

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, October 13, 2011
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes for August 11, 2011; and
Approval of Minutes for September 8, 2011
3. Update on SBVMWD'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- Tom Crowley
 - Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee - Ron Buchwald
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force- Sam Fuller
7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting
8. Next Meeting – November 10, 2011
9. Adjourn

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

August 11, 2011

PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Skip Wilson, North Fork
Ron Buchwald, East Valley Water District
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Chris Diggs, City of Redlands
Cecelia Griego, City of Redlands
Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Tom Crowley, West Valley Water District
Sam Fuller, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
George Aguilar, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Daniel Bruder, Niagara Conservation
Marcos Weinstein, Niagara Conservation
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District

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

1. **Introductions were made.**
2. **Approvals of Minutes** –M/S/C (Aranda – Nelson) to approve Minutes from the July 14, 2011 meeting.
3. **Presentation** – Daniel Bruder of Niagara Conservation presented the Aquagy Program, including their cost effective all-in-one Stealth Toilet kits. Mr. Bruder said the high efficiency toilets used only 0.8 gallons of water per flush, cutting the current federal mandated flush rate in half. Mr. Bruder explained that Niagara Conservation’s latest innovation in water conservation programs could save up to 40,000 gallons and 2590 kWh per year for local water agency customers, for a savings of up to \$500 to \$600 per year. Proposition 84 funding could potentially fund implementation of pilots for the conservation programs. Mr. Bruder announced he has been invited to make the presentation at the upcoming Basin Technical Advisory Committee Conservation sub-committee meeting.
4. Sam Fuller reported on the following SBVMWD activities:
 - Public hearing and adoption of Resolution No. 987 to Adopt the 2010 Regional Urban Water Management Plan (URWMP) for the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District.
 - Authorization of Geophysical Surveys of the proposed expansion of the Santa Ana River Recharge Ponds.

- Authorization of a proposed new turnout from the SARC Pipeline to Recharge State Water Project water in the Santa Ana River and Additional Environmental Work for the Enhanced Recharge Project.
- Authorization of the Calendar Year 2011 Cooperative Recharge Program.
- Adoption of Resolution No. 990 Determining the Amount of Money Needed to Make Annual Payment for Indebtedness Approved by the Voters in which the property tax rate was set at \$0.165 per 100 dollars of assessed valuation.

5. Legislative Update- Manny Aranda reported on the current United States budget and credit rating. Mr. Aranda discussed the possible conflict in districts for Congressmen Joe Baca and Jerry Lewis, as well as contact with local legislators indicating their interest in water and attending future USAWRA meetings. Mr. Aranda also reported the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District will have five divisions instead of seven, as Senate Bill 235 has become law.

6. Other – Sam Fuller reported that Gary Sturdevan, who has managed the ERNIE program, is set to retire from the East Valley Water District. Mr. Fuller reported that he is on the Steering Committee working to continue the ERNIE program and thanked East Valley Water District for their support. He encouraged members of the association to contact him if they had any questions.

7. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- **Recharge Committee** –Daniel Cozad summarized the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District’s (SBVWCD) recharge report distributed to the group. Mr. Cozad stated the District’s basins have been cleaned up for delivery of State Water Project (SWP) water. Mr. Cozad also announced Arnold “Bud” Wright’s retirement celebration at the Cuttle Weir, coupled with the celebration of the million acre feet of water recharged.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Tom Crowley reported the Basin Technical Advisory Committee Engineering Subcommittee and the IRWMP BTAC met on August 1st. Discussions included agency participation in the RUWMP, the EPA’s public health goal for Chromium-6 to 0.02 ppb., the State Department of Public Health’s (CDPH) maximum contaminant level (MCL) investigation phase for Chromium-6 and the impact to the local water agencies. Mr. Crowley also announced the inception of the BTAC Conservation Subcommittee, which will chair the annual Solar Cup as well as other conservation programs.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – Ron Buchwald reported that the Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee is experiencing difficulty in obtaining conclusions from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Mr. Buchwald also stated that State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Safety of Dams has raised a concern related to the Seven Oaks Dam.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Sam Fuller reported that the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force is considering litigation related to the December 2010 designation of

habitat by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The Task Force agencies are individually considering their decision to participate in the litigation.

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

9. Next Meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2011 at 9:30 A.M., at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

September 8, 2011

PRESENT:

Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Skip Wilson, North Fork
Ron Buchwald, East Valley Water District
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Chris Diggs, City of Redlands
Cecelia Griego, City of Redlands
Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Tom Crowley, West Valley Water District
Sam Fuller, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa 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. **Approvals of Minutes** –Minutes from the August 11, 2011 meeting were tabled to the October 13, 2011 meeting due to the lack of a quorum.
3. **SBVMWD Activities** - Sam Fuller reported on the following SBVMWD activities:
 - Lytle Creek Turn Out
 - SBVMWD's Continued support of the Water Resources Institute.
 - Additional improvements identified for the Wilson Creek Turn-Out Project.
 - Temporary construction easements approved for the SBX E-Street Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Project.
 - Waterwise Landscape Update.
 - Protection of the Foothill Pipeline in City Creek.
 - Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) security restrictions on Southern California Edison (SCE).
 - Local efforts to obtain administrative management and support for the ERNIE program.
 - SBVMWD's Board authorization of the Cooperative Recharge Program.
4. **Legislative Update**- Manny Aranda reported on President Obama's latest speech regarding the economic climate of the country and the need for creating new jobs. Mr. Aranda also

reported on various issues related to the state budget and associated cuts to state water programs.

5. **Other** – Mr. Aranda announced that Assemblyman Mike Morrell has agreed to make a presentation to the USAWRA members at the upcoming meeting in October.

6. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- **Recharge Committee** –Daniel Cozad distributed and summarized the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Recharge report.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Tom Crowley announced the upcoming BTAC meeting, scheduled for September 12, 2011, at 1:30 P.M.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – Ron Buchwald reported that US Army Corp of Engineers’ (USACE) report is on schedule to be completed at the end of the month.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Sam Fuller reported on continued discussions with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding the challenges related to the designation of habitat for the sucker fish. The Task Force has moved forward with the litigation; and Mr. Fuller urged members to attend the Advisory Commission on Water Policy meeting at 7:00 P.M., to discuss new and existing challenges. Mr. Fuller also informed members of the annual Riverwalk Habitat Survey, scheduled for Thursday, September 15th, at SAWPA at 8:00 A.M.

7. **Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** – This item was covered earlier in the meeting.

8. **Next Meeting** –The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2011 at 9:30 A.M., at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

9. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:17 A.M.