

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
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Thursday, September 13, 2012
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – July 12, 2012
3. Election of Officers
4. Update on SBVWMD's Activities Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
5. Legislative Update Manny Aranda
6. Other
7. Committee Reports & Schedules
 - Habitat Conservation Plan Committee Stacey Aldstadt
 - Recharge Committee Daniel Cozad
 - Basin Technical Advisory Committee Tom Crowley
 - Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee Daniel Cozad
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force Sam Fuller
8. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting
9. Next Meeting – October 11, 2012
10. Adjourn

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

July 12, 2012

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Mark Alvarez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Skip Wilson, Northfork
Stacey Aldstadt, City of San Bernardino Water Department
Robin Ohama, City of San Bernardino Water Department
John Mura, East Valley Water District
Ben Coleman, East Valley Water District
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
Don Lee, Tetrattech
George Aguilar, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Sam Fuller, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Seth J. Zielke, Fontana Water Company
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Thomas Crowley, 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. **Approvals of Minutes** – M/S/C (Aranda/Aldstadt) approving the minutes of June 14, 2012.
3. **Update on SBVMWD Activities** – Sam Fuller reported on the following Valley District activities:
 - Request from West Valley Water District to deliver water to Lytle Creek Turnout.
 - SBVMWD Board approved the 2012 Cooperative Recharge Project recommended by the BTAC.
 - Developing additional water recharge basins with San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District for the Enhanced Recharge Project.
 - Baseline Feeder wells will be operational in July and will be operated by the West Valley Water District. The California Department of Health (CDPH) has requested the system be operated under the SBVMWD permit. Additional SCADA systems will be added to better manage system operations.
 - Agreement with Big Bear Municipal Water District regarding in-lieu water to keep water in the lake.

- California Special Districts Association (CSDA) election.
- Department of Water Resources East Branch Extension Projects.

4. Legislative Update – Manny Aranda reported on the following:

Mr. Aranda reported that the legislature is anticipating vacations and is not presently very active. Mr. Aranda reported that the water bond had been withdrawn from the ballot for November, 2012. Representative Emerson has proposed bills to prosecute the receivers of metal stolen from water agencies and other installations. Eastern Municipal Water District has been working with Emerson to develop this legislation. Mr. Aranda stated that the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources Association must be more active in contacting legislators to promote good legislation to protect water agencies. Some discussion regarding Proposition 218 occurred. Mr. Aranda reported that the current legislation is being prepared with lack of knowledge of proposition 218. Mr. Aranda discussed legislation that may be developed related to the Governor's Budget proposal and the Governor's position on Public Employees Retirements. Mr. Aranda read two of the Governor's twelve points. Mr. Aranda is encouraging the membership of USAWRA and the organization USAWRA to get involved in legislation. John Mura reported that the Governor has distributed a reorganization proposal dated March 30. The reorganization proposal may be found in a "Google" search of the internet. Mr. Mura also reported that Carter has carried a bill to allow agencies to pass increases of costs such as sewer, supplemental water and electricity costs to customers without necessity of a public hearing pursuant to Proposition 218.

5. Other –

Stacey Aldstadt, General Manager of City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department reported on the City's bankruptcy. Ms. Aldstadt reported that the Mayor and common counsel will need to develop a plan for restructuring. Ms. Aldstadt reported that a number of vendors refuse to deliver due to news of the reported bankruptcy. A letter has been written stating the water department is able to meet costs for deliveries. Proposition 218 does not allow the City use of special funds, such as sewer and water and wastewater funds.

Butch Araiza reported the City of Rialto has signed a concession agreement with Table Rock Capital. Mr. Araiza stated that Veolia currently operates the City's sewer system and was considered to run the water department. American Water backed out of the deal due to public protest and scrutiny. Mr. Araiza reported that West Valley Water District staff and legal counsel is reviewing a 1,200 page concession agreement to consider operating the City's water system, which will span over a thirty year period. Mr. Araiza reported that the agreement would not stop rate increases to the City's existing customers and that West Valley Water District would not take on the water system if additional costs are incurred by their existing customers. Mr. Araiza also reported that West Valley Water District staff will have to negotiate the union employee issue.

6. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- Habitat Conservation Plan Committee-Ms. Aldstadt reported that she has volunteered to chair a committee that will work with the United States Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) and Fish and Game on the preservation and development of habitat for species within the Santa Ana River Watershed, upstream from the San

Bernardino County line. The Committee will include, Ms. Aldstadt, Tom Crowley, Doug Headrick and John Mura. A multi-species habitat conservation plan may result in the committee's discussions.

- Recharge Committee – Mr. Aranda reported Manny Aranda began a report for the Recharge sub-committee. Daniel Cozad could not be present. Manny Aranda reported that recharge has been difficult this year as a consequence of the lack of rainfall, however, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District is presently recharging water from the Santa Ana River. Manny also reported that the flood control districts are considering removal of stoplogs in the outlet works of Seven Oaks Dam to lower the water surface elevation in the reservoir area.
- Basin Technical Advisory Committee-Tom Crowley reported on the total water recharged this year from local area sources and the participants and amounts of water to be recharged under the Cooperative Recharge Program sponsored by San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. Mr. Crowley also reported that Jeff Beehler of Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority attended the July 2, 1012 meeting of the Basin Technical Advisory Committee and reported on the process SAWPA will use for evaluating grant applications. If a project is related to meeting the 20% by 2020 objective, it will be considered in the SAWPA review process.
- Santa Ana Sucker Task Force –Stacey reported the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force is pleasantly surprised by the judge's expediency to have the matter heard on September 11th.

7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting –

The Association will elect officers at its next meeting. Ms. Aldstadt volunteered for the Vice Presidency and elected Robin Ohama as the alternate.

8. Next Meeting – The Association canceled the August 9th meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.