

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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AGENDA

Thursday, December 11, 2014

9:30 a.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2014 Workshop
4. Presentation – John Mura, Restructuring Committee Recommendations
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 – January 8, 2015
11. Adjourn

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WORKSHOP MINUTES

November 13, 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
Jason Dominguez, Rialto Water Services
Ron Coats, East Valley Water District
Karly Gaynor, Western Municipal Water District
Jarb Thaipejr, City of Loma Linda
John Mura, East Valley Water District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ed Kilgore, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
George Aguilar, City of Colton
Douglas Headrick, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Michael Plinski, Riverside Public Utilities
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Matt Litchfield, San Bernardino Municipal Water District
James Morales, East Valley Water District
Josh Swift, Fontana Union Water Company

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

1. Introductions were made.

2. Future of the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources Association – Discussion ensued regarding the relevance of the Association. Chairman Araiza provided background regarding the original purpose of the Association’s inception. Discussion continued regarding the current focus and goals of the Association and whether any value is being provided to stakeholders, and whether there is a need for dissolving the Association. Members also discussed the formulation of the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) for the purpose of managing the basin, as well to address with technical matters and projects identified within the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Some members indicated that the duplication of agenda items discussed at both the BTAC and Association meetings and the costs associated with elected officials who attend both meetings is not justifiable. After a lengthy discussion motion was made by Manny Aranda and seconded by Ron Coats to create a By-Law Committee to review the existing By-Laws and to identify a new mission for the Association.

Discussion continued regarding the possibility of changing the meeting occurrences and format. Several members expressed a desire to continue with the Association, contingent upon there

being a measurable value to its stakeholders. After discussion the previous motion was amended to change the name of the Committee to the Restructuring Committee. The Restructuring Committee is comprised of John Mura, Ron Coats, Gil Navarro, George Aguilar, Josh Swift, Matt Litchfield, Michael Plinski and Manuel Aranda. The Committee would be tasked with identifying: 1) What is the purpose of the Association; 2) What is the new structure/format; and 3) What does the Association want to accomplish? Shanae Smith would take notes and coordinate the Committee meeting, which would be held at East Valley Water District headquarters.

3. Future Agenda Items – Chairman Araiza announced the upcoming Election of Officers and his eminent retirement in 2015.

4. Adjourn - The workshop adjourned at 10:18 a.m. The next regular Association meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District. The date of the Restructuring Committee meeting would be determined at a later date.

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MEETING NOTES

**UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2014
8:30 A.M.

Present:
Manuel Aranda, SBVWCD
John Mura, EVWD
Ron Coats, EVWD
Gil Navarro, Valley District
Matt Litchfield, SBMWD
Michael Plinksi, RPU
Daniel Cozad, SBVWCD
Shanae Smith, WVWD
*Josh Swift, FWC
*George Aguilar, Colton
(*Absent)

Location: East Valley Water District

Background

In November 2014, the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources “Association” (USAWRA) created the Restructuring Committee (“Committee”) to develop a plan, which would create a “second” chance for the Association to continue with a new mission and purpose without duplication of effort. The Committee is comprised of designated staff from member agencies, including the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (SBVWCD), East Valley Water District (EVWD), the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley District), San Bernardino Municipal Water District (SBMWD) Riverside Public Utilities (RPU), Fontana Water Company (FWC) and the City of Colton.

Committee Proceedings

1. Identify Purpose

The Association identified that the defined purpose of the Committee is to explore a new structure and function of the Association and to create a forum providing stakeholders with the ability to demonstrate a value to rate payers.

2. Create A Plan of Work

Discussion included information regarding the original purpose of the Association as it related to monitoring the activities of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (“Valley District”). The Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) has since become the technical forum for basin management which resulted as a requirement of the implementation of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The Association’s new structure would need to place emphasis on informing and educating legislators on local water issues, as well as other local stakeholders including County Supervisors and rate payers.

3. Recommendations

Concurrently, the Committee recommends:

- Retain existing Association name for brand recognition.

- New Mission statement – A regional water resource organization with the purpose to inform and educate local, state and federal representatives as it relates to water resource opportunities.

- Replace By-Laws with charter, alleviating the necessity for a quorum.

- Conduct meetings on a quarterly basis (4 x per year). Work would consist of establishing meeting topics as they arise.

- Energize the Association by designating a host agency for each quarterly meeting, similar to that of the Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts monthly membership meetings. A point person for the Association would be assigned to one individual to vet issues with member agencies, prior to bringing before the Association as a whole (i.e.: concerns regarding projects, local legislature issues, rate structure, Bay Delta, Santa Ana Sucker, Wash Plan, Rialto-Colton Groundwater Basin, Water Bond). The point person would also ensure tasks are carried out on a quarterly basis.

- SBVWCD would remain the default meeting location to ensure availability in the event that a host agency is not designated.

- Act as regional collaborative stakeholder group in order to successfully effect policy change among perspective Boards.
- Local press should be present at each meeting.

4. Next Steps - How to Proceed

The Committee will present a proposed timeline for the Association’s consideration regarding specific action steps that have been identified to address the recommendations outlined.

Timeline

- a) 11/25/14 Operational Meeting –1) The Committee met to outline a new mission statement, purpose and goals for the Association.
- b) 12/11/14 Regular Monthly Membership Meeting – Committee (John Mura) to present proposed plan of work to the Association for feedback and buy-in/rejection of the plan.
- c) TBD Committee Meeting - The Committee will reconvene to review comments and feedback obtained from the Association and revise/modify plan based on the comments.
- d) January 2015 - First quarter membership meeting would be held. The first of four (4) topics identified and approved by members of the Association would be presented by John Mura, “State Mandates for 20% by 2020.”
- e) April 2015 - Second quarter membership meeting would be held. The second of four (4) topics identified and approved by members of the Association would be presented by Manny Aranda, “Legislative Platform.”
- f) July 2015 - Third quarter membership meeting would be held. The third of four (4) topics identified and approved by members of the Association would be presented by Daniel Cozad and Douglas Headrick, “Upper Santa Ana Wash Land Management and Habitat Conservation Plan (Wash Plan) and the Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan.
- g) October 2015 - Fourth quarter membership meeting would be held. The fourth of four (4) topics identified and approved by members of the Association would be presented by designation lead, “2014 Water Bond.”
- h) Revisit the success or failure of the new format within one (1) year to determine whether there is a need to continue or disband the Association.