

**UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 920, Rialto, CA 92377**

**San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
1630 W. Redlands Blvd.
Redlands, CA 92373**

**AGENDA
ANNUAL MEETING
Thursday, November 14, 2013
9:30 a.m.**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Election of Officers**
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – March 14, 2013, May 16, 2013, June 13, 2013, July 11, 2013
August 8, 2013, September 12, 2013 & October 10, 2013
- 4. Update on Valley District's Activities** Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
- 5. Legislative Update** Manny Aranda
Representative Sarah Benoit
Congressman Gary Miller, 31st 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. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting**
- 9. Next Meeting** – December 12, 2013
- 10. Adjourn**

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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, 31st 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 9th 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.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

May 16, 2013

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Don Lee, TetraTech
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31st District
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
Kip Sturgeon, Northfork
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Ed Killgore, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District
David Raley, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District
Elizabeth Martyn, Brisbois, Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP
Rich Atwater, Southern California Water Committee

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

- 1. Introductions were made.**
- 2. Approval of Minutes** - Minutes for the March 14, 2013 meeting were tabled to the June 13, 2013 meeting due the lack of a quorum.
- 3. RDA Dissolution Presentation-** Elizabeth L. Martyn, Attorney for Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, LLP made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the status of the RDA dissolution, including the reason the topic is relevant, the status of the process.
- 4. This item was taken out of order.**
Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) – Rich Atwater, from the Southern California Water Committee reported on the vulnerability of California's water system and explained how a retrofit of the existing system that secures it from risk of flood, earthquake and sea level rise in the Delta is the most sensible approach to fix the problem.
- 5. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities** – No report.
- 6. Legislative Update** – Representative Sarah Benoit reported on HR 836 - Sunshine on Conflicts Act of 2013, amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) introduced by Senator Gary Miller on February 26, 2013. The EPA's

guidelines would forbid any member of a board or body that approves permit applications for the discharge of pollutants from seeking to influence the approval of any permit in which that member has a financial interest. Ms. Benoit also reported on proposed legislation by Senator Barbara Boxer which will shorten time requirements for EIRS to 90 days.

7. **Other** – None

8. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** ó No report.
- **Recharge Committee** ó The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's Monthly Recharge and Daily Flow Reports were distributed.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** ó No report.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** ó No report.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** ó No report.

9. **Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** ó None.

10. **Next Meeting** ó The next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

11. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

June 13, 2013

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Don Lee, TetraTech
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31st District
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands
David Garcia, City of Riverside
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Kip Sturgeon, Northfork
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Ed Killgore, 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. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes for the March 14, 2013 and May 16, 2013 meetings were tabled to the July 11, 2013 meeting due the lack of a quorum.
3. **Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities** – Mark Bulot reported on the East Branch Extension Project improvements. The SBVMWD Board approved and \$18 million contract for the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) redesign and specifications. The SBVMWD Board also approved the Santa Ana River Watershed Project Authority's (SAWPA) budget. Mr. Bulot also reported on money saved by moving rocks to align a pipe for crossing near the East Valley Water District turnout. The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (SBVMWD) is storing the rocks. Mr. Bulot also reported that the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force is pursuing the habitat conservation plan for the SAS and that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) directors met with the committee.
4. **Legislative Update** – Manny Aranda reported that Senator Boxer's advocate changed positions in supporting water legislation specifically related to the limitation on reporting time for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Mr. Aranda also reported the following:
 - Senate Bill 601 which would impose deadlines for environmental reviews of water projects.
 - Assembly Bill 246 which would exclude the public from attending certain meetings.
 - Senate Bill 400 which would provide protection to victims of violence.

- The Governor released a \$96 billion dollars budget with a revenue to date of \$42 billion dollars. The deficit would be covered by taxes. In November of 2012, Proposition 30 was approved, raising the state's income tax rate.

Sarah Benoit reported on Congressman Miller's support of the SAS amicus brief recently filed. Ms. Benoit also reported that Chairman Duncan and Representative Bishop are in the beginning stages of the clean water caucus. Senate Bills HR 836 and 1296 still in committee and moving forward.

