

**UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION**  
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San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District  
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Thursday, May 16, 2013  
9:30 a.m.

**AGENDA**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2013
3. Presentation – RDA Dissolution Elizabeth Martyn
4. Update on SBVWMD's Activities Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
5. Legislative Update Manny Aranda  
Representative Sarah Benoit  
Congressman Gary Miller, 31<sup>st</sup> District
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. Presentation – Bay Delta Conservation Plan Rich Atwater, Executive Director  
Southern California Water Committee
9. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting
10. Next Meeting – June 13, 2013
11. Adjourn Anthony W. "Butch" Araiza, President  
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# UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

March 14, 2013

## PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District  
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District  
Skip Wilson, East Valley Water District  
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
T. Jarb Thaipejr, City of Loma Linda  
Michelle Diamond, TetraTech  
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31<sup>st</sup> District  
Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District  
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands  
Kip Sturgeon, Northfork  
Thomas Crowley, West Valley Water District  
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District  
Ben Coleman, East Valley Water District  
David Garcia, Riverside Public Utility  
Todd Jorgenson, Riverside Public Utility  
Douglas Headrick, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Ed Killgore, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District  
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal 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 February 14, 2013 meeting were approved – M/S/C (Aranda/Wilson).**
- 3. San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's Community Strategic Plan Update** - Daniel Cozad presented a PowerPoint slideshow on the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's (SBVWCD) 2012-2013 Community Strategic Plan circulation draft, and the annual Engineering Investigation, including the proposed budget and rate setting procedures. The presentation also provided an update on the status of the Upper Santa Ana Wash Land Management Habitat Conservation Plan (Wash Plan), the Enhanced Recharge Project, a joint venture with the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) and the status of the SBVWCD's sphere of influence. The SBVWCD's Board would review and consider staff's recommendations during a public meeting scheduled for April 10, 2013 and a public hearing on April 24, 2013. T. Jarb Thaipejr, City Manager for the City of Loma Linda thanked the SBVWCD

Board for submitting the projected rate increases early in the year for use during the City's budget process.

**4. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities – Douglas Headrick reported on the following SBVMWD activities:**

- The SBVMWD Board conducted a public hearing at its February 19, 2013 regular Board meeting and adopted a resolution for the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) One Water One Watershed (OWOW) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for round (2) of the Proposition 84 funding. SBVMWD secured \$1 million for the Enhanced Stormwater Along the Santa Ana River Recharge Project.
- The SBVMWD Board approved a letter supporting Fran Spivey-Weber's re-appointment to the State Water Resources Control Board.
- SBVMWD Board approved a resolution nominating Melody McDonald to the Executive Committee of the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA/JPIA).
- SBVMWD has been asked to utilize an existing JPA to administer a grant awarded to the City of San Bernardino for the "E" Street Park Project, located on 2.5 acres of District property. Gil Navarro commented that as part of their community efforts, the SBVMWD Board agreed to maintain the park until the City is able to resume those responsibilities.
- SBVMWD Board authorized funds to complete a study on two large flood events that had occurred in the last ten years and uncovered the Foothill Pipeline now located in the middle of City Creek. The Rialto-Colton Basins have been added to the calculations. District staff is working with partners to resolve the problem.

**5. Legislative Update – Melody McDonald reported on Form 806 used to report additional compensation received by elected officials appointed to positions on committees, boards, commissions of a public agency or special district. The form must be posted on each agency website. Ms. McDonald also reported on state legislation supported by the ACWA State Legislative Committee with regard to board members possibly obtaining a misdemeanor if they are unable to control their meetings. Manny Aranda also commented on a bill regarding members of an elected body not having the ability to criticize any member of the public seated in the audience.**

Representative Sarah Benoit reported that Congressman Gary Miller's office would introduce the Flood Control Facility Maintenance Clarification Act, amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to:

- (1) include the removal of sediment, debris, and vegetation as "maintenance" of a currently serviceable structure for which the discharge of dredged or fill

material into the navigable waters at specified disposal sites is not prohibited;  
and

(2) include a channel or basin as such a structure.

6. **Other** – Mr. Thaipejr announced the City of Loma Linda had awarded a contract to 3M to clean-up an existing pipeline.

7. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – Mr. Headrick reported the HCP work group met some time ago and that he is currently reviewing the white paper completed by Stacey Aldstadt and Daniel Cozad. The next step would be to coordinate a series of workshops to present the progress of the effort.
- **Recharge Committee** – Mr. Cozad reported there had been very little rainfall. The captured water is in both sides of the basins and being taken by East Valley Water District and the City of Redlands. Mr. Cozad also reported working with the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD), along with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) regarding leasing water. The water should be released prior to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) accessing the site.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** - Mr. Headrick reported the snow level is at 40 percent, possibly dropping down to 35 percent. Mr. Headrick also reported many agencies are utilizing State Water Project (SWP) water under the Cooperative Recharge Program.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – Mr. Headrick reported on negotiations regarding the water quality and water conservation studies at the dam, in addition to offline discussions on meetings scheduled with the USFWS. Mr. Headrick stated there is a risk that biological could be reopened and could have serious implications for the SBCFCD with regard to their permit.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Headrick announced that the ACWA Legal Committee agreed to write an amicus brief on behalf of the SAS Task Force regarding the SAS fish to be submitted to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit court.

8. **Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** – Elizabeth Martyn would make a presentation on the topic of RDA Dissolution.

9. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

10. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.