

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

February 10, 2011

PRESENT:

Skip Wilson, North Fork Water Company
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Larry Malmberg, East Valley Water District
Tom Crowley, West Valley Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Mark Alvarez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ron Buchwald, East Valley Water District
Robert Martin, East Valley Water District
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Matt Litchfield, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Chris Diggs, City of Redlands
Woody Hynes, City of Redlands
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Approval of Minutes for January 13, 2011** – M/S/C (Aranda – Buchwald) to approve the minutes of January 13, 2011.
3. **Presentation – Yucaipa Valley Water District’s New Treatment Plant** – Jack Nelson, General Manager of Yucaipa Valley Water District presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding their water filtration facility. The slide show provided an overview of the use of the facilities and its operational capabilities. Mr. Nelson answered questions from members of the association.
4. **SBVMWD Activities** – George Aguilar reported on the following SBVMWD activities:
 - Preparation of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority’s (SAWPA) OWOW/1A Projects.
 - Completing planning of construction of new line to Yucaipa/Cherry Beaumont area.
 - Gathering parcels for eminent domain for condemnation of properties.
 - Proposed new reservoirs in Mentone area.
 - Installation of new reservoirs.
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force activities.
 - Future projects with San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District regarding enhancement of water spreading facilities.
 - Conducting release tests up to 6 cfs of water from behind Seven Oaks Dam (SOD).

5. **Legislative Update** – Manuel Aranda reported on Santa Ana Sucker Task Force activities. Mr. Aranda stated the Task Force will need to consider: 1) Acceptance of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service' (USFWS) December 14th decision regarding the designation of the critical habitat area; 2) pursue litigation; and/or 3) utilize the assistance of a lobbyist to change the designation. Mr. Aranda also reported on the legalization of medical marijuana in the State of California.

Bob Martin expanded on Mr. Aranda's legislative report, which included the discussion of legislation regarding a public goods charge headed by state Senator Joe Simitian, California's 11th Senate District.

6. **Other** – No report

7. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

Recharge Committee – Mr. Aranda distributed the Daily Flow Report (DFR) and announced the high flow tests at Seven Oaks Dam (SOD) scheduled for February 17, 2011.

Basin Technical Advisory Committee – Tom Crowley reported that the Basin Management Tools Subcommittee reported on the Regional Urban Water Management Plan (URWMP). Mr. Crowley also reported the Subcommittee discussed the perchlorate issues, in addition to Proposition 1E - Flood Controls portions of SAWPA's OWOW grant project listing. Mr. Crowley also reported that SBVMWD has additional State Water Project (SWP) water available. He also confirmed reports of problems associated with 6 inch boulders located in the valve complex at Devil's Canyon.

Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee – Mr. Martin reported the water quality study is on hold due to the water conservation study and that he continues to work with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). Mr. Martin also reported on the upcoming flow release tests at SOD.

Santa Ana Sucker Task Force – Mr. Aguilar announced that the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force has extended an invitation to cities and counties, SANBAG and other groups in its fight against the USFWS' revised critical habitat designation for the Santa Ana Sucker fish.

8. **Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** – Mr. Martin announced there will be a special presentation of the American Red Cross (ARC) Storm Emergency Management Program, a tool for emergency planning. Mr. Martin stated the presentation is a follow up to the "Big Shake Out" event intended for major storm events affecting the entire State of California. The event is scheduled for February 18, 2011, between 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Yucaipa Center.

East Valley Water District will provide an update on their District's activities at the next meeting.

9. **Next Meeting** – March 10, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.