

# *Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency*

## **Executive Director**

Herbert I. Nakasone

## **SARFPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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March 22, 2018 at 4:05 p.m.  
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  
Stacy Berry, Councilwoman, City of Cypress  
Barbara Delgleize, Councilwoman, City of Huntington Beach  
Rebecca Gomez, Councilwoman, City of Tustin  
Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District  
Jim Herdman, Councilman, City of Newport Beach  
Nardy Khan, Deputy Director, OC Public Works  
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District  
Keith Linker, City Engineer, City of Anaheim  
James Tyler, Engineering Manager, OC Public Works  
Herbert Nakasone, SARFPA Executive Director

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### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order at 4:05 p.m. by Chairman John Collins, Mayor, City of Fountain Valley.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Stacy Berry, Councilwoman, City of Cypress.

### **3. Approval of January 25, 2018, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of January 25, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting approved on Motion by Jim Ferryman, SARFPA Vice-Chairman and Director, Orange County Sanitation District, and Second by Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

### **4. Report from Washington DC Advocate Jim McConnell**

Executive Director, Herb Nakasone, indicated that Jim informed him that he would not be available to provide a verbal report over the phone and instead prepared a written report. The written report is included in the meeting

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folder that Executive Director Herb Nakasone summarized for the attendees as follows:

- a. \$40 million is available for the Santa Ana River (SAR) Project for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
- b. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 contains only \$15 million for the SAR which suggests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has questions about the timing and completion of the project. The USACE had requested \$40 million.
- c. Additional construction funding is likely to be added by Congress in each of the Districts of the USACE, subject to the FY 2019 "Work Plan" prepared by the USACE, with approval from OMB, for release in February 2019.
- d. Jim strongly recommends OMB and the USACE be lobbied by the County if it desires to have additional funding added to the SAR Project in FY 2019 via the FY 2019 USACE "Work Plan".
- e. A copy of Jim's report is attached to these Minutes.

## **5. Report on SAR Mainstem and Westminster Watershed Study:**

James Tyler of OC Public Works provided a handout from which he described 1) Construction Projects underway by the USACE Los Angeles District on the SAR Mainstem, 2) Right of Way acquisition behind Prado Dam, and 3) The status of the Westminster Watershed Feasibility Study.

Construction Projects Underway:

- a. Project 1. Work was started in November 2017 on the \$51 million Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad bridge in the vicinity of the Green River Golf Club. This is the largest project currently underway on the SAR. Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is the local sponsor with the USACE on this project. The construction improvement is scheduled for completion in April 2022.
- b. Project 2. The \$15 million soil cement levee embankment protection for the 91 Freeway and accompanying bicycle trail restoration construction underway on the southerly side of the SAR upstream of Featherly Regional Park, identified as Reach 9-Phase 4, is scheduled to be completed by October 2018.
- c. Project 3. This \$23 million grouted stone and sheet pile embankment construction project is designed to stabilize the steep embankment on the northerly edge of the SAR, which is adjacent to businesses and professional offices along Esperanza Road, in the City of Yorba Linda. The project is designated by the USACE as Reach 9-Phase 5A.
- d. Project 4. This \$26 million construction project stabilizes the northerly embankment of the SAR and protects Esperanza Road from major SAR storm flows. Grouted stone slopes along the northerly river's edge, is the design feature used to provide the protection in this reach of the SAR.

Right of Way acquisition at Prado Dam:

James provided information on the remaining properties to be acquired

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Behind Prado Dam and the timeline for the scheduled of acquisitions as follows:

- a. 162 properties remain to be acquired in fee and easements at a cost of \$131 million.
- b. The County plans to acquire the remaining properties in seven phases over the next four to five years.
- c. The County's schedule showed all properties to be acquired by 2021 with the Prado Dam spillway construction beginning in the same year.

Westminster Watershed Feasibility Study (Study):

James Tyler provided a handout with the following information on the Study:

- a. The Study Tentative Selected Plan is now scheduled for completion in July 2018.
- b. Meetings with the USACE Chicago District are held twice a month.
- c. The USACE Chief's Report is scheduled for completion in May 2020.
- d. Possible funding for the local share of the Study may be available through Supplemental Appropriations per HR 1892.
- e. Per the National Flood Insurance Program's annual report, 7,098 residents and businesses within the FEMA 100-year floodplain in the Westminster Watershed, pay over \$11 million in flood insurance premiums per year.

## **6. Report from Executive Director:**

- a. Field Trip of Prado Dam:  
After a brief discussion, the field trip to Prado Dam will be scheduled on Tuesday March 27, 2018 and will depart from the Orange County Water District (OCWD) parking lot at 9:00 AM. The tour of the Dam, property acquisition sites and construction projects underway is expected to take four hours and return to the OCWD at 2:00 p.m.
- b. Proposed 2018-19 SARFPA Budget:  
Executive Director, Herb Nakasone distributed a draft of the proposed 2018-19 SARFPA Budget for review by the Executive Committee. Herb informed the Executive Committee that the proposed Budget will be on the May 24, 2018 Executive Committee meeting agenda, for a vote to recommend approval of the 2018-19 SARFPA Budget to the General Membership meeting on June 28, 2018.
- c. Executive Director Herb Nakasone reported the SARFPA Website which includes past Minutes, the names of the Executive Committee Members, SARFPA Bylaws and other information about SARFPA can be reviewed online at [www.ocflood.com/sarp/sarfpa](http://www.ocflood.com/sarp/sarfpa).

## **7. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.