



SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON WATER POLICY

NOTICE AND AGENDA

7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 30, 2009

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may address the Commission on matters within its jurisdiction.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 29, 2009 Advisory Commission Meeting

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Report on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Activity at Seven Oaks Dam

B. Status of San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's Evaluation of Spreading Basins' Capacity

C. Update on the State Water Project Allocation

D. Discuss Funding Opportunities for Projects Listed in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Through the State's Various Propositions

E. Update on the Salinity Management Workgroup Efforts

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

A. Identify Items for Future Agendas

5. ADJOURNMENT

Mission Statement

"It shall be the function of the Commission to study and make recommendations to the Board on matters of water policy for the District. The Commission shall study such matters of water policy as are submitted to it by the Board for Consideration and may study such other matters of water policy as the Commission deems appropriate."
SBVMWD Ordinance No. 61, July 6, 1987.

**MINUTES
OF
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON WATER POLICY
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

January 29, 2009

Chairperson Corneille called the regular meeting of the Commissioners of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District Advisory Commission on Water Policy to order at 7:06 p.m.

Commissioners and Alternates Present:

Richard Corneille, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Mick Gallagher, City of Redlands
Bernie Titus, City of Riverside
B. Warren Cocke, City of San Bernardino Board of Water
Commissioners
Skip Wilson, East Valley Water District
Kevin Milligan, Meeks & Daley
Karen McHugh, Riverside-Highland Water Company
Denis Kidd, Riverside-Highland Water Company
Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Earl Tillman, West Valley Water District
Alan Dyer, West Valley Water District
Benjamin Kelly, Western Heights Water Company

San Bernardino Valley Directors and Staff Present:

Mark Alvarez, S. B. Valley Municipal Water District
Steve Copelan, S. B. Valley Municipal Water District
Mark Bulot, S. B. Valley Municipal Water District
Randy Van Gelder, S. B. Valley Municipal Water District
Sam Fuller, S. B. Valley Municipal Water District
Bob Tincher, S. B. Valley Municipal Water District
Lillian Hernandez, S. B. Valley Municipal Water District

Agencies and Consultants Present:

Claud Seal, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
Cheryl Tubbs, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Lillian Hernandez, Board Secretary, took roll to determine that a quorum of the Commissioners was present and Chairperson Corneille announced that official business could take place. The meeting proceeded with the following agenda items.

Agenda Item 1. Public Comment. Members of the public may address the Commission on matters within its jurisdiction.

Chairperson Corneille invited any person who so desired to address the Commission. Hearing none, the meeting proceeded with the published agenda items.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes of the November 6, 2008, meeting.

It was moved by B. Warren Cocke to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2008, meeting. It was seconded by Karen McHugh with Mick Gallagher, Bernie Titus, and Earl Tillman abstaining as they were not in attendance. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Agenda Item 3. Presentations.**A. Report on the San Bernardino Lakes and Streams Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study**

Randy Van Gelder gave a report on the Army Corps of Engineers San Bernardino Lakes and Streams Multipurpose Feasibility Study Ecosystem Restoration and Flood Damage Reduction. He reviewed the civil work that the Corps is involved in, ecosystem restoration goals, local sponsors, types of restoration, funding, two-phase study process, feasibility phase, civil works planning process, sponsor's role in the study process, study authority, problems and needs, current activities and scheduled action, points of contact, and the federal funds to date.

Mr. Van Gelder stated that the Corps historically has had approval from Congress to work on navigation problems, flood risk management, disaster response and has recently included ecosystem restoration as one of its activities. He pointed out the boundaries of the project area and stated that the Corps is studying the area as part of mitigation lands and habitat conservation plan known as the Wooley Star Preservation Area. The focus on the area has been expanded to include the Kangaroo Rat and other endangered species as well. The area is part of the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's Wash Plan. Some of the goals of the ecosystem restoration include restoring and improving degraded ecosystems, encourage partnerships and provide cost effective solutions. There are six local sponsors that provide financial support for the project. The sponsors are County of San Bernardino (Parks and Flood Control District), City of Redlands, City of Highland, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District, City of San Bernardino, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. The funding for the ecosystem restoration includes a 100 percent federal funding for reconnaissance, 50/50 percent split for the feasibility study, 65/35 percent split for the design and construction, with the local sponsors paying 100 percent of any operating and maintenance costs for the project. The two-phase study process includes reconnaissance where it is determined whether there is any federal interest that would justify the federal government approving the project and allocating funding for further study. In the feasibility phase a report is produced which becomes the congressional authoring document for construction funds. The sponsors participate in the decision process on the costs and schedules, objectives, site selection, conceptual design, and the contribution of in-kind services. Mr. Van Gelder stated that the local sponsors have collectively negotiated a contract with the Corps to provide in-kind services for their 50 percent share of the feasibility study. Mr. Van Gelder reviewed language that

was included in the study authority which relates to the local area. He reviewed the activities and scheduled action which includes a draft report to be ready in the fall of 2010 with the target project authorization in 2011. Mr. Van Gelder pointed out the contacts for the Phoenix and Los Angeles area. He went over the federal funds to date stating that there was no funding in the FY 2009 budget so the Corps is not going further with the project at this time.

B. Report on the Impacts of the State Water Project Allocation

Randy Van Gelder stated that the Table A allocation remains at 15 percent for all 29 of the State Water Contractors. The District will receive approximately 15,000 acre-feet of water at the 15 percent allocation. The District carried over some of its water from last year for use in 2009. The Board recently authorized participation in the state drought water bank where the District is pursuing the purchase of approximately 4,000 acre-feet of additional water.

C. Update from the Salinity Management Workgroup

Director Bulot reported that a Memorandum of Understanding to Implement the Cooperative Agreement had been agreed to by all involved parties. The next meeting date is April 21, 2009. The Emerging Constituents Workgroup has developed a first draft of the report that is due to the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The final report will be submitted in February. The next meeting of the Emerging Constituents Workgroup will be February 10, 2009.

Agenda Item 4. Future Business

A. Identify Items for Future Agendas

The next meeting date for the Advisory Commission on Water Policy was set for April 30, 2009. There will be a report on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers activity at Seven Oaks Dam, Status of San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District's evaluation of spreading basins' capacity, update on the State Water Project allocation, discussion of funding opportunities for projects listed in the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan through the state's various propositions, and an update on the progress of the Salinity Management Workgroup's efforts.

Agenda Item 5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Corneille adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Hernandez
Board Secretary