

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Executive Director

Herbert I. Nakasone

SARFPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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City of Tustin
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City of Yorba Linda
County of Orange
Costa Mesa Sanitary District
O C Sanitation District
O C Flood Control District
O C Water District

May 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Attendance/Attendees:

Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Chairwoman, Councilmember, City of Huntington Beach
Stacy Berry, SARFPA Vice-Chairwoman, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Cypress
Steve Faessel, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Anaheim
Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
James Tyler, SARFPA Executive Committee, OC Public Works, Alt. to Supervisor Don Wagner
Patrick Harper, Council Member, City of Fountain Valley
Bruce Whitaker, Mayor, City of Fullerton
Nabil Saba, Public Works Director, City of Santa Ana
Rudy Emami, Public Works Director, City of Anaheim
Stephen Faessel, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Anaheim
Doug Chaffee, Supervisor Fourth District, County of Orange
Peggy Huang, Council Member, City of Yorba Linda
Rob Thompson, Assistant GM, O.C Sanitation District
Johnathan, Hernandez, Director, Orange County Sanitation District
James McConnell, SARFPA's Washington DC Advocate
Bruce Whitaker, Council Member, City of Fullerton
Jordan Brandman, Director, Orange County Water District
Kelly Rowe, Director, Orange County Water District
Marwan Youssef, Public Works Director, City of Westminster
Tara Campbell, Council Member, City of Yorba Linda
Michael Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District
Nardy Khan, Infrastructure Programs, Deputy Director, OC Public Works
Herb Nakasone, SARFPA Executive Director
Pipit Widjaja, Assistant to SARFPA Executive Director
Francisco Barajas, Legislative Coordinator, OC Public Works
Penny Lew, Flood Programs, OC Public Works
Catherine Lapid, Flood Programs, OC Public Works
Cathryn Foltz, Flood Programs, OC Public Works
Jennifer Shook, OC Environmental Resources, OC Public Works
Denis Bilodeau, Director, Orange County Water District
Kim Nguyen, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Garden Grove

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1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 4:05 p.m. by Executive Director Herb Nakasone.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Stephen Faessel, Council Member, City of Anaheim.

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3. Approval of January 28, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously on Motion by Bruce Whitaker, Mayor, City of Fullerton and second by Stephen Faessel, Mayor Pro Tem City of Anaheim.

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

Jim McConnell reported the following to the SARFPA Executive committee:

- a. The Presidents proposed 6 trillion Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget was release on May 28, 2021. The Budget is much larger than the usual 3.0-3.5 trillion budget. According to Jim, this is due to the proposed Covid-19 American Rescue Plan. The proposed budget has the County of Orange receiving \$600 million this year and another \$600 million next fiscal year. Jim predicts the Budget will not be adopted by Oct. 1, 2021 requiring Congress to pass Continuing Resolutions to allow the federal government to continue operating.
- b. The proposed Budget has a 10-year \$1.7 trillion infrastructure plan which needs to be approved by Congress. Although the proposed infrastructure funding is uncertain, Jim reports the USACE has sufficient prior fiscal year appropriations to complete the SARP.
- c. Jim also reports he believes the Westminster Project will be favorably received since the County will be contributing 3 times as much as the federal government, which is scheduled to fund 25-30 percent of the project, and receive credit for the entire project.
- d. Jim suggested the County pursue the OMB for funding the Westminster Project beyond FY 22 since the key for the funding the Westminster Project is to secure initial funding for a "New Start".

5. Proposed SARFPA FY 21-22 Budget (attached) - Executive Director:

Executive Director Herb Nakasone presented a proposed SARFPA Budget for FY 21-22. Herb indicated the Executive Committee's role is to recommend a Budget for consideration by the entire SARFPA membership at the June Agency Meeting. A two thirds majority is needed to approve the Budget. Executive Director Herb Nakasone recommended the Executive Committee approve the FY 21-22 Budget of \$30,191.00 as presented with the Annual Membership Dues remaining at \$1,300.00 and recommend its adoption by the SARFPA membership.

The proposed SARFPA FY 21-22 Budget was approved by the Executive Committee as submitted on a Motion by Barbara Delgleize, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Huntington Beach and Second by James Tyler, Alternate Representative of Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner and recommended its adoption by the SARFPPA membership.

6. Proposed reinstatement /election of existing Executive Committee for FY 21-22: Executive Director:

The Executive Director reported previous Executive Committees have been serving for two terms and is recommending the reinstatement and election of the existing FY

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20-21 Executive Committee for FY 21-22 including the reinstatement and election of Barbara Delgleize as Chairwoman and Stacy Berry as Vice-Chairwoman.

On a Motion by Cathy Green, First Vice-President, Orange County Water District and Second by Steve Faessel, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Anaheim, the existing FY 20-21 Executive Committee along with Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize and Vice-Chairwoman Stacy Berry were recommended by the Executive Committee for reinstatement/election for FY 21-22 by the SARFPA membership.

