

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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AGENDA

Thursday, October 9, 2014

9:30 a.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2014
4. Update on Future of the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources Association
5. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities
6. Legislative Update Manuel Aranda
7. Other
8. 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
9. Additional Items/Comments/Suggestions for Next Meeting
10. Next Meeting – November 13, 2014
11. Adjourn

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

September 11, 2014

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District
Manuel Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Jeff Beehler, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Dave Armstrong, South Mesa Water Company
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
George Aguilar, City of Colton
Ron Coats, East Valley Water District
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Stephanie Stafford, Rialto Water Services
Jason Dominguez, Rialto Water Services
David Matza, District Representative for Mike Morrell, 40th District
Josh Swift, Fontana Union Water Company
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Michael Plinski, Riverside Public Utilities

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M.

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Approvals of Minutes** – M/S/C (Aranda-Coats) to approve the minutes of August 14, 2014 meeting.
3. **Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District) Activities** – Mark Bulot reported on the following Valley District activities:
 - A joint meeting of the Valley District and West Valley Water District (WVWD) Board of Directors to discuss a hydroelectric generation plant at WVWD's Oliver P. Roemer Water Treatment Plant. An update on the New Baseline Feeder System and the Bunker Hill Basin Conjunctive Use Project had also been discussed.
 - The "E" Street Park Project is ongoing. Final designs are expected to be submitted in a few months.

- The Habitat Conservation Plan is ongoing. Heather Dyer had been hired as the new Water Resources Project Manager.
- The Santa Ana Sucker Task Force is awaiting a trial date for the appeal.

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

- Before going on vacation, legislation agreed on the 2014 Water Bond, which would help restore water structures.
- SB 1739 regarding groundwater management–Mr. Bulot stated that after reading all three bills, it appears that the San Bernardino Basin Area (SBBA) is only exempt in a portion of one of the bills, not all three. Essentially, if passed, the bills would allow joint powers groups to elect themselves to manage basins. The only area specifically identified as exempt is Orange County Water District.
- AB 69 – In January, 2015, the bill would exempt entities from being subject to market-based compliance mechanisms related to the state board’s monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases.

5. Other – Chairman Araiza asked Association members whether they noticed any reduction in their customers’ water consumption. Josh Swift with the City of Fontana reported a decrease of 7% over the past twelve months. Michael Plinsky with the City of Riverside reported a 25% reduction from August 2013 - 2014. Customers had been asked to reduce watering to four times per week. Jack Nelson reported Yucaipa had seen a reduction of 7% from the previous years. Dave Armstrong reported that South Mesa Water Company is down 5%. George Aguilar reported the City of Colton is down and that customers had been complaining that code enforcement had been harassing them for allowing their lawns to go brown. Mr. Cozad announced that the San Bernardino Valley Conservation District (SBVWCD) worked with Amanda Kasten to purchase lawn signs to get the conservation word out and display to code enforcement the reason behind the brown lawns. Mr. Cozad also stated that the City of Redlands had received 350 requests from their customers for turf removal.

6. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – This item had been covered earlier in the meeting.
- **Recharge Committee** – Mr. Cozad reported that SBVWCD is conducting studies on how to effectively recharge after storm events. 88 acre feet of water had been sunk after recent storms and placed in percolation basins for the City of Redlands’ use. At the last BTAC meeting, the group expressed a desire for the Daily Flow Report (DFR) to be revised. Draft DFRs were distributed and would be emailed for review and comments.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** –Geoscience gave a presentation on the Groundwater Model Enhancement Project. A discussion ensued.

- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – No report.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Bulot reported that the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force is still waiting for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' en banc.

7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting – None

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

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 9:59 A.M.