

# *Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency*

## **Executive Director**

Herbert I. Nakasone

## **SARFPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **Members**

City of Anaheim  
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County of Orange  
Costa Mesa Sanitary District  
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O C Water District

May 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Executive Committee Meeting

### **Attendance/Attendees:**

Jim Ferryman, SARFPA Chairman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District  
Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Vice-Chairwoman, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach  
Stacy Berry, Council Member, City of Cypress  
Steve Faessel, Council Member, City of Anaheim  
Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District  
Pamela Galera, City of Anaheim  
William Galves, City Engineer, City of Santa Ana  
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District  
Ronda Shader, Mayor, City of Placentia  
James Tyler, OC Public Works Engineering Manager, Alternate to Supervisor Donald Wagner  
Jim McConnell, SARFPA's Washington DC Advocate  
Kelly Rowe, Director, Orange County Water District  
Herb Nakasone, SARFPA Executive Director

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

Meeting Called to Order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Ferryman, Orange County Sanitation District.

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

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

#### **3. Approval of January 23, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes of the January 23, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting were approved on a Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by Art Perry, Director Costa Mesa Sanitary District.

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

Jim McConnell delivered his report via Zoom as follows:

- a. The Chief's Report (final report) on the Westminster Study is scheduled to be completed by June 2020.
- b. A Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Bill is on track to be accomplished in 2020, by the House of Representative Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The Committee is expected to have a WRDA bill by July 2020. Representative Rouda is working closely with the Committee to have the Westminster Project included in the WRDA bill.

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- c. Jim indicated once the Westminster Project is included in WRDA, the next challenge for the County of Orange is to convince the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to include the Project as a new start in an Appropriation Bill.
- d. In regard to the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project the US Army Corps of Engineers will have sufficient funding for its current projects in FY 20-21.
- e. In response to a question from Kelly Rowe on the possibility of including flood control projects as part of the Covid-19 Bills, Jim indicated this is a possibility and likewise the possibility exist that Water Resources Bill may carry Covid-19 projects. Jim indicated Congress is appropriating a significant amount of funding for Covid-19 features, and that the Water Resources Projects being smaller in cost will benefit from Covid-19 funding legislation.

## **5. Review and Recommend SARFPA FY 20-21 Budget:**

Executive Director, Herb Nakasone presented and provided a summary of the proposed Budget which totaled \$36, 614.00 with the Annual Membership Dues of \$1,300.00. The Recommended SARFPA FY 20-21 Budget to be presented at the June 25, 2020 General Meeting was approved by the Executive Committee on Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by Barbara Delgleize, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach.

## **6. Nomination of FY 20-21 Officers and Executive Committee:**

- a. Current Vice-Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize was nominated for the FY 20-21 Chairwoman on Motion by Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District and Second by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District. Stacy Berry, Councilwoman, City of Cypress was nominated for the FY 20-21 Vice-Chairwoman on Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by Barbara Delgleize, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach.
- b. Nomination of FY 20-21 Executive Committee: On Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by Barbara Delgleize, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach, the following eight SARFPA member were nominated for the 20-21 SARFPA Executive Committee:
  - Barbara Delgleize, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach
  - Stacy Berry, Council Member, City of Cypress
  - Jim Ferryman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District
  - Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District
  - Steve Faessel, Council Member, City of Anaheim
  - Patrick Harper, Council Member, City of Fountain Valley
  - Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
  - James Tyler, OC Public Works Manager, Alternate to Supervisor Donald Wagner

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## 7. Santa Ana River Mainstem Construction Status and Westminster Watershed Study

### **Santa Ana River Mainstem:**

James Tyler, OC Public Works Manager and SARFPA Executive Committee Member, had good news to report on the Santa Ana River funding from the US Army Corps of Engineer (USACE). James reported the USACE had received increased supplemental funding for a total of \$613 million from the previous total of \$160 million. The supplemental funding is estimate to cover the remaining funds necessary to complete the Santa Ana River Project except for the Santiago Creek Feature. In addition, the Supplemental Funding is expected to cover the Local Sponsors cost for \$175 million of the remaining real estate acquisitions and \$125 million of relocation cost. Based on the current funding on the Santa Ana River, the work on the Prado Dam Spillway is scheduled for construction start in 2021. In addition, funds have been identified for further study on the Santiago Creek Feature.

### **Westminster Study:**

James reported the USACE Westminster Final Chief's Report per his information is scheduled from completion on June 16, 2020. The Report will be completed in time for its submittal into the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). James also indicated Section 7001 of WRDA allows for the submittal of projects finalized by the USACE into WRDA any time prior to Congress finalizing WRDA.

### **Questions by members:**

Jim Ferryman asked James what percentage of real estate acquisitions remain at Prado Dam:

James did not have an accurate percentage but responded by reporting that approximately 180 small parcels from a total of 255 parcels were being consider for removal from acquisition due to the small nature of the acquisition on slopes of single-family parcels. In addition, James indicated 47 parcels are scheduled for acquisition in the coming year.

Kelly Rowe indicated he was interested in determining how the Orange County Water District (OCWD) could include water recharge features in the Santiago Creek project and was interested in determining if additional studies besides the 1999 USACE report had been prepared. James reported he was not aware of any additional reports on Santiago Creek and indicated the project was put on hold by the USACE due to opposition by residence on the lower reaches of Santiago Creek in the City of Santa Ana. James indicated the USACE will be performing a study on Santiago Creek to determine how best to proceed with a project. James, in response to Kelly Rowe's comments on joint projects with the OCWD reported the County has been and will continue to keep the OCWD informed on the discussions with the USACE on improvements proposed on the Santiago Creek feature.

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## 8. Public and Representative Comments

No comments received.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting on Zoom was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. by SARFPA Executive Director, Herb Nakasone.

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