

SANTA ANA RIVER - MILL CREEK COOPERATIVE WATER PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE 127th MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

July 29, 2019

The 127th Meeting of the Management Committee was called to order by acting Chairperson Daniel Cozad at 9:00 a.m. in the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Board Room, 1630 West Redlands Boulevard, Suite A, Redlands, California.

Members Present

Daniel Cozad	San Bernardino Valley WCD
Bob Martin	Bear Valley Mutual Water Company
David B. Knight	Lugonia Water Company
Cecilia Griego	City of Redlands
Doug Headrick	San Bernardino Valley MWD
John Mura	East Valley Water District/North Fork Water Company
Larry Jacinto	Crafton Water Company
Joe Zoba	Yucaipa Valley Water District

Guests

Richard Corneille	San Bernardino Valley WCD
Athena Monge	San Bernardino Valley WCD
Bob Tincher	San Bernardino Valley MWD
Wen Huang	San Bernardino Valley MWD
T. Milford Harrison	San Bernardino Valley MWD
Sam Fuller	Bear Valley Mutual Water Company
Kevin Watson	City of Redlands
Paul Mariscal	City of Redlands
Chris Boatman	City of Redlands
Ronald Coats	East Valley Water District

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 125TH MEETING ON APRIL 25, 2003 AND
MINUTES OF 126TH MEETING ON APRIL 22, 2019

It was moved by Daniel Cozad and seconded by David Knight to approve the minutes of the 125th Meeting held on April 25, 2003, and 126th Meeting held on April 22, 2019. The motion carried with those present voting in the affirmative.

BIG BEAR WATERMASTER/SAR WATER QUALITY IN-LIEU WATER EXCHANGES/FUTURE OF EXCHANGE OF SAR WATER FOR SWP WATER

Mr. Martin said that Bear Valley Mutual Water Company (Mutual) has entitlements to call upon in-lieu water from Big Bear Municipal Water District (BBMWD) when the Santa Ana River (SAR) is dry through Valley Municipal. This year has been a wet year, but since Southern California Edison (SCE) has been out, it has caused delivery issues for Mutual. The water released from Seven Oaks Dam (SOD) was of degraded quality, and Mutual was unable to utilize it. Mutual has taken water through the state system, and it has been logged under various categories. Mr. Fuller provided handouts to the Committee and reviewed water delivery system via PowerPoint. He discussed the Big Bear Watermaster Committee (BBWM). Mr. Fuller said that there were times when the total flow of the river has not been fully utilized by Mutual. He said that in-lieu water is "Water, which is to be provided pursuant to the physical solution to Mutual by the BBWMD without cost to Mutual in-lieu of releases of lake water." Mr. Fuller said that if Mutual needs more water, they would just call BBWMD unless they did not want to release it from the lake. Under the 1996 agreement, if they did not want to release water from the lake, they would ask San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Valley Municipal) to deliver water to Mutual. Mr. Headrick provided background on the 1977 and 1996 Agreement.

Mr. Fuller said that Mutual had delivered water thru Newport and Tres Logos turnouts when there was water that went to San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (Conservation District) for recharge. Mutual was not fully utilizing the water from the SAR because of the way the system was being operated. Review of the system continued. Mr. Fuller said that under the Exchange Plan Mutual would trade water that is being recharged and exchange water. The Judgment affects the way that BBWM Committee reports in-lieu water or water used by Mutual. The deliveries at Newport and Tres Logos turnouts were counted as in-lieu, and Mutual was forced to purchase additional water. If Mutual could have exchange water, it would not have purchased so much additional water.

UPDATE/EXPANSION OF THE EXCHANGE PLAN

Mr. Martin provided a handout of the BBWM Committee concerns. Mr. Fuller gave a brief history of the Exchange Plan and why it was implemented. Mr. Martin said that Mutual is not recommending a significant change to the Exchange Plan Agreement. It is asking that the map and delivery points be updated. Mr. Fuller said that Mutual used Exhibit B of the Exchange Plan Agreement and added its proposed revisions in blue writing. Mr. Cozad suggested adding the Groundwater Council within the Exchange Plan Agreement. Discussion ensued. Mr. Fuller said that if the proposed revisions are included in the revised agreement that BBMWD could say that the deliveries made to Tres Logos for example in the spring of the year and could be considered exchange water.

EXCHANGE PLAN TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Martin said that a committee needs to be developed to expand on the proposed revisions to something agreeable to all parties. The map in the Exchange Plan document will need to be revised along with exhibit B. Mr. Headrick proposed that a consultant be obtained to keep us on track. The Committee agreed to obtain a consultant and split the cost among Exchange Plan parties and will email information to the Conservation District. Mr. Cozad will work with Mr. Fuller to identify a Scope of Work. Each agency agreed to email Ms. Monge, their assigned representative, and recommended consultant information. The Conservation District will manage the contract and invite BBMWD to attend the Task Force Committee and assign a representative.

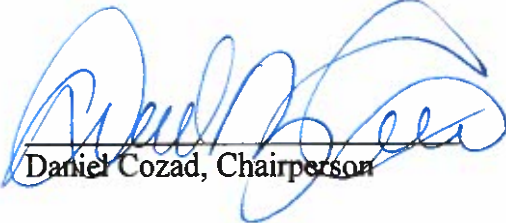
SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for August 27 at 11:00 a.m. at the Conservation District.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Cozad, Chairperson