

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

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SARFPA Full Agency Minutes

November 16, 2017 at 4:03 p.m.

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District
O C Water District

Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA

Attendance/Attendees:

John Collins, SARFPA Chairman, Mayor, City of Fountain Valley
Jim Ferryman, SARFPA Vice-Chairman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District
Phil Anthony, Director, Orange County Water District
Tara Campbell, Councilwoman, City of Yorba Linda
Barbara Delgleize, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach
Taig Higgins, City of Santa Ana
Nardy Khan, Deputy Director, OC Public Works
Rhonda Shader, Councilwoman, City of Placentia
Keith Linker, City Engineer, City of Anaheim
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
James Tyler, Engineering Manager, OC Public Works
Bruce Whitaker, Mayor, City of Fullerton
Linda Whitaker, Public Attendee
Marwan Youssef, Director of Public Works, City of Westminster
Herbert Nakasone, SARFPA Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Meeting Call to Order by Chairman John Collins at 4:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by City of Yorba Linda Councilwoman, Tara Campbell

3. Approval of September 28, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Prior to calling for the approval of the Minutes, Chairman John Collins requested the title of the Minutes be corrected to read "SARFPA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes" rather than "SARFPA Full Agency Meeting Minutes."

On Motion by Orange County Water District Director, Phil Anthony and Second by Vice-Chairman, Jim Ferrymen, the Minutes were approved subject to the title correction requested by Chairman, John Collins. Tara Campbell, City of

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Yorba Linda, Mayor Bruce Whitaker, City of Fullerton and Councilwoman Rhonda Shader, City of Placentia abstained.

4. Report from Washington DC Advocate Jim McConnell

Jim McConnell called in by telephone and reported the following:

- a. The existing Continuing Resolution will expire on December 8, 2017. It does not appear Congress will be able to develop an omnibus spending Bill for 2018 and another Continuing Resolution appears to be forthcoming.
- b. The existing Continuing Resolution has \$40 million identified in the Energy and Water Bill for the Santa Ana River (SAR) Mainstem and is expected to remain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Work Plan.
- c. The House and Senate have more funding for the Energy and Water projects and there is a chance the USACE will receive more funding for the SAR Mainstem Project if requested by the USACE Los Angeles District.
- d. Jim McConnell requested any handouts provided by County staff during their briefing be sent to him.

5. Report on SAR Mainstem and Westminster Watershed Study:

James Tyler with Orange County Public Works (OCPW) provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the SAR Mainstem Project currently under construction as follows:

- a. BNSF Railroad Bridge Protection Reach 9
Improvements to the BNSF Railroad Bridge in the vicinity of Green River Golf Course began construction in November 2017, with an anticipated completion of April 2022, at an estimated cost of \$51 million. James reminded everyone on the importance of insuring the railway bridge is properly protected from scour and erosion to its piers, since this rail line is the main artery for freight from the Los Angeles and Long Beach Ports to the Mid-West and Eastern cities of the United States.
- b. The Reach 9-Phase 4
This is a soil-cement bank protection project to protect the 91-freeway along the Southerly bank of the SAR upstream from Featherly Regional Park. James indicated this \$15 million project is currently under construction and estimated to be completed in October 2018.
- c. The Reach 9-Phase 5A project is grouted stone and sheet pile bank protection project along the Northerly Bank of the SAR upstream of the Weir Canyon Bridge in the City of Yorba Linda. This \$23 million project has been underway since September 2015, is currently 80 % complete, and Estimated to be done by August 2018.

The Reach 9-5B is a grouted stone bank protection project on the Northerly bank of the SAR immediate upstream and a continuation of Project 5-A. This \$26 million project was awarded after Phase 5A in

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October 2016 and is currently 20% complete. Completion is estimated in July 2020.

d. Prado Dam Land Acquisition Status

The Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) is responsible for land acquisition at Prado Dam. James reported the following on land acquisition at Prado Dam:

Properties acquired:	60	Cost: \$194 million	Acres: 1223
Remaining to be acquired:	163	Cost: \$136 million	Acres: 482

Most large fee acquisitions are of dairy farms while easements are of small parcels needed for flowage easement. Acquisitions proposed in the future are as follows:

FY 17-18	Properties: 16	Acres: 134	Cost: \$37 million
FY 18-19	Properties: 6	Acres: 70	Cost: \$11 million
FY 19-20	Properties: 39	Acres: 90	Cost: \$9 million

e. Construction Features recently completed within Prado Dam Inundation area:

The dike to protect the California Institute for Women (CIW) from inundation behind Prado Dam was recently completed. The CIW is an active operation by the State of California.

Another dike protection project recently completed within the inundation of Prado Dam is the dike to protect the Yorba Slaughter Adobe which is a historical facility.

f. James briefly mention the following construction projects remaining at Prado Dam:

- River Road Dike
- Alcoa Dike
- Norco Bluffs Bank Stabilization
- Prado Dam Spillway.

The construction start of these projects will depend on appropriations of funds from Congress

Westminster Watershed Feasibility Study

James reminded SARFPA members that the Subject Study is being accomplished by the USACE District in Chicago. James indicated OCPW Director, Shane Silsby and County staff were recently briefed by USACE Los Angeles District Commander, Colonel Gibbs and visiting Chicago District Commander, Brigadier General Helmlinger. The purpose of the visit, as reported by James Tyler, was to indicate the USACE's commitment to completing the project study. James provided a handout which listed the following schedule and key milestones on the Westminster Watershed Feasibility Study:

a. Tentative Selected Plan completion scheduled for May 2018.

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- b. OCPW retained Consultant to prepare hydraulic models on the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg (EGGW) Channel and other key channels in the Westminster Watershed.
- c. Regular meeting with USACE Chicago District scheduled twice per month.
- d. Chief's Report is scheduled for completion on May 2020.
- e. Funding Agreement between USACE and OCFCD needed for completion of Alternatives Report.
- f. 10,900 residents and businesses in the cities of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana and Westminster continue paying approximately \$13 million per year in flood insurance premiums.

Nardy Khan of OCPW also reported that County Supervisor Do and OCPW Director Shane Silsby were in Washington D.C. and briefed Congressman Correa and Royce on the importance of funding the Westminster Watershed Study. In addition, Nardy indicated Congressman Graves from the State of Louisiana, who is Chairman of the House Water Resources and Environment Sub-Committee, is visiting Orange County to review the Westminster Watershed. Congressman Graves' Sub-Committee will be the committee selecting projects for inclusion in the Water Resources Development Act to be implemented by the USACE.

James Tyler also distributed Fact Sheets on the SAR Mainstem Project and the Westminster and East Garden Grove Flood Risk Management Study that are being used to brief Congressional Representatives and others who are being introduced to the two major federal projects in Orange County.

6. Public and Representative Comments:

No additional public comments were received.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.