5. **Other** – None

6. **Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – Mr. Bulot reported that actions had been initiated moving the HCP forward and is backed by all the partners for suggested contributions for the plan.
- **Recharge Committee** – Daniel Cozad reported that after the fuel spill the Seven Oaks Dam (SOD) had been closed. Sampling had been conducted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, indicating non detect results. Mr. Cozad reported that it had been a very dry year. Mr. Cozad also reported that the Orange County Water District provided 80 cfs of water which had been recharged early Saturday morning. SBVMWD provided State Water Project (SWP) water in replacement.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Melody McDonald reported that the BTAC (PIG Committee) would begin the review of proposed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) projects. Mr. Bulot reported that the Enhanced Recharge Project had been split by two separate tracks to include facilities outside the Wash Plan area and has been cleared, permitted and constructed for the Wash Plan components. Mr. Bulot also reported that the SAS Task Force' Amicus brief had been filed on June 3, 2012. Two briefs were filed, one for appeal and one on panel due to NEPA compliance for endangered species for habitat due to a discrepancy between decisions on separate circuits.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – Mr. Cozad reported that there is 200 acre feet of water behind the SOD. Stop logs with crains are scheduled to be pulled due to contamination. Mr. Araiza reported that Lytle Creek is currently in proration.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – This item was reported on earlier in the meeting.

7. **Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting** –Kip Sturgeon suggested that the meeting minutes should list agencies not represented at future meetings.

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.
9. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

July 11, 2013

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Don Lee, TetraTech
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31st District
David Garcia, City of Riverside
Kip Sturgeon, Northfork
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Ben C. Coleman, East Valley Water District
Thomas 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. Approval of Minutes** - Minutes for the March 14, 2013 and May 16, 2013 and June 13, 2013 meetings were tabled to the August 8, 2013 meeting due to the lack of a quorum.
- 3. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities** – Mr. Copelan reported on issues related to the park that has been taken over. A contract would be granted within the next six months. The SBVMWD Board approved the 2013/14 FY budget in June. Capitol projects include the Seven Oaks Dam's (SOD) spreading and the future development activities. Mr. Copeland stated Valley District is working hand in hand with the United States Fish and Wildlife Services.
- 4. Legislative Update** – Manny Aranda reported on Assembly Bill 265 regarding public entities that manage parks could be sued by anyone bitten by a dog on the property. Mr. Aranda also reported on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform, specifically the CEQA Modernization Act of 2013, authored by Senator Steinbeck.

Sarah Benoit reported the Flood Control Facility Maintenance Clarification Act, amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) is still moving forward. Ms. Benoit encouraged members of the Association to feel free to contact Congressman Miller's office.

- 5. Other** – None
- 6. Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – Tom Crowley reported that the group met and went over the Request for Qualifications and made comments. Those comments were incorporated into the document and resubmitted to the group. A mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held at Valley District on Monday, July 8th at 9:00. Optional Interviews would be on August 16th.
- **Recharge Committee** – Daniel Cozad reported no recharge. Mr. Cozad stated he hoped to receive 6,000 - 7,000 acre of water total for the year. Mr. Cozad also stated that a recent Big Bear Watermaster meeting, it was reported that the lowest flows recorded during this time of year out of Santa Ana is 10 cfs.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – The July meeting was canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2013.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – Mr. Cozad reported that water held behind the dam had been released and recharged per Regional Board orders. Mr. Cozad also reported that a 150 ton crane had been mobilized to pull stop logs in order to drain the last two hundred acre feet for for quality purposes.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** –David Garcia reported SAWPA is coordinating the annual Riverwalk scheduled for September.

7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting – Mr. Cozad summarized the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) sphere of influence application process recently undergone by the SBVWCD. The question had been raised as to why the SBVWCD did not cover the entire Bunker Hill Basin. Mr. Cozad requested WVWD's assistance with formulating a response to submit to LAFCO.

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

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

August 8, 2013

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
John Mura, East Valley Water District
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Alma Serrato, Guest
Daniel Cozad, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Thomas J. Cowley, West Valley Water District
Tom Field, TetraTech
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31st District
David Garcia, City of Riverside
Kip Sturgeon, East Valley Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Sam Fuller, 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. Approval of Minutes** - Minutes for the March 14, 2013, May 16, 2013, June 13, 2013 and July 11, 2013 meetings were tabled to the September 12, 2013 meeting due to the lack of a quorum.
- 3. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities** – Sam Fuller reported on the following San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District activities:
 - The SBVMWD contributed twenty five percent of the costs for the new “U-Savewater” regional website launched on August 1st. The purpose of the website is to help reduce demands on retail water supply. Links to each participating agency’s individual websites could be accessed, including current rebate programs. Amanda Kasten, a representative of West Valley Water District presented the regional website to the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) at the August 5th meeting.
 - The SBVMWD Board adopted and retained the tax rate of 16.25 for State Water Project (SWP) water for the 2013/14 fiscal year. The funds are used to pay off bonds, and increasing energy costs, which may ultimately force the SBVMWD’s Board to increase rates in the future. A discussion ensued.

