

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Executive Director

Herbert I. Nakasone

SARFPA FULL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES

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June 28, 2018 at 4:04 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
Dennis Bilodeau, Representative of Supervisor Nelson
Stacy Berry, Councilwoman, City of Cypress
Barbara Delgleize, Councilwoman, City of Huntington Beach
Kris Beard, Councilman, City of Garden Grove
Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District
Melissa Fox, Councilwoman, City of Irvine
Marwan Youssef, Director of Public Works, City of Westminster
Jeff Herdman, Councilman, City of Newport Beach
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Keith Linker, City Engineer, City of Anaheim
Rhonda Shader, Councilwoman, City of Placentia
Nardy Khan, Deputy Director, OC Public Works
James Tyler, Engineering Manager, OC Public Works
Mary Beth Anderson, OC Public Works
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1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairman John Collins, Councilman, City of Fountain Valley.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of May 24, 2018, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the May 24, 2018 meeting were approved on Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

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4. Report from Washington D.C. Advocate Jim McConnell

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

- a. Jim reported that the 2018 United States Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Construction Work Plan was released, which identified an additional \$21.3 million and \$36.6 million carryover funds for a total of \$57.9 million for the Santa Ana River Mainstem (SARP). With the \$40 million in the 2018 USACE Budget, the USACE Los Angeles District has a total of \$97.9 million in construction funding for the Santa Ana River Project over the next three fiscal years.
- b. Based on previous discussions with the USACE, Jim believes the SARP requires another \$150 million to complete the entire project.
- c. While the 2019 USACE Construction Budget has \$18 million, Jim believes Congress may add 20% additional appropriations to the USACE 2019 Budget.
- d. In regards to the Westminster Watershed Project, Jim believes it is important to remind the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the importance of adding the Westminster project as a new start in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

Discussion:

Nardy Khan of OC Public Works (OCPW) followed up on Jim McConnell's report by reporting on the recent Washington D.C. Trip to lobby for the SARP and the Westminster Watershed Study (Study) by Supervisor Nelson, Chairman Do and Shane Silsby, Director of OCPW. They met with OMB, the USACE and among others; Representative Lowenthal, Representative Correa and Representative Graves (R-LA), who is the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Sub-Committee on Water Resources. On the Study, Nardy reports the County is working on attempting to include in the next WRDA language to allow construction by the USACE of the selected project in the Study.

Discussion among the members also focused on the \$150 million federal funding needed to complete the SARP, along with the property acquisitions by the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) required to allow the USACE to complete construction.

5. Approval of the SARFPA 2018-19 Budget:

After Executive Director Herb Nakasone outlined the proposed SARFPA 2018-19 Budget to members in attendance, the 2018-19 SARFPA Budget with an Annual Membership Dues of \$1,300.00 was approved on Motion by Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District and Second by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District. With fourteen SARFPA

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Representatives in attendance and an affirmative Proxy Ballot mailed to Rebecca Gomez, Councilwoman, City of Tustin, the two-thirds majority vote needed to adopt the 2018-19 SARFPA Budget was met.

6. Selection of the SARFPA Executive Committee for 2018-19:

Executive Director, Herb Nakasone, presided over the election of the 2018-19 Fiscal Year (FY) Executive Committee. Mr. Nakasone explained the Executive Committee consists of eight members with the past Chair serving as one of the eight members. Seven members are selected to serve each FY. The 2017-18 Executive Committee members, all of whom agreed to continue serving in FY 2018-19, if elected. Additional nominations were invited from the floor during the Full Agency Meeting. No additional nominations were made from the floor and on Motion by Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District and Second by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District, the nominations were closed and the following members were selected as the 2018-19 Executive Committee:

John Collins, Councilman, City of Fountain Valley (Past Chairman)
Stacy Berry, Councilwoman, City of Cypress
Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District
Barbara Delgleize, Councilwoman, City of Huntington Beach
Rebecca Gomez, Councilwoman, City of Tustin
Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Nardy Khan, Deputy Director, Orange County Public Works

7. Selection of the SARFPA Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018-19:

Executive Director, Herb Nakasone, presided over the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair. Mr. Nakasone explained the Chair and Vice-Chair are selected from among the Executive Committee members. Based on an informal understanding of the Executive Committee, the Chair and Vice-Chair may serve two consecutive terms.

Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District, was elected as Chairman for FY 2018-19 on Motion by John Collins, Councilman, City of Fountain Valley and Second by Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

Barbara Delgleize, Councilwoman, City of Huntington Beach, was elected as Vice-Chairwoman for FY 2018-19 on Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by Stacy Berry, Councilwoman, City of Cypress.

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8. Report on Santa Ana River Mainstem Project (SARP) and Westminster Watershed Study (Study):

James Tyler of OCPW reported on the status of the SARP using a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- a. The current projects remaining on the Santa Ana River (SAR) are in the area identified as Reach 9 by the USACE. Reach 9 is located in the reach of the SAR between Imperial Highway and Prado Dam. Reach 9 is designed to remain in as natural a state as possible. Consequently, the construction features consist mostly of bank protection along the sides of the river, thereby allowing the river flows to pass through its historic route and stay contained within the banks of the river.
- b. The three remaining construction projects in Reach 9 are the \$51 million Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Bridge protection project; the \$15 million Reach 9 Phase 4 Soil Cement embankment project and the \$49 million Reach 9 Phase 5A and B grouted stone and sheet metal bank protection projects.
- c. At Prado Dam, James Tyler reported that the OCFCD as the Local Sponsor of the SARP, is responsible for property acquisition for the project. The largest number of property acquisitions are at Prado Dam, where the OCFCD has acquired 61 properties at a cost of \$199 million with 207 small parcels and easements remaining to be acquired at a cost of \$131 million. James reported that the OCFCD has the funds necessary to acquire the properties.
- d. The USACE to date has constructed dikes behind Prado Dam to protect the City of Corona Sewer Treatment facility, a State of California Women's Correction facility and a historic adobe facility called the Yorba Slaughter Adobe. The four major projects remaining to be constructed at Prado Dam include the Norco Bluffs Bank Stabilization, the River Road Dike, the Alcoa Dike and the Prado Dam Spillway. Initial funding for these projects will be derived from the \$97.9 million recently appropriated in the 2018 and 2019 Budgets as mentioned in the report by Jim McConnell.

James Tyler reported on the status of the Study using a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- a. The USACE is scheduled to finally present their recommended project on the Study, which they call Tentative Selected Plan (TSP) by the end of July 2018.
- b. The USACE submitted a request for Supplemental Appropriations per HR 1892 to cover the cost of completing the Study, including the OCFCD local share.
- c. James Tyler reminded SARFPA members, the flood control construction projects on the Westminster and East Garden Grove-Wintersburg Channels identified in the Study have the potential for removing \$10 million of annual flood insurance premiums being paid by homeowners in

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the watershed. Chairman John Collins and Councilwoman Barbara Delgleize both indicated the removal of the \$10 million annual flood insurance cost to local homeowners is a major goal of SARFPA members and that message needs to be passed on to the public and our Congressional Representatives.

9. Public and Representative Comments

- a. Executive Director, Herb Nakasone, thanked the SARFPA members in attendance for the large Full Agency Meeting turnout and for approving the 2018-19 Budget.
- b. At the suggestion of the Executive Director, the July 26, 2018 SARFPA Executive Committee Meeting was moved to Thursday, August 23, 2018 at The Orange County Water District Hearing Room. The change in meeting date was recommended to allow the USACE to report on the results of their Westminster Watershed Study.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by Chairman John Collins, Councilman, City of Fountain Valley.