Recommended Executive Committee:

Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Chairwoman and Mayor Pro-Tem City of Huntington Beach

Stacy Berry, SARFPA Vice-Chairwoman and Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Cypress

Steve Faessel, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Anaheim

Patrick Harper, Council Member, City of Fountain Valley

James Tyler, OC Public Works, Alternate for Supervisor Don Wagner

Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District

Cathy Green, Second Vice President, Orange County Water District

Executive Director Herb Nakasone reported SARFPA By-Laws allow for eight members to serve on the Executive Committee. The current Executive Committee has seven members. Herb indicated nominating an 8th member by the Executive Committee is an option at the June Agency Meeting and asked the existing Executive committee members to submit nominations to the Executive Director.

7. Report from O.C. Public Works on Santa Ana River Mainstem Project Status:

James Tyler of OC Public Works provided the following report via a Power Point presentation on the Santa Ana River Mainstem:

- a. The overall Santa Ana River Project (SARP) schedule has been extended due to design changes on the Prado Dam Spillway. The Prado Dam spillway is now scheduled to begin construction in FY 23 with completion in FY 25.
- b. The Atchson Topika & Santa Fe (AT&SF) bridge modification project was recently completed with a ribbon cutting ceremony occurring on May 27, 2021.
- c. The following Reach 9 bank protection project status are as follows:
 - Reach 9 Phase 4 Project completed.
 - Reach 9 Phase 5a Bank Protection Project completed
 - Reach 9 Phase 5b Bank Protection Project: USACE released the original contractor and has recently award a construction contract to a new contractor. The \$22.5 million project is scheduled for completion in May 2022.
- d. Property acquisition status at Prado Dam are as follows:

Remaining properties to be acquired	_____	255
Properties deleted for acquisition	_____	194
Properties remaining to be acquired	_____	51

The appraisals of the remaining acquisitions are currently underway
- e. The status of the remaining construction projects at Prado Dam are as follows:
 - Alcoa Dike Project Phase 1 - completed
 - Alcoa Dike Project Phase 2 - scheduled for completion FY 2021
 - Norco Bluffs Project - Construction contract award scheduled for FY 2021
 - River Road Project - Construction contract award scheduled for FY 2021

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8. Report from O.C. Public Works on Westminster Watershed Project Status by Penny Lew, OC Public Works Engineer and Francisco Barajas, OC Public Works Legislative Coordinator as follow:

- a. Recognizing one of the main purposes of the Westminster Project (Project) is to remove the current 100-year floodplain by reducing the flood risk in the watershed, Penny Lew provided a table identifying the cities of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Santa Ana, Seal Beach and Westminster with a total of 5,471 homeowners who are required to have mandatory flood insurance policies with yearly premiums totaling over \$9 million.
- b. Penny reported the Westminster Project Report has been identified for implementation by the USACE and included in the Water Resources Development Act(WRDA) of 2020 which now allows Congress to consider funding the Projects through the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriation process.
- c. The County Public Works Legislative Coordinator, Francisco Barajas reported that the USACE has indicated they need \$500,000 to be included in their Work Plan for FY 2022 for the purpose of preparing a Planning Engineering Report (PED) which would include an Engineering Design along with Construction cost estimate of the Westminster Project.
- d. The result of the USACE requirement to include the cost to prepare the PED in the USACE FY 2022 Work Plan means the USACE must first complete the PED before Congress could consider appropriations for the Project and will delayed funding a New Start at least until FY 2023 or 2024.
- e. In regards State Subvention Legislation, Francisco Barajas of OC Public Works reports AB 781 sponsored by Assemblyman Tom Daly was passed by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- f. Penny reported the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) is scheduled to begin construction improvements to bridges crossing the East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel at Warner Avenue, Springdale Street and Edwards Avenue to allow for the channel expansion under the bridges. The OCFCD also received approval from the County Board of Supervisors to implement improvements to segments of the East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel in its Seven Year Construction Program.
- g. In regard to City of Fountain Valley Council Member Patrick Harper's question regarding the amount of State Subvention funding available for the Westminster Project, Francisco reported the State Subvention Program is a reimbursement program that allows the County to receive 70% of its expenditures of the federal approved funding on the Westminster Project. The limit on funding is determined by the amount of funding provided by the State Legislature.
- h. Francisco Barajas also reported the County is seeking additional funding for the Westminster Project from proposed State funding for drought related water projects through State Senator Umberg's office.

9. Report from Executive Director Herb Nakasone:

- a. Executive Director Herb Nakasone reported the USACE is scheduled to provide an informational briefing on the Santiago Creek Project on June 3, 2021 at the Orange County Water District (OCWD) Hearing Room. The briefing will be a live briefing with the attendees observing Covid-19 protocol. A letter will be

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delivered by email to all SARFPA members regarding the scheduled briefing and phone calls made to the cities of Santa Ana, Orange and Villa Park which are most impacted by the project.

- b. Herb also reported the State Subvention AB 781 Legislation sponsored by State Assemblyman Tom Daly is moving nicely through the various State Assembly Committees and per County Legislative Coordinator Francisco Rojas, meetings with State or Federal Representatives are not anticipate at this time.

10. Public and Representative Comments:

No comments were received.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

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