borrow Pit and will be responsible for hauling sediments. The Committee was optimistic about the decision and expressed good will in helping out a neighboring community. Mr. Cozad will arrange photographs. The Committee also acknowledged that the heavy rains and sediment removed by the County may change the value

of the sediments that wash into our ponds. The weather conditions as well as the ACOE high flow test will have an overall impact on what we spend to manage basins.

6. ADJOURN

The Committee also briefly discussed the following:

1. Mentone Property repair status – Escoto Construction started on January 3rd and is expected to complete repairs in 30 days. Staff will be taking new pictures to advertise the unit.
2. It was suggested that when Mill Creek repairs are complete, the Committee schedule a Field tour to review the Dam.
3. Mr. Cozad reported meeting with Orange County Flood Control District (OCFC), County of Orange, Lewis Operating Group and Consultants on the Sunrise Ranch, which has a 24-30 month entitlement schedule. It was noted that the project may have potential for bridges that would stabilize water levels at Mill Creek and be useful for spreading grounds and sewer plant water. Orange County is the Owner and Lewis Operating Group has the first right of refusal. Mr. Cozad will confirm that restoration dollars are real or federal.

It was moved by Director Day and seconded by Director Wright to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.