

# UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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Thursday, January 10, 2013  
9:30 a.m.

## AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes – October 11, 2012, November 8, 2012 and December 13, 2012
3. Update on SBVWMD's Activities Bob Tincher/Sam Fuller
4. Legislative Update Manny Aranda
5. Other
6. 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
7. Additional Items/Comments, Suggestions for Next Meeting
8. Next Meeting – February 14, 2013
9. Adjourn

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# UPPER SANTA ANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

December 13, 2012

PRESENT:

Anthony Araiza, West Valley Water District  
Mark Alvarez, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Skip Wilson, North Fork  
Kip Sturgeon, East Valley Water District  
Sam Fuller, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Cecilia Griego, City of Redlands  
Don Lee, Tetrattech  
Manny Aranda, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District  
George Aguilar, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Steve Copelan, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District  
Jack Nelson, Yucaipa Valley Water District-present  
Mark Bulot, 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. **Approvals of Minutes** – Minutes of the October 11, 2012, November 8, 2012 meetings were deferred to the January meeting, due to the lack of a quorum.
3. **Update on SBVMWD Activities** – Sam Full reported on the following SBVMWD activities:
  - The SBVMWD Board approved the 2013 Basin Management Plan with the goal of recharging 145,000 acre feet of water during the upcoming water year.
  - The SBVMWD Board approved an agreement with Geoscience Support Services regarding new conservation.
  - The SBVMWD Board deferred the January 1, 2013 regular Board meeting to January 8, 2013, as the office is closed in observance of the New Year's holiday.
  - East Branch Extension-The SBVMWD Board will consider a change in the scope of work related to assisting the Department of Water Resources (DWR) with designs for pump motors, with help from consulting services provided by CH2MHill.
  - The SAWPA OWOW Steering committee will review a list of projects to submit to Board for consideration and approval. Tom Crowley remarked that 1/5 of the projects occurred in SBVMWD's service area and offered to provide a list of the projects upon request.

- Forest First Forest Service met with SAWPA and the Advisory Commission on Water Policy regarding the concept of 33% of water is in the Santa Ana River service area. The Forest Service is working with water agencies to preserve and thin the trees to make more water available in the valley. Funds to do the work come from collaboration from water agencies. The goal is to increase the water crop by diverting the water and recharging up to 5%.

**4. Legislative Update** – Manny Aranda reported that Democrats are paying close attention to local water agency reserve funds. It is in the best interest of the water agencies to allocate reserves to specific projects to protect those funds. Mr. Aranda also reported that if water agencies are sending out diverse public notices, it is also necessary to provide the notice in the languages of the demographics they serve. ACWA will assist by providing form letters for customers in your demographics. Mr. Aranda encouraged the Association to meet with elected officials to discuss water related issues.

**5. Other** – No report.

**6. Committee Reports & Schedules:**

- Habitat Conservation Plan Committee – No report.
- Recharge Committee – Mr. Fuller reported that State Water Project water is being recharged at Sweetwater, Badger and Waterman spreading basins from water made available by SBWMWD resulting from the sale of water to Metropolitan Water District. During February 4-18, staff anticipates dewatering parts of the pipeline. The last three pages of SBVMWD’s Resolution 888, rules and regulations for service rates outline how to obtain a discounted rate for direct delivery of water from \$125 per acre ft.
- Basin Technical Advisory Committee-Tom Crowley expanded on the 2012 Regional Management Plan reported on earlier in the meeting. Mr. Crowley also reported on a presentation made by Kathleen Rollings-McDonald from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) regarding a new approach to this round of Municipal Service Reviews (MSR). The method will mimic the model utilized in Orange County. LAFCO is currently negotiating the use of the software for more of a functional process where agencies will provide information for LAFCO to evaluate their service. Financials of the agencies will be a bit more vetted and be a key component than in previous MSRs. The BTAC’s goal is to take on the process as a group to assist Ms. Rollings-McDonald in the Inland Empire area only. Marc Bulot remarked that Daniel Cozad made a presentation to the group regarding interagency cooperation and shared facilities described by LAFCO as an opportunity to assess whether a number of agencies could consolidate at a single point of service. Mr. Crowley also reported on discussions regarding potential recharge in the Cactus Basins.

- Seven Oaks Dam Water Quality Committee-No report.
- Santa Ana Sucker Task Force – Mr. Fuller reported the Santa Ana Sucker Task Force will meet to discuss alternatives for the Task Force to pursue resulting from the decision made by Judge V. Selna regarding the litigation. The Task Force will be reviewing its alternatives including appealing the decision to the District Court of Appeals and beyond that to the United States Supreme Court. The deadline is December 21, 2012.

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

**8. Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. at the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

**9. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.