

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
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AGENDA

Thursday, July 10, 2014
9:30 a.m.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2014**
- 4. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities**
- 5. Legislative Update** Manuel Aranda
- 6. Other**
- 7. Committee Reports & Schedules**
 - Habitat Conservation Plan Committee Stacey Aldstadt
 - Recharge Committee Daniel Cozad
 - Basin Technical Advisory Committee Thomas Crowley
 - Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee Daniel Cozad
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force
- 8. Additional Items/Comments/Suggestions for Next Meeting**
- 9. Next Meeting – August 14, 2014**
- 10. Adjourn**

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

June 12, 2014

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manuel Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Douglas Headrick, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Thomas J. Crowley, West Valley Water District
Ed Killgore, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
George Aguilar, City of Colton
John Mura, East Valley Water District
Ron Coats, East Valley Water District
Karly Gaynor, Western Municipal Water District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Stephanie Stafford, Rialto Water Service
David Matza, District Representative for Mike Morrell, 40th District
Josh Swift, Fontana Union Water Company
Kip Sturgeon, East Valley Water District
Don Lee, Tetrattech
David Garcia, Riverside Public Utilities
Dave Armstrong, SMWC

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 A.M.

- 1. Introductions were made.**
- 2. Approvals of Minutes** – M/S/C (Aranda-Killgore) to approve the minutes of February 13, 2014, March 13, 2014 and April 12, 2014.
- 3. Presentation** - Daniel Cozad of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (SBVWCD) made a presentation regarding Drought and Basin Management Recommendations from the SBVWCD Board of Directors based on findings from the Engineering Investigation and potential additional dry years. After the presentation, John Mura, General Manager of the East Valley Water District (EVWD) expressed concerns regarding the SBVWCD's involvement in the management of the Bunker Hill Groundwater basin. A discussion ensued.
- 4. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) Activities** – Douglas Headrick reported on the following Valley District activities:

- On May 20, 2014, a presentation was made on behalf of the Watermaster regarding Orange County settlement and the San Bernardino Basin Western Judgement.
- On May 20, 2014, the Valley District Board authorized the BTAC Water Conservation Subcommittee's outreach program for water conservation. The \$371,000 program cost will be shared among Valley District and several local partners.
- Submitted a grant application for Proposition 84 grant funds to provide measureable water conservation savings and subsidize water use efficiency.
- Presentation made by Heather Williams of Pomona College regarding her book "River Underground, The Secret Life of the Santa Ana River." Ms. Williams would be presenting at the Advisory Commission on Water Policy meeting in September. Ms. Williams' contact information would be provided to anyone interested in assisting in the project. The book would be published in 2015.
- Valley District Board approved the annual contribution to the Cal State University of San Bernardino Water Resources Institute (WRI).

5. Legislative Update – Manuel Aranda reported on the following legislative issues:

- Mr. Aranda stated that he has made numerous presentations to various service groups and it is his opinion that local constituents are not concerned about the drought. Mr. Aranda urged Association members to get the message out to their customers.
- 2014 Water Plan.
- AB2434-Turf buy-back/rebate programs.
- AB1897-All agencies to police their constructors and subs for proof of workers' compensation and other responsibilities.

6. Other – George Aguilar of the City of Colton reported the City hired a conservation coordinator and is working cooperatively with the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC). The City has also revamped their conservation message to the public, including bill stuffers and televised public utilities commission meetings.

7. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – Mr. Headrick reported that Valley District's Board signed a contract with an HCP consultant to develop the plan. Other partners continue to join. The covered species list has been revised and is progressing well. The Committee would like to have the incidental take permits in two years for forty thousand acre feet per year. Mr. Cozad reported that the Wash Plan clock is clicking down and helps to keep the regulatory representatives focused on the effort, which is a few steps ahead of the HCP.

- **Recharge Committee** – No report.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Thomas Crowley reported that the BTAC continues to update the water management plan and considering GEI, RNC and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants to review the document. The BTAC will bring forth any new Department of Water Resources (DWR) requirements into the plan. A presentation will be made to discuss questions regarding a statewide management plan. The Upper Santa Ana model would be used when speaking to other agencies.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – No report.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Headrick reported that the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force is still waiting for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' en banc, where all eleven justices will sit on the panel.

8. **Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** – Mr. Mura announced that EVWD is working on a water reclamation plant that will more than likely be situated at their Sterling property. RMC Consultants have been hired for the effort. The purpose of the plant is to maximize the commodity to somehow add value to the treatment process and potentially add 6 million gallons to the water supply. Feasibility study updates will be made at their second regular Board meetings of the month at 5:30 p.m. Workshops are scheduled at 7:00 p.m. The final design should be completed earlier next year.

Gil Navarro requested the flag solute be added to the meeting agendas. Mr. Navarro also announced that the Chino Basin Water Conservation District is hosting a free workshop on June 14, 2014 regarding the AB 1331 Bond. Mr. Navarro also urged the Association to invite local legislators to upcoming meetings.

9. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.
10. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.