

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, July 14, 2011
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2011 and Minutes for June 9, 2011
3. Update on SBVWMD's Activities Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
4. Legislative Update Manny Aranda
5. Other
6. Committee Reports & Schedules
 - Recharge Committee - Daniel Cozad
 - Basin Technical Advisory Committee- Matt Litchfield
 - Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee - Robert Martin
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force- Sam Fuller
7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting
8. Next Meeting – August 11, 2011
9. 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
Chris Diggs, City of Redlands
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 (RUWMP).

- 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) sponsored by Congressman Baca 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 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 third 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, including discussions on 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.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

June 9, 2011

PRESENT:

Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Chris Diggs, City of Redlands
Melissa Walker, San Bernardino County Flood Control District
Bob Tincher, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
George Aguilar, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Tom Crowley, West Valley Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Approvals of Minutes for May 19, 2011** –Minutes from the May 19, 2011 meeting were tabled to the July 14, 2011 meeting due to the lack of a quorum.
3. **Presentation** – Chris Diggs made a presentation regarding the City of Redlands' water services, programs and ongoing projects, including the Hinckley Water Treatment Plant upgrades, Pipeline Project Replacement Phase III, Rehabilitation of Mentone Acres, Country Club reservoir replacements, the City's Texas Street booster station and deficient/damaged sewer mains. Mr. Diggs stated that improvements to the Hinckley Water Treatment Plant project are funded by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan for up to \$10,476,100. Mr. Diggs also reported the improvements are necessary to meet the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Stage Two Disinfections By-Product Rule requirements, consisting of the latest methods of calculating compliance.
4. Bob Tincher reported on the following SBVMWD activities:
 - The Baseline Feeder and Well Replacement and Improvement Project received AAA bond rating and the project went out to bid to several contractors. The lowest responsive and responsible bid came in at \$5.5 million. Construction is set to start at the end of July.
 - Participating agencies will be taking the Regional Urban Water Management Plan (RUWMP) to their respective Boards. The draft is available on the SBVMWD website.
 - The estimated stormwater flow out of the San Bernardino Basin assessment is complete.
 - The San Bernardino Flood Control submitted the Cactus Basin project for Proposition IE funds.
 - EBXII Project construction has begun. The Mentone pipeline, a parallel pipeline which will increase capacity is scheduled to start construction at the end of the year.
 - The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation Demonstration Garden is complete. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 3rd and the grand opening was held on June 4th.

- The success of the Inland Empire garden friendly promotion with Home Depot and plans to partner with Home Depots in the Los Angeles area.
 - Judging for the landscape contest sponsored by Western Municipal Water District and SBVMWD will take place today, June 9th.
- 5. Legislative Update-** Manny Aranda reported that Congressman Baca's HR 1042 (DELIST ACT) could potentially provide support to the fight against the Santa Ana Sucker. Mr. Aranda also reported on a San Bernardino Sun newspaper article related to the Santa Ana Sucker.
- 6. Other – No report**
- 7. Committee Reports & Schedules:**
- **Recharge Committee** –Daniel Cozad reported on the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's (SBVWCD) historical recharge amounts as being the third highest year and distributed a chart indicating water recharged for the past twenty eight years, above 10,000 acre feet (AF). Mr. Cozad also distributed the San SBVWCD's monthly recharge report updated through the end of May. He said their District is working with the BTAC to implement a process to track in-river recharge.
 - **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Mr. Crowley reported the BTAC Engineering Subcommittee met on June 1st. Discussion included approval of the new spreading numbers in Mill Creek and the Santa Ana River. Mr. Crowley also distributed the RUWMP monthly statement, which indicated over 42,485 AF of water recharged in the SBBA, as well as 18,000 AF of State Water Project (SWP) water. Mr. Crowley anticipated the next meeting in July will be canceled due to the holiday.
 - **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – Bob Tincher announced a meeting scheduled for today, June 9th at 1:00 P.M., at Prado to discuss the Water Quality Study. The Committee is pressing the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) to implement the recommendations of the study, while in the process of the completing the Water Conservation Study. USACE representatives reported a potential loss of water quality should the recommendations be implemented at this time and that proof of calculations from the study will be provided soon. Mr. Tincher also reported that the SBVWCD and the SBVMWD are working to obtain a place at the table to aid the USACE in its greater goal of water conservation with an interim pilot test process, which would utilize water from behind the dam.
 - **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force – No report.**
- 8. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** – Mr. Crowley asked members to consider other presentation opportunities for the monthly meetings. Mr. Cozad volunteered to present the community based side of the SBVWCD's strategic planning process. Melissa Walker of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD) also volunteered to make a presentation at a future meeting.
- 9. Next Meeting** –The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.
- 10. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.