

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Executive Director

Herbert I. Nakasone

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January 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Attendance/Attendees:

Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Chairwoman, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Huntington Beach
Patrick Harper, SARFPA Vice-Chairman, Council Member, City of Fountain Valley
Stephen Faessel, SARFPA Executive committee, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Anaheim
Cathy Green, SARFPA Executive Committee, First Vice President, Orange County Water District
Bruce Whitaker, SARFPA Executive Committee, Mayor, City of Fullerton
James Tyler, SARFPA Executive Committee, OC Public Works, Alt. to Supervisor Don Wagner
Jon Peat, Mayor, City of Cypress
Jonathan Hernandez, Director, OC Sanitation District, Council Member, City of Santa Ana
Rhonda Bolton, Councilwoman, City of Huntington Beach
Nabil Saba, Public Works Director, City of Santa Ana
Kelly Rowe, Director, Orange County Water District
Kevin O'Toole, Orange County Water District
Gloria Ma'ae, Council Member, City of Anaheim
Nelida Mendoza, Council Member, City of Santa Ana
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Mike Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District
Jennifer Shook, OC Environmental Resources, OC Public Works
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1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rhonda Bolton, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach.

3. Approval of November 18, 2021 Full Agency Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Zoom Agency Meeting were unanimously approved on Motion by Jon Peat, Mayor, City of Cypress and Second by Cathy Green, First Vice President, Orange County Water.

4. Santa Ana River Mainstem and Westminster Project Status:

OC Public Works Flood Programs Manager James Tyler provided an update of the

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Santa Ana River Mainstem Project as outlined below:

- a. An overview of the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project included a summary of the project as a joint effort between the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD), the Riverside Flood Control District, the San Bernardino Flood Control District and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE). The OCFCD portion of the overall Project includes Seven Oaks Dam, Prado Dam and the Lower Santa Ana River channel improvements. Seven Oaks Dam is completed, and the Lower Santa Ana River channel improvements have been completed.
- b. The projects at Prado Dam remaining include construction contracts on the River Road Dike, Alcoa Dike and Noro Bluffs Bank Protection and the improvements to the Prado Dam Spillway.
- c. The River Road Dike, the Alcoa Dike and the Norco Bank Protection construction contracts projects have been awarded with completion anticipated in fiscal year 2023. The construction award of the Prado Dam Spillway is scheduled for Fiscal year 2024.
- d. Property acquisitions at Prado Dam remain a high priority with 50 properties yet to be acquired with the goal of acquiring the remaining properties prior to completion of the Prado Dam Spillway improvements.
- e. Construction of a remaining bank protection project on the Northerly Santa Ana Riverbank below Prado Dam in the Reach 9 adjacent the City of Yorba Linda is underway and scheduled for completion by the end of 2022. All remaining bank protection projects between Weir Canyon Road Bridge and Prado Dam, including the ATSF Railroad bridge pier improvements have been completed and awaiting turnover from the USACE.
- f. The Santiago Creek Project improvements in Orange County is the remaining construction project of the SARP currently under design by the USACE Chicago District. The project is undergoing a Design Review Report (DDR) which will identify and confirm the specific design features of the project. This 60% DDR is schedule for completion in the next few weeks and presented to the Local Sponsor and the affected cities.

Note: Nabil Saba, Public Works Director of the City of Santa Ana requested he be included in any update on the DDR by the USACE.

Westminster East Garden Grove Project:

- a. James provided a brief overview of the Westminster Watershed Project by sharing a map depicting the limits of the project and its segments located in the cities of Santa Ana, Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach. The proposed Project is identified by the USACE as a Locally Preferred Alternative requiring the OCFCD to contribute the majority of the funding since the USACE is limited to fund a National Economic Development project that has cost benefit ratio of one or greater. The proposed Locally Preferred Alternative did not have a benefit cost ratio greater than one.
- b. James outlined the proposed Westminster \$1.2 billion project funding arrangement as a \$910 million OCFCD share and \$315 USACE split. The larger OCFCD share is the result of the Locally Preferred Project providing a desired 100 year level of protection as compared with the NED project which has a 25-year level of protection.
- c. James also reported the OCFCD will proceed with construction on elements of the Westminster Project prior to approval from Congress of the Federal funding in the

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hope that the OCFCD will receive credits towards its share of the Federal Project cost. This will allow incremental flood protection to Orange County residents that are adjacent the segments of the East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel that are scheduled for construction by the OCFCD in the next several years.

- d. Francisco Barajas, OC Public Works Legislative Coordinator reported he has been working with the USACE to include \$500,000 in their 2023 Budget to allow them to prepare the Planning Engineering Design(PED) Report for the Westminster Project. The PED report is need for the Office of Management and Budget(OMB) to consider funding the Westminster Project.
- e. The funding of the Westminster Project using the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act was denied requiring the project to seek funding in the traditional budget process through the Water Resources Development Act process.
- f. Francisco also reported AB 781 has been adopted by the State Legislature which authorizes use of State Subvention funding of the Westminster Project subject to appropriations of State Subvention by the legislature.

5. Report from Executive Director Herbert Nakasone:

- a. Herb Nakasone, SARFPA Executive Director reported SARFPA Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Vice-Chairman Patrick Harper, Francisco Barajas, OC Public Works Legislative Coordinator and Herb Nakasone, SARFPA Executive Director met with Congresswoman Steel on December 21, 2021.
- b. As a result of the meeting with Congresswoman Steel, and the assistance from the Congresswoman's staff and Francisco Barajas, the Congresswoman sent letters to the Office of Management and Budget and the USACE requesting inclusion of and funding of the Westminster Project in the Federal Budget. Copies attached.
- c. Herb Nakasone reported newly appointed representatives to SARFPA as follows:
Brad Avery, Council Member, City of Newport Beach,
Andrew Do, First District County Supervisor,
Katrina Foley, Second District County Supervisor,
Gloria Ma'ae Council Member, City of Anaheim
- d. Herb reported the County Auditor has selected EideBailly to perform an audit on SARFPA's government activities and major funding information. The results of the audit will be reported to the Executive Committee upon its completion.

6. Public and Representative Comments: No comments received

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize at 4:44 PM.

Herb Nakasone, Executive Director