

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

MINUTES OF May 3, 2017
1:30 P.M.

President Corneille called the Workshop of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Corneille, President
Melody McDonald, Vice President (Departure 3:41 p.m.)
David E. Raley, Director
John Longville, Director
T. Milford Harrison, Director (Departure 3:13 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GENERAL COUNSEL PRESENT:

David Cosgrove, Rutan & Tucker

STAFF PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, General Manager
Jeff Beehler, Land Resource Manager
Athena Monge, Administrative Services Specialist
Katelyn Scholte, Assistant District Engineer

GUESTS PRESENT:

None

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Corneille announced this as the time for any persons present, who so desire, to make an oral presentation to the Board of Directors. Hearing none, the meeting continued with published agenda items.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Mr. Cozad reviewed the strategic planning process and the ranking of issues using PowerPoint. The first issue being discussed today is Item A-Additional Recharge. The goal of the District is to improve recharge in the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin (Basin) to assist in achieving sustainability of water supply. President Corneille spoke on centralized capture and current practices of other agencies. Vice President McDonald stated that the District does not necessarily need to own the land where recharge occurs. Mr. Cozad indicated that the District can do additional recharge on District-owned lands, on other lands inside the District Boundary or possibly through agreement for lands outside District boundaries. If the land is outside District boundaries and sphere, the District would likely need to seek LAFCD approval. Mr. Cozad stated that the District may identify whether or not it believes it needs additional recharge and if it needs the operational flexibility to recharge that water differently than it currently operates. There is potential for recharge on the Mendoza Property. The District can put additional recharge basins on the property or a canal. The canal seems to be the most cost efficient. There may be an opportunity to put additional recharge basins west of the current project in Plunge Creek; however, the District only owns part of the land. The other part is owned by BLM and SBCFCD: this is an example of an area outside the current boundaries. The District is currently operating at maximum basin capacity. Mr. Cozad asked for feedback from the Board.

Director Raley suggested focusing on additional storm water capture. He indicated that it may be unclear whether additional recharge is needed with partner agency projects under way. President Corneille stated staff should focus on maximizing its existing facilities first and come up with a plan for recharge on the Mendoza Property. Vice President McDonald said that if the District expands its boundaries, it should look for more opportunities to purchase land similar to that of the Mendoza Property. The goal is to refill the Basin and manage the Basin appropriately.

The second issue being discussed today is Item E. - District Boundary and Sphere. The issue identified as a priority was if and how the District's boundary should change and if so when. A potential project inside of District boundaries would be to take the water going through Mission Creek for recharge since FCD indicates they have issue with stormwater flowing through in that reach of the creek. This would be an opportunity to capture and recharge water from the Zanjke/Mission Creek. Mr. Cozad reviewed the District Boundaries using the online ArcGIS map created by Katelyn Scholte. President Corneille said the Groundwater Sustainability Council should be a part of determining if we should be recharging outside of District boundaries. He believes that if there is such a project, the next logical step would be to expand District boundaries to include the project or the needs of the Council. He said that the reason for expansion would be to optimize recharge in areas like Lytle Creek and to benefit others by creating partnerships for conservation and recharge. Director Raley said that the District provides an important resource for the benefit of the community and has to protect that resource. Mr. Cozad recapped the priorities stated by the Board: 1) Maximize existing operations within District boundaries, 2) Potentially identifying opportunities near and/or outside District Boundaries and 3) Revisit who assures management of the basin.

The next Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for June 7th at 1:30 p.m.

4. ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Director Raley and seconded by Director Longville to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0 with all Directors present voting in the affirmative and Director Harrison noted absent from the vote.

President Corneille: Yes

Vice President McDonald: Yes

Director Longville: Yes

Director Raley: Yes

Director Harrison: Absent

At 3:44 p.m. the meeting adjourned to Regular Board Meeting and Groundwater Public Meeting scheduled for May 31, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at District Headquarters, 1630 W. Redlands Blvd., Redlands, CA.



Daniel B. Cozad
General Manager