

# *Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency*

## **Executive Director**

Herbert I. Nakasone

## **SARFPA SEMI-ANNUAL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES**

### **Members**

City of Anaheim  
City of Buena Park  
City of Cypress  
City of Fountain Valley  
City of Fullerton  
City of Garden Grove  
City of Huntington Beach  
City of Irvine  
City of Newport Beach  
City of Orange  
City of Placentia  
City of Santa Ana  
City of Seal Beach  
City of Stanton  
City of Tustin  
City of Westminster  
City of Yorba Linda  
County of Orange  
Costa Mesa Sanitary District  
O C Sanitation District  
O C Flood Control District  
O C Water District

June 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

### **Attendance/Attendees:**

Jim Ferryman: SARFPA Chairman, Director Orange County Sanitation District  
Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Vice-Chair, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach  
Stacy Berry, Council Member, City of Cypress  
George Brietgam, Council Member, City of Garden Grove  
Art Brown, Council Member, City of Buena Park  
Steve Faessel, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Anaheim  
Cathy Green, First Vice-President, Orange County Water District  
Patrick Harper, Council Member, City of Fountain Valley  
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District  
William Galvez, City Engineer, City of Santa Ana  
James Tyler, Engineering Manager, OC Public Works  
Marwan Youssef, Public Works Director, City of Westminster  
Jordon Bradman, Director, Orange County Water District  
Cathryn Foltz, OC Public Works  
Pamela Galera, Planning, City of Anaheim  
Kelly Rowe, Director, Orange County Water District  
James McConnell, Washington DC Advocate  
Herb Nakasone, Director, Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

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

Meeting Called to Order at 4:08 p.m. by Executive Director Herb Nakasone.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Executive Director Herb Nakasone.

#### **3. Approval of May 28, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes of the May 28, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting approved on a Motion by Steve Faessel, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Anaheim and Second by Cathy Green, First Vice-President, Orange County Water District.

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

Jim McConnell delivered his report via Zoom as follows:

- a. Jim reported the House of Representatives were in session via virtual meetings and expects to be in session thru the month of July after the 4th of July break.
- b. According to Jim, the Senate has marked up a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Bill and has a place holder for the Westminster

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Project awaiting the completion of the Report by the Corps. The Corps has indicated, according to Jim, that the completion originally June 16, 2020 completion date has been slightly delayed and should be approved soon.

- c. The House of Representative" markup" of the WRDA Bill is uncertain at this time as the House is focusing on completing the 12 Annual Appropriation Bills and hopes to complete a House WRDA Bill upon returning after Labor Day.
- d. As far as the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project, Jim reports sufficient funding have been approved for the continual support of the LA District Corps of Engineers construction schedule.
- e. Jim indicated upon the insertion of the Westminster Project in the WARDA Bill, the County of Orange will need to proceed to obtain the Approval of the Office of Management and Budget to include the Westminster Project as a New Construction Project in order to receive construction funding from Congress for a "new start" which will require a concerted lobbying effort by the County of Orange.

## 5. **Approval of SARFPA's FY Budget as recommended by the Executive Committee:**

Executive Director Herb Nakasone presented the FY 20-21 SARFPA Budget of \$30,850.00 as recommended by the Executive Committee to the members present at the ZOOM meeting and indicated the FY 20-21 Budget was identical to the current fiscal year with no expect changes to expenditures in FY 20-21. The SARFPA yearly dues of \$1,300.00 is also to remain the same. On a Motion by Cathy Green, First Vice-President, Orange County Water District and Second by Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District, the Budget was approved.

## 6. **Election of Officers and Executive Committee:**

- a. The election of FY 20-21 SARFPA Chairman and Vice- Chairman was administered by Executive Director Herb Nakasone. The Executive Director reported the Executive Committee nominated Barbara Delgleize, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach for SARFPA's FY 20-21 Chairwoman and Stacy Berry, Council Member, City of Cypress as the Vice Chairwoman at its May 28, 2020 meeting.

A call for additional nominations by all members present was requested by Executive Director, Herb Nakasone. No additional nominations were made by members present. With no additional nominations forthcoming, the Executive Director declared nominations closed and requested a Motion to elect Barbara Delgleize as the new Chairwoman and Stacy Berry as the Vice-Chairwoman. On Motion by Jim Ferryman, SARFPA Chairman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District and Second by Cathy Green, First Vice-President, Orange County Water District, Barbara Delgleize, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach and Stacy Berry, Council Member, City of Cypress, were elected as SARFPA FY 20-21 Chairwoman and Vice-Chairwoman respectively.

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- b. The election of the FY 20-21 Executive Board was also administered by Executive Director Herb Nakasone.

Executive Director, Herb Nakasone, explained that the SARFPA By-Laws states the Chairwoman, Vice-Chairwoman along with the past Chairman automatically serves on the eight member Executive Committee. The remaining five existing positions are up for election.

The Executive Director reported the existing Executive Committee nominated all of the current Executive Committee members listed below to serve on the SARFPA FY 20-21 Executive Committee.