- SBVMWD staff is working with the San Bernardino County Flood Control and Conservation District (SBCFCD) to determine a new place to recharge water in the Rialto Cactus basins. Proposals for environmental studies in the basin related to contamination issues, including perchlorate and TCE clean up process are being solicited. Tom Crowley is working with the Rialto Colton Basin Collaborative (RCBC) to improve water conditions in the basin. Mr. Crowley stated that in conjunction with the SBCFCD's EIR to improve the Cactus basins, SBVMWD is conducting a CEQA analysis for groundwater recharge and conservation.
- The SBVMWD is the managing agent for the brine line which removes concentrated treated water out of the basin through the pipeline, and out to the ocean. SBVMWD has contracted with G&G Environmental to conduct the scope of work.
- SBVMWD staff is working with the SBVWCD and Western Municipal Water District (WMWD) in an effort to recharge 300 cfs to 500 cfs of water into the ground from the Santa Ana River.
- The Western San Bernardino Watermaster would be distributed next week and would include new items agreed up by the Western Collaborative Group.

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

- AB 938 regarding all public agencies would be required to translate all tier one rates notices to customers.
- All public agencies are now required to post meeting agendas on websites 72 hours in advance of the meeting.
- Applicants who do not possess the ability to accurately complete grant applications are ineligible for funding for water quality and contaminated water clean up. Mr. Cozad clarified that the regulatory agency managing the funds has been changed from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to the State Water Resources Control Board. Mr. Mura also clarified that the bill is in the proposal stage, and has received some push back.

Representative Sarah Benoit reported Congressman Miller is back from brake and that his schedule being vetted. He is currently looking for sponsors for HR 1296 and HR. Ms. Benoit also reported that John Marshall out of the Washington, D.C. office is leaving to work in Colorado. Legislative Director Randy Ross is her new counterpart in the Washington D.C. office.

5. Other – Due to the lack of a quorum at recent meetings, a \$500 surcharge for non-participating agencies will be assessed by vote of present members.

Mr. Araiza explained that this item was meant to get the attention of members of the

Association that had not been in attendance at recent meetings. He suggested bringing back the Association's bylaws to the next meeting for review and modification of the voting and quorum sections, which would aid in the Association's ability to take action on agenda items, such as approval of meeting minutes.

6. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – Mr. Cozad reported that the HCP is moving forward and that Bob Tincher is acting as lead procurement person for the group. Participants are in agreement and have made their contributions. A pre bid meeting was held on July 8th, including fourteen firms. An SOQ group meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at SBVMWD. Subsequent interviews of two top firms would be conducted.
- **Recharge Committee** – Mr. Cozad reported that SWP water is being recharged at other basins by SBVMWD. Dirty rain had also been recharged and used by Bear Valley Mutual Water Company and Nothfork. Mr. Cozad also reported that 9 cfs of water had been recharged earlier in the month and now up to 14 cfs. Mr. Cozad reported it had been a very dry year.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Mr. Crowley reported that the Integrated Regional Water Master Plan (IRWMP) indicates over 28,000 acre feet of water over the San Bernardino Basin Area (SBBA), both state and native water and approximately 20,000 acre feet of SWP water is available for treatment plants. The BTAC Engineering Sub Committee is taking the lead on updating the IRWMP, which formulated the BTAC. Duties have been assigned to staff members of participating agencies. A single consultant may be brought in to review the document for compliance upon completion, anticipated for late October 2013. The document would be distributed to agencies for adoption at the end of year.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – Mr. Cozad reported that teleconferences with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) had been suspended due to sequestrations. Mr. Cozad also reported the USACE's effort to obtain clearance to pull stop logs from the dam had been delayed for one year due to issues with USFWS.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Fuller reported water agencies submitted briefs for the appeal for the Santa Ana Sucker litigation. Federal agencies and have until October 2013 to submit briefs.

7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting – Mr. Cozad reported on a SB 244, which requires Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCO) to conduct a sphere of influence study to identify disadvantaged, unincorporated communities adjacent to water agency's sphere of influences as part of the application process. The Conservation District

offered to conduct the study for all agencies at once and would present its findings to the IRWMP group.

8. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.
9. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

September 12, 2013

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Don Lee, TetraTech
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31st District
David Garcia, City of Riverside
Kip Sturgeon, Northfork
Mark Bulot, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Ed Kilgore, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Robin Ohama, City of San Bernardino Water Department
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Thomas Crowley, West Valley Water District
Shanae Smith, West Valley Water District

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- 2. Approval of Minutes** - Minutes for the March 14, 2013, May 16, 2013, June 13, 2013, July 11, 2013 and August 8, 2013 meetings were tabled to the October 10, 2013 meeting due to the lack of a quorum.
- 3. Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Activities** – Mark Bulot reported on the following SBVMWD activities:
 - The joint transfer effort for the park located on 9th Street and E Street is almost complete.
 - Interest in obtaining additional funding for website upgrades and support for Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) outreach.
 - SBVMWD is celebrating sixty years of history and service next year.
 - SBVMWD has approved support for its efforts to enhance the groundwater flow model for the Rialto Colton Basin.
 - All parties has approved the Upper Santa Ana Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

- Yucaipa Groundwater Basin update.

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

- Senate Bill 448, which provides provides for an addition to the public resource code. State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission would analyze whether or not fuel price manipulation is occurring.
- Senate Bill 322, which establishes a panel to determine a uniform critieria for direct potable reuse. Currently Orange County has the largest potable waste water facility.
- Huell Howser’s DVD on twenty eight programs regarding the California water crisis. Urged the Association to educate constituents.
- Bill which prohibits employers from retaliating against employees who have filed a complaint against the agency. A \$10,000 penalty may be assessed per occurence.

Melody McDonald reported on SB 731 regarding CEQA streamlining is headed to the Assembly floor.

Sarah Benoit reported that Congressman Gary Miller had wrapped up meetings and is back in session. New issues are rising regarding international problems. Ms. Benoit also reported they are still waiting for a new staffer to be appointed and directed any questions to Randy Ross, who is currently the representative to contact.

5. Other – Bylaws: President Araiza advised members to review the Articles of Association included in the meeting packet and prepare to discuss at the October 10, 2013 meeting. A brief discussion ensued.

6. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – Mark Bulot reported that all participants had approved the HCP agreement, which is currently under review by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS). SBVMWD had approved a consulting agreement with ICF for to coordinate meetings with all participating agencies to obtain additional detail for the HCP related to the scoping of the plan.
- **Recharge Committee** – Mr. Aranda reported that the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District(SBVWCD) had filed a petition with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) regarding their current sphere of influence. Mr. Aranda also reported that there is very little water in Mill Creek and that field personnel had taken video showing the debris. Water quality is also poor due to the recent fire and storms. Mr. Aranda also reported on the

East Branch Exchange (EBX II) construction and Big Bear Lake test releases, which had initiated on Monday, September 9th.

- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Mr. Crowley had no report, as the BTAC is dark in September.
- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – No report.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Bulot reported the geological survey study is in progress. The preliminary conclusion indicates that gravel is transported along with boulders and mud, ultimately destroying habitat.

7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting – The annual meeting and election is scheduled for the October meeting. A sample letter and resolution would be forwarded to current members to reaffirm memberships. In addition, the Articles of Incorporation would be reviewed and discussed for possible modifications.

8. Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

October 10, 2013

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Don Lee, TetraTech
Amanda Kasten, West Valley Water District
Sarah Benoit, District Representative for Gary Miller, 31st District
Kip Sturgeon, Northfork
Gil Navarro, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Douglas Headrick, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
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Thomas 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. **Annual Meeting** – Chairman Anthony Araiza announced that due to the lack of a quorum, the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources Association’s annual meeting, election of officers, as well as the approval of the meeting minutes for the months of March, May, June July, August and September would be tabled to the November 14, 2013 meeting.
3. **Presentation** - Amanda Kasten, West Valley Water District’s Water Conservation Coordinator presented the progress of the you-save-water.com regional website.
4. **Update on San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) Activities**– Douglas Headrick reported on the following SBVMWD activities:
 - The SBVMWD Board conducted a joint meeting with the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.
 - The East Branch Extension Project is progressing with and projected to be complete in 2015.
 - Bunker Hill Basin Conjunctive Use Project.

