

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

February 13, 2014

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Don Lee, TetraTech
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31st District
David Garcia, City of Riverside
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Ben C. Coleman, East Valley Water District
Stephanie Stafford, Rialto Water Service
David E. Raley, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
John Mura, East Valley Water District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Josh Swift, Fontana Union Water Company
George Aguilar, City of Colton
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
David Matza, District Representative for Mike Morrell, 40th District
Charles Roberts, Highland News
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District

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

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Election of officers:** Anthony Araiza announced the election of officers. After discussion, the following slate of candidates were elected:
 - M/S/C (Mura – McDonald) Anthony Araiza to continue as Chairman of the Association.
 - M/S/C (Araiza– Garcia) Douglas Headreck to continue as Treasurer.
 - M/S/C (Navarro-Araiza) to nominate Manny Aranda as Vice Chairman.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – M/S/C (Aranda-Kilgore) to approve the minutes of March 14, 2013, May 16, 2013, June 13, 2013, July 11, 2013, August 8, 2013, September 12, 2013, October 10, 2013, November 14, 2013, December 12, 2013.

4. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities – Mark Bulot reported on the following SBVMWD activities:

- Preliminary design for the City of San Bernardino park. Lots are being consolidated, as well as other details to break ground.
- Construction ongoing for a reservoir for the East Branch Extension Phase II.
- Studying permanent solution for the crossing at City Creek.
- More aggressive approach for water conservation. Gil Navarro reported that a recommendation would be made to the SBVMWD Board to adopt a resolution to implement a 20% cut back on water consumption. The focus would be on converting large lawns with water conserving plants within school districts.
- CV Strategies had been hired to assist with promoting water conservation on a regional level.
- John Mura reported that East Valley Water District (EVWD) would be moving to its new headquarters, which has a demonstration garden with several different drought tolerant plants and require little water. Mr. Mura also thanked SBVMWD for setting the precedent for inline generation.

5. Legislative Update – Manny Amanda reported on the following legislature:

- Senate Bill 848, \$6 billion, zero allocation for San Bernardino area.
- Senate Bill 1331, \$11 billion
- ACWA Water bond; \$8 billion, zero allocation for San Bernardino area.

Sarah Benoit announced that Congressman Gary Miller had decided not to run for re-election, however, he has remained committed through the end of term.

6. Other – None

7. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – Mr. Bulot reported the Committee is working with the consultant on the HCP.
- **Recharge Committee** – No report.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – No report.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – No report

- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Bulot reported that the Santa Ana Sucker litigation is at the Ninth Circuit Court. The Task Force has petitioned the court to make a rational decision and plan to appeal, should they lose.

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

- Gil Navarro announced that he had been appointed to the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Education Committee. Mr. Navarro stated that CSDA would provide a draft press release for workshop attendees.
- Mr. Mura announced EVWD's fact finding mission for the sewer treatment business. EVWD is looking into a sewer treatment plant that would potentially provide 6 million gallons per day as a source for recharge. Mr. Mura would be making a presentation to the Association for their input at a future meeting. Mr. Mura also invited members of the Association to attend the Open House Celebration and tour of their new headquarters on Saturday, March 15, 2014, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. located at 31111 Greenspot Road, in Highland.

9. Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.