

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Executive Director

Herbert I. Nakasone

SARFPA FULL AGENCY MEETING MINUTES

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County of Orange
Costa Mesa Sanitary District
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June 23 , 2022 , at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Attendance/Attendees:

Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Chairwoman, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach
Patrick Harper. SARFPA Vice-Chairman, Mayor, City of Fountain Valley
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
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Jeremy Yamaguchi, Council Member, City of Placentia
Scott Minikus, Council Member, City of Cypress
Tara Campbell, Council Member, City of Yorba Linda
John Kennedy, Orange County Water District
Connor Traut, Mayor, City of Buena Park
Gloria Ma'ae, Council Member, City of Anaheim
Jake Ngo, Public Works Director, City of Westminster
Tri Ta, Mayor, City of Westminster
Kim Constantine, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fountain Valley
Kelly Rowe, Director, Orange County Water District
Nick Anas, Office of Supervisor Foley
Jonathan Hernandez, Director, OC Sanitation District , Council Member, City of Santa Ana
Mike Markus, General Manager, Orange County Water District
Kevin O'Toole, Orange County Water District
Rob Thompson, Assistant General Manager at Orange County Sanitation District
Rhonda Bolton, Council Member, City of Huntington Beach
Pipit Widjaja, OC Public Works
Catherine Lapid, Flood Programs, OC Public Works
Tim Nguyen, Flood Programs, OC Public Works
Penny Lew, Flood Programs, OC Public Works
Francisco Barajas, Flood Programs, OC Public Works
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1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order at 4:02 p.m. by Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Chairwoman, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Patrick Harper, Mayor, City of Fountain Valley.

3. Approve Minutes of March 24, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting-Chairwoman

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Minutes of May 26, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting were approved unanimously on Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by James Tyler, OC Public Works Engineering Manager and Alternate to Orange County Supervisor Donald Wagner.

4. SARFPA Budget Recommendation for FY 22-23

The SARFPA Budget for Fiscal Year 22-23 was unanimously approved on Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District, and Second by Conner Traut, Mayor, City of Buena Park. The approved FY 22-23 SARFPA Budget is included as an attachment to these Minutes.

5. Nominations for FY 22-23 SARFPA Executive Committee Members

The members listed below and recommended by the current Executive Committee were unanimously approved as the FY 22-23 Executive Committee on Motion by Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District and Second by Jeremy Yamaguchi, Council Member, City of Placentia.

Barbara Delgleize, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach

Patrick Harper, Mayor, City of Fountain Valley

Cathy Green, Director, Orange County Water District

Bruce Whitaker, Mayor, City of Fullerton

Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District

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

Gloria Ma'ae, Council Member, City of Anaheim

Rhonda Bolton, Council Member City of Huntington; Term to begin on Jan. 1, 2023

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Per SARFPA's BYLAWS, the SARFPA Chairman and Vice Chairman are selected from among the members of the above Executive Committee.

Patrick Harper was unanimous elected Chairman by the new Executive Committee for FY 22-23 on the recommendation of the past Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach.

Bruce Whitaker, Mayor City of Fullerton was also unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman by the new Executive Committee on the recommendation of