- A joint meeting San Gorgonio Pass Agency regarding the completion of construction of all facilities. An agreement recognizing new facilities would be worked on. Devil's Canyon to turn out to Brine street.
- A joint meeting scheduled for October 14, 2013 regarding East Valley Water District's (EVWD) participation in the Conjunctive Use Program.
- Valley District's Board approved a new website platform at its October 1, 2013 regular Board meeting to enhance transparency.
- Valley District's Board authorized an amendment to the agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the East Branch Extension Project.
- Valley District's Board approved a contract with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) for public outreach. Adult education events has been added through service clubs, as wells as a 3-D model created for the children. Valley District's service area is covered and local water agencies are represented. The IERCD may also be interested in obtaining additional partners. Kip Sturgeon suggested that Mandy Parks present the outreach package to the Association. She is scheduled to make a presentation to retailers at the Basin Technical Advisory Committee (BTAC) Conservation Committee.
- Valley District acquired a city park in San Bernardino through a Proposition 84 grant. As a result, two additional properties had also been acquired for the purpose of joining nine parcels into one and building the park in a rectangular design. Valley District's Board offered each current tenant three months free rent to facilitate their move, which they gladly accepted.

5. Legislative Update – Manny Aranda reported on the following legislature:

- Only 10% of the current legislature pertains to water, 5% for southern California.
- The ACWA Legislative Committee would meet in October to discuss legislation, with their primary concern being the 2014 water bond, which has been postponed. The bond proposes an additional \$1 Billion more in water supply than any other bond.
- Public review draft of a California Water Plan.
- The San Bernardino County Museum is hosting the Flights of Fancy Conservation and Natural Environment event on November 23, 2013. Mr. Aranda suggested that Ms. Kasten set up a water conservation table. Gil Navarro urged the Association and local water agencies to consider hosting a legislative information conference in San Bernardino County participation among the legislators. The goal would be to explain agency concerns regarding water and to highlight each

agency's annual performance and activities. Mr. Navarro requested that Mr. Headrick provide the Association with all legislative bills currently in session and the final bills that have been signed and approved.

- City of San Bernardino conservation calendars.

Sarah Benoit reported on the anticipated budget and congress's desire to move forward. The budget is focusing on state services and elderly care. Ms. Benoit urged the Association to request a list of frequently asked questions regarding the budget. Ms. Benoit also reported on new staffer, Michael McAdams and that due to pressing issues in Washington, D.C, his schedule is conflicted at this time to meet with local water officials.

6. Other – The Association led a discussion regarding the possibility of the USAWRA being combined with the Valley District's Advisory Commission on Water Policy.

7. Committee Reports & Schedules:

- **Habitat Conservation Plan Committee** – Mr. Headrick reported that there are nine partners participating in the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and that the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District is conducting interviews for the project proponents, which would focus on covered species and zero in on native fish. Mr. Headrick also reported that he met with Leslie McNair with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in their Ontario office to discuss their involvement in the HCP process. Ms. McNair agreed that the state would not play a very active role in the plan or its process, as state listed species would not utilize the same list. The Speckled Dace, Arroyo Chub and Santa Ana Sucker (SAS) all generally live in the same type of habitat. The plan is to get rid of non-native fish through the Habitat Restoration Project. Propostion 84 grant application preparation is currently underway, which would help finance the effort of combining fish restoration with arundo removal (7,000 acres decreased to 2,000 acres), including replanting native plants and the recreation of fish habititat. Arundo consumes up to four times more water than native plants; the removal would prove to be a water supply benefit.
- **Recharge Committee** – Daniel Cozad distributed the montly recharge report and announced the water year ended with 8,000 acre feet of water and water behind the dam is competely gone except for a small puddle. Conservation Disrict staff is currently repairing damages caused to Dike D during recent rain storms. Mr. Cozad also reported 29,000 acre feet of water had been recharged for the entire basin.
- **Basin Technical Advisory Committee** – Tom Crowley expanded on Mr. Cozad's report regarding the 29,000 acre feet of water recharged in the basin. 10,000 to 12,000 acre of water is still available and would be carried over to the 2014 calendar year for use in surface water treatment plants. Mr. Crowley

also reported that updates to the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) are moving forward, as the committee meets weekly to review and discuss each agency's chapter updates. The draft plan may be available in late December 2013, to be presented to participating agency's prospective Boards for consideration and adoption.

- **Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee** – Mr. Cozad reported that the plan to pull stop logs had been abandoned.
- **Santa Ana Sucker Task Force** – Mr. Headrick reported that the Santa Ana Sucker (SAS) litigation is ongoing and the Taskforce is awaiting a hearing date for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The SAS Conservation team is coordinating through the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority's (SAWPA) Santa Ana Riverwalk to determine how habitat has moved via the annual survey of statistical method of population. The HCP would need to identify a method of determining the population.

8. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting – Association By-Laws and election of officers.

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

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.