

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

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August 23, 2018 at 4:04 p.m.
Orange County Water District
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA

Attendance/Attendees:

Jim Ferryman, SARFPA Chairman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District
Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Vice-Chairwoman, Councilwoman, City of Huntington Beach
Stacy Berry, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Cypress
John Collins, Councilman, City of Fountain Valley
Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Margie Rice, Councilwoman, City of Westminster
Sandra Massa-Lavitt, Councilwoman, City of Seal Beach
Mark Lewis, Director, Public Works, City of Fountain Valley
Keith Linker, City Engineer, City of Anaheim
William Galvez, City Engineer, City of Santa Ana
David Spitz, City of Seal Beach
Jake Ngo, City of Garden Grove
Mike Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District
Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District
Nardy Khan, Deputy Director, OC Public Works
James Tyler, Engineering Manager, OC Public Works
Penny Lew, OC Public Works
Natalie Medvedev, Office of OC Supervisor Michelle Steel
Arie Dana, Office of OC Supervisor Michelle Steel
Chris Gaarder, Office of OC Supervisor Andrew Do
Colonel Aaron Reisinger, Commander, Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Katarzyna Chelkowska-Risley, Deputy Director, Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mike Padilla, Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Susanne Davis, Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Ed DeMesa, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Raina Fulton, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Stuart Strum, Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairman Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District.

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2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District.

3. Approval of June 28, 2018, Full Agency Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the June 28, 2018 meeting were approved on Motion by John Collins, Councilman, City of Fountain Valley and Second by Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

4. Introductions

Since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) were in attendance to report on Westminster, East Garden Grove Flood Risk Management Study (Study), Chairman Jim Ferryman requested Colonel Reisinger from the USACE Chicago District introduce his staff. Ed DeMesa from the USACE Los Angeles District introduced those present from the Los Angeles District USACE. Chairman Jim Ferryman then requested self-introductions of SARFPA members and others who were in attendance. The attendees list above identifies those individuals present at the meeting.

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

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

- a. Jim reported the appropriations process for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 has been smoother this year than in past years with the USACE expecting to receive 100 to 150 million dollars for the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project (SARP), allowing the USACE Los Angeles District to move forward in completing SARP. Jim also reported optimism in having the FY 2019 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill pass prior to the beginning of the FY.

6. Westminster Watershed Study Results

The USACE provided a PowerPoint summary presentation on their study, entitled "Westminster, East Garden Grove Flood Risk Management Study" (Study), a copy which is attached. The key points of the presentation, as reported by the USACE lead presenter, Mike Padilla are as follows:

- a. The Tentative Selected Plan (TSP) or USACE supported Plan does not provide the 100 year level of protection desired and is estimated to cost \$930 million. The Locally Preferred Plan (LPP) with a 100 year level of protection has a higher cost of \$1.32 billion, the difference of which will be the Local Sponsor or County's cost to fund.

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- b. The Study's TSP will be release on October 2018 for Public Release.
- c. Public meetings are planned to be scheduled by Orange County Public Works (OCPW) in mid-November.
- d. The USACE plans to have the final or Chief's Report completed between June 2019 and January 2020.
- e. The goal is to have the Study in the 2020 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA 2020) for Construction Authorization.

A question and answer period followed the presentation. Listed below are some of the questions or concerns raised:

- a. How will the difference between the existing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain maps versus the floodplain shown by the USACE Study be addressed?
Answer: OCPW will be addressing the issue.
- b. Were the proposed mitigation sites vetted with the Resources Agencies?
Answer: USACE will be coordinating with Resources Agencies.
- c. Will the County be required to identify its funding capability?
Answer: The County of Orange as the Local Sponsor on a Federal Project is able to self-certify its funding capability.

Chairman Jim Ferryman thanked Colonel Reisinger and his staff for making the trip to Southern California and for providing the briefing to the SARFPA and other interested parties. Several of the City members offered to assist the USACE and County in scheduling Public Meetings in their City facilities on the Study. A copy of the USACE presentation was provided to the Executive Director, Herb Nakasone.

7. Public and Representative Comments

John Collins, Councilman, City of Fountain Valley, requested and received a confirmation that the September 27, 2018 Executive Committee meeting will be held as scheduled.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman Jim Ferryman, Directory, Orange County Sanitation District.