

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, June 9, 2011
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2011
3. Presentation on the City of Redlands' Activities Chris Diggs
4. Update on SBVWMD's Activities Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
5. Legislative Update Manny Aranda
6. Other
7. Committee Reports & Schedules
 - Recharge Committee - Daniel Cozad
 - Basin Technical Advisory Committee- Tom Crowley
 - Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee - Robert Martin
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force- Sam Fuller
8. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting
9. Next Meeting – July 14, 2011.
10. Adjourn

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

May 19, 2011

PRESENT:

Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
David Ullery, City of Rialto
Stephanie Stafford, City of Rialto
Ron Buchwald, East Valley Water District
Mark Alvarez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Robert Martin, East Valley Water District
Sam Fuller, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Skip Wilson, Northfork Water Company
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Tom Crowley, West Valley Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Matt Litchfield, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District

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

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Approval of Minutes for April 14, 2011 – M/S/C** (Wilson – Aranda) to approve the minutes of April 14, 2011.
3. **Presentation** – Bob Tincher and Sam Fuller gave a presentation on the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District's (SBVMWD) existing projects and programs including the following:
 - The Western Judgment's safe yield replenishment.
 - Basin Technical Advisory Committee accounting process and recharge summary.
 - Emergency preparedness procedures (ERNIE) in conjunction with the East Valley Water District (EVWD).
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force working with SAWPA conservation team to find new areas where the sucker fish will be able to survive.
 - New Delta conveyance.
 - Yucaipa connector pipeline construction.
 - Baseline Feeder well.
 - Plan development for East Branch Extension Phase II Project.
 - Planning related to SAWPA OWOW, the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), Yucaipa Baseline Study and draft submittal of the Regional Urban Water Management Plan (URWMP).
 - Conservation programs including the Weather Based Irrigation Controller Program, the Cal State San Bernardino Conservation Demonstration Garden and landscaping contest scheduled for June 1st.

4. **Legislative Update-** Manny Aranda reported on HR 1042 (DELIST Act) to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require that certain species be treated as extinct, and if there is not a significant increase in the population of a species during the 15 year period beginning on the date the species is determined to be an endangered species. The bill had been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 11, 2011. Mr. Aranda also reported on the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) support for the 2012 Water Bond.

5. **Other** – Tom Crowley briefed members on the success of the Inland Empire Solar Cup Challenge held at the Yucaipa Regional Park on May 13th - 15th. There was increased participation this year from (7) local high schools, approximately 125 students as well as member agencies' support. Long Beach Poly took first place. Mr. Crowley stated that a committee comprised of the water agencies involved will be formed to implement a more agency-driven effort to coordinate the event next year.

6. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- **Recharge Committee** – Daniel Cozad summarized the monthly recharge status report distributed to members regarding the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's recharge activities in the Mill Creek and Santa Ana River spreading basins. Mr. Cozad reported that 42,931 acre feet of water had been recharged, which is the fourth highest year in the District's history. He also reported on maintenance requirements through the end of June related to the water spreading ponds and modifications made to the Daily Flow Report (DFR) Discussion also included SB 235 authorizing a water conservation district whose Board of Directors consists of 7 directors, to reduce the number of directors to 5. The bill is scheduled for the Assembly Local Government Committee hearing on June 15th.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Mr. Crowley reported that the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) Tools Subcommittee met on May 2nd. Discussion included the RUWMP and review of the groundwater recharge model. Mr. Crowley also reported the State Water Project (SWP) water allocation is as high as 80% and may increase. A meeting to discuss draft rules related to replenishment and guidelines for storing SWP water with member agencies is scheduled for May 23rd, at 1:00 p.m., at the SBVMWD. Mr. Crowley summarized presentations made at the meeting related to the Santa Ana Sucker fish and the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring program, including the SBVMWD's role as the lead on reporting to the Department of Water Resources (DWR).
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – No report.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Fuller reported the 60 day notice letter had been submitted to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) on April 11th and will expire in June. The next Santa Ana Sucker Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 17th where discussion will include statewide safe yield adjudication.

7. **Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** – Chairman Araiza announced he will not be in attendance at the June 9th meeting and requested that Robert Martin chair the meeting in his absence.
8. **Next Meeting** –The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.
9. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.