

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, March 14, 2013
9:30 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2013
3. San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's Strategic Plan Update Daniel Cozad
4. Update on SBVWMD's Activities Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
5. Legislative Update Manny Aranda
6. Other
7. Committee Reports & Schedules
 - Habitat Conservation Plan Committee Stacey Aldstadt
 - Recharge Committee Daniel Cozad
 - Basin Technical Advisory Committee Tom Crowley
 - Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee Daniel Cozad
 - Santa Ana Sucker Task Force Sam Fuller
8. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting
9. Next Meeting – *May 16, 2013
10. Adjourn

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UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

February 14, 2013

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Skip Wilson, East Valley Water District
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31st District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Douglas Headrick, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ed Killgore, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Ben Coleman, East Valley Water District
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
Don Lee, Tetrattech
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Tom Crowley, 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. Minutes for the January 10, 2013 meeting were approved with minor corrections – M/S/C (Aranda/Wilson).
3. Douglas Headrick reported on the following San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) Activities:
 - On January 15, 2013, the SBVMWD Board considered staff's recommendation to administer a \$5 million grant that had been awarded to the City of San Bernardino for the E. Street Park Project, located on their district property.
 - SBVMWD Board considered sponsorship in the 2013 Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) One Water One Watershed conference, scheduled for April 11, 2013, which would be held in Orange County this year. Anthony Araiza suggested cancelling the USAWRA meeting scheduled on the same day as the conference.
 - SBVMWD continues to be shareholders for Bear Valley Mutual Water Company.
 - At the request of the Engineering Committee, West Valley Water District and the City of Rialto, the SBVMWD Board authorized funding for the completion of the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) analysis on perchlorate in the Rialto-Colton and Chino Basins.

- SBVMWD Board approved the annual maintenance contract for the Foothill Pipeline.
- SBVMWD Board approved design modifications to lower construction, operations and ongoing maintenance costs for the Enhanced Recharge in the Santa Ana River Project (Enhanced Recharge Project). The modifications would also improve operational flexibility.
- SBVMWD system is down in order to assist the East Branch Extension with the Foothill Pipeline.
- \$125,000 had been approved last year for Arroyo Project. Over 400 predator fish have been removed, including frogs. Two successful offspring projects creating sustainable habitat for the SAS and other fish has been completed. Discussion ensued regarding SAS litigation.

4. Legislative Update – Manny Aranda reported on the following legislative updates:

- The deadline for submitting new legislature is the end of the month of February.
- Governor Brown would focus on infrastructure in the Delta and the building of two new tunnels around the Delta. Northern California has begun campaigning against building the tunnels and objects to dedicating funding to the effort.
- A bill that will provide funding to help agencies address the amount of nitrate pollution in drinking water. Agencies may apply for grants up to \$2 million. Applicants must provide proof of their ability to maintain the system for a twenty year period.
- Next meeting – Provide an update on all the legislature presented during ACWA Legislative Days, scheduled in March.

Mr. Aranda introduced District Representative, Sarah Benoit who attended the meeting on behalf of Representative Gary Miller of the 31st District. Ms. Benoit stated both she and Justin Long in Washington D.C. are interested in setting up a few tours and workshops with water agencies to discuss local water issues. Gil Navarro suggested having an open workshop consisting of state legislators in mass to discuss the current water issues.

5. Other – Skip Wilson reported that Daniel Cozad presented a PowerPoint presentation to East Valley Water District regarding conservation.

6. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- Habitat Conservation Plan Committee – Mr. Headrick reported on a meeting he had attended with the Regional Director for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the Western United States regarding the completion of a Habitat Conservation Plan.
- Recharge Committee – Mr. Headrick reported that 13,000 acre feet of water had been recharged by the Conservation District or SBVMWD in other basins. Mr. Cozad was absent from the meeting.

- Basin Technical Advisory Committee-Tom Crowley provided background to Ms. Benoit on the inception of the BTAC. Mr. Crowley explained that the committee is a product of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP), which stakeholders used to identify projects for potential funding for Prop 50 and 84 funding. The BTAC reports on technical issues needing guidance from members. A technical plan is put forth every year. Mr. Crowley reported that he would be presenting the 2013 Regional Water Management Plan to Western Municipal Water District's Board of Directors.
- Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee- Mr. Headrick reported that he learned that the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) is further from the goal line than a year ago. The USACE would like to use the dam to create flows in excess of 500 cfs for Santa Ana Sucker fish habitat. Mr. Headrick commented that multiple dam operations plans had been reopened for the SAS fish and that the San Bernardino County Flood Control District (SBCFCD) will join the efforts for the HCP.
- Santa Ana Sucker Task Force – No report was given.

7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting – Gil Navarro recommended inviting area legislators to attend the USAWRA meetings.

8. Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.