A call for additional nominations by members present was requested by Executive Director Herb Nakasone. No additional nominations were made by members present. With no additional nominations forthcoming, the Executive Director declared nominations closed for the positions on the Executive Committee and requested a Motion to declare the individuals listed below as the FY 2021 Executive Committee. On a Motion made by Barbara Delgleize, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach and Second by Jim Ferryman, SARFPA Chairman, Director Orange County Sanitation District, the individuals listed below were elected as the FY 20-21 SARFPA Executive Committee:

#### **SARFPA 20-21 Executive Committee:**

- Barbara Delgleize, Chairwoman, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach
- Stacy Berry, Vice-Chairwoman, Council Member, City of Cypress
- Jim Ferryman, Past Chairman, Director, Orange County Sanitation District
- Steve Fassel, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Anaheim
- Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District
- Patrick Harper, Council Member, City of Fountain Valley
- Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
- James Tyler, OC Public Works Manager (Alt to Supervisor Don Wagner)

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

James Tyler, Engineering Manager, OC Public Works provided a Power Point presentation covering the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project status and an update on the Westminster Study as follows:

#### **Santa Ana River Mainstem Project**

- a. Supplemental funding by Congress significantly increased the Santa Ana Mainstem funding to \$613 million to complete the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project except for the Santiago Creek Project on the lower Santa Ana River in Orange County. The increase in funding allows for the reimbursement to Orange County for the \$296 million needed to purchase all of the remaining Rights-of-Way to Prado Dam. The Project Cooperation

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Agreement (PCA) on the Santa Ana River and the Local Cooperation Agreement (PCA) on the Separable Prado Dam will be amended to reflect the changes proposed.

- b. The remaining construction projects at Prado Dam such as the Spillway improvements along with the Alcoa Dike, the River Road Dike, and the Norco Bluffs projects are scheduled to be awarded in FY 2021. The Spillway improvements are anticipated to be completed by FY 24.
- c. In the Santa Ana River between Weir Canyon and Prado Dam (Reach 9), The AT&SF Railroad Bridge abutment protection project is underway and anticipated to be completed in December 2020. Riverside County Flood Control District is the Local Sponsor with the USACE on this project but the land under the bridge is owned by the Orange County Flood Control District which is part of the Green River Golf Course.
- d. James Tyler used his Power Point presentation to show pictures of the ATSF Bridge project along with the completed embankment protection projects in Reach 9, Phase 4 (\$15 million) on the Southerly side of the Santa Ana River, the \$23 million Reach 9 Phase 5A embankment project on the Northerly side of the Santa Ana River in the City of Yorba Linda. The Reach 9, Phase 5B embankment project adjacent and upstream of Phase 5A has been delayed due to the USACE having to retain a new contractor to complete the \$26 million Project due to the inability of the original contractor to complete the project.
- e. As reported by James Tyler earlier, the County of Orange is proceeding with property acquisitions at Prado Dam with discussions underway with the USACE to eliminate 182 easement acquisitions from a total of 255 flood easement from mostly single-family properties. This approach will allow the County of Orange to proceed with the completion of the needed flood easement acquisitions to meet the schedule for the start of the spillway improvements.
- f. Kelly Rowe asked if the floodplain identified due to the raising of Prado Dam will result in a FEMA designation to which James Tyler indicated he would look into the matter.

## **Westminster Study:**

James Tyler used a Power Point presentation to report on the status of the Westminster Study as follows:

- a. James reported the Study is proceeding for approval of Chief's report by the USACE originally schedule for June 24, 2020 and now delayed to July 6, 2020.
- b. James reiterated the purpose of the Westminster project is the removal of the existing 100-year floodplains in the Westminster watershed by adoption of the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPP) identified in the Report.
- c. The next step in the process is to have the Project as identified in the Chief's Report to be included by Congress in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).
- d. Also needed is an MOU with the USACE to allow the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) to receive credit for its early construction of features in the LPP Project towards its mandatory contribution of the total project cost as outline in the agreement on the Westminster Project with the USACE.

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James identified the OCFCD projects the County intends to construct as follows:

- East Garden Grove Wintersberg Channel-Warner Ave. to Golden West
- East Garden Grove Wintersberg Channel-Confluence with C06 to Beach Blvd.
- East Garden Grove Wintersberg Channel-Beach Blvd. to Woodruff

## **8. Public and Representative Comments**

- a. Stacy Berry, Council Member City of Cypress asked if the Covid-19 had an impact on the SARP projects? James Tyler indicated the ATSF railroad bridge abutment improvements was delayed for about a week when a person on the Project tested positive. The impact on the ATSF Railroad Bridge and the Santa Ana River Mainstem so far has been minimal.
- b. Patrick Harper, Council Member, City of Fountain Valley asked if portions of the existing flood plain could be removed when early segments of the Westminster project are constructed by the OCFCD.  
James Tyler indicated he could not indicate for certain if existing portions of the floodplain could be removed but indicated County staff would be reviewing the possibility.
- c. George Brietigam, Council Member, City of Garden Grove asked if any property acquisitions are needed to construct any portions of the Westminster Project. James Tyler reported he was not absolutely certain acquisitions were needed but indicated the Flood Control District would need to obtain all property rights before it could award a contract. Executive Director Herb Nakasone reported he believed the County and USACE Staff reported during the Public Meetings that the Project's intent was to utilize existing Flood Control District rights of way.
- d. Executive Director Herb Nakasone suggest the July 23, 2020 Executive Committee be cancelled since a field trip normally schedule in July will not be appropriate due to Covid-19 and information on the Santa Ana River and Westminster Project is not expected until September. All concurred to cancel the July 23, 2020 SARFPA Executive Committee Meeting.
- e. Steve Faessel, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Anaheim, suggested our Chairwoman adjourned the Meeting in Honor of James Ferryman's son Ryan.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting on Zoom was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. by Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize in memory of James Ferryman's son Ryan.

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