

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Executive Director

Herbert I. Nakasone

SARFPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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May 24, 2018 at 4:05 p.m.
Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA

Attendance/Attendees:

John Collins, SARFPA Chairman, Councilman, 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
Margie Rice, Councilwoman, City of Westminster
Marwan Youssef, Director of Public Works, City of Westminster
Nardy Khan, Deputy Director, OC Public Works
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Keith Linker, City Engineer, City of Anaheim
Allison Binder, Executive Assistant to Councilwoman Melissa Fox, City of Irvine
James Tyler, Engineering Manager, OC Public Works
Julie Perkins, County of Orange Legislative Affairs
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, Councilman, City of Fountain Valley.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Barbara Delgleize, Councilwoman, City of Huntington Beach.

3. Approval of March 22, 2018, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

John Collins, SARFPA Chairman, requested his title in the Minutes be amended from Mayor to Councilman, City of Fountain Valley. With the amendment requested by John Collins, the Executive Committee Minutes of March 22, 2018 was approved on Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by Margie Rice, Councilwoman, City of Westminster.

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4. Report from Washington DC Advocate Jim McConnell

Jim McConnell called in via telephone from Washington D.C. and reported the following:

Santa Ana River Mainstem Project:

- a. The House and Senate Environment and Water Appropriations Committees have prepared their Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. The House Bill has increased the 2019 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) budget to \$2.323 billion and the Senate Bill has increased its budget to \$2.261 billion. The two house bills will need to negotiate a final bill.
- b. Unfortunately, both the House and Senate Bills for 2019 have only \$15 million for the Santa Ana River Project (SARP) as compared to the \$40 million in FY 2018.
- c. A point was made by Jim that the County now needs to lobby the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and OMB to add additional funding for the SARP in the 2019 Work Plan. The 2019 Work Plan is the document prepared by the USACE and approved by OMB which identifies how the USACE proposes to spend the additional funds appropriated by Congress in its final Budget Bill.
- d. Jim mentioned Congressman Calvert from Corona, who has interest in the property acquisitions behind Prado Dam since the properties are in his district, voiced concern to Jim on the reduced funding on the SARP in the 2019 Budget.

Westminster Watershed Study:

- a. Jim reported it is his understanding that the scheduled for the Tentative Selected Plan (TSP) is now schedule for completion in July of this year.
- b. Once the TSP is completed, it will be reviewed by the USACE Great Lakes and Ohio River Division and the South Pacific Division. These reviews will include Public Hearings and are expected to take 18 months before the Chief's Report, which includes the USACE's recommended project, is finalized sometime in 2020.
- c. Jim's understanding is the USACE will not be able to recommend a 100 year flood protection project as the selected project and negotiations are needed between the County and USACE to formulate the desired 100 level flood protection project.

Nardy Khan of OC Public Works (OCPW) reported that she and other OCPW representatives met with Colonel Risinger of the USACE Chicago District who reports his staff is proceeding on schedule to complete the TSP in July. However, the Colonel did not commit that the TSP would be a 100 level flood protection project.

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5. Report from County of Orange Office of Legislative Affairs:

Julie Perkins, Manager from the County's Office of Legislative Affairs reported that the County's lobbyist Potomac Partners, along with OCPW Director Shane Silsby and Chairman Andrew Do, traveled to Washington D.C. and met with Congressmen Garrett Graves, Sam Graves and Michael McCall on infrastructure reform. The County also had Congressman Michael McCall from Texas, visit Orange County to share his experience on Hurricane Harvey and how the flooding affected the City of Houston. The County is also reviewing the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to determine if infrastructure reforms could be included in the Act.

6. Report on SAR Mainstem and Westminster Watershed Study:

James Tyler of OCPW reported the following on the SARP:

- a. Work on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) bridge in the area of the Green River Golf Course is underway with the contractor using a special excavating device from Germany called Hydromill, which excavates earth for the installation of the new pier protection. The hydromill device allows the excavation and stabilization of the side walls of the excavation at the same time. James mentioned that 75 trains pass over the bridge per day and the rail line is a major facility transporting goods by rail from Southern California to points east. This \$51 million project is expected to be completed in 2022.
- b. Reach 9 Phase 4 is a \$15 million soil cement bank protection project of the 91 freeway and is expected to be completed this year.
- c. The Phase 5A and 5B bank protection projects of Reach 9 are progressing on schedule, with the \$23 million 5A project scheduled for completion this year. The \$26 million 5B project is scheduled for completion in 2020.
- d. Property acquisitions behind Prado Dam continues and is based on a schedule which anticipates all acquisitions by 2021, allowing for the USACE to begin construction on the Prado spillway in 2021.
- e. Three additional projects to protect existing homes and buildings behind Prado Dam are scheduled over the next three years. The Alcoa Dike project is scheduled to start in 2018. The River Road Dike and Norco Bluffs Bank Stabilization projects are scheduled to start in 2020.

James reported the following on the Westminster Watershed Study (Study):

- a. The TSP on the Study is scheduled to be completed in July 2018.
- b. OCPW staff is completing work with its consultant on a new hydraulic model in parallel with USACE Chicago District. OCPW staff has meetings twice per month to receive updates.
- c. Possible supplemental appropriations per HR 1892 may allow \$2.6 million

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funding to cover cost for completing the Study.

After James completed his report, it was determined by the members present That Herb Nakasone will call Ed De Mesa of the USACE LA District to schedule a Presentation to SARFPA on the Study TSP at the July 26, 2018 meeting.

Nardy Khan requested SARFPA provide a letter of support on the Study to the Chairman of the House's Environment and Water Appropriation Committee (EWAC), Congressman, Garrett Graves. Discussion ensued among the Executive Committee members and a Motion was made by Nardy Khan and Second by Barbara Delgleize to have a letter of support from SARFPA to the Chairman of the House's EWAC. The letter will be drafted by Nardy Khan and Herb Nakasone.

7. Report from Executive Director:

Executive Director Herb Nakasone presented the 2018-19 SARFPA Budget to the Executive Committee for its approval to present the Budget to the full membership at the June 28, 2018 meeting. Approval to forward the 2018-19 Budget to the SARFPA membership at the June 28th Full Agency Meeting was Approved on Motion by Margie Rice and Second by Stacy Berry.

8. Public and Representative Comments

No comments were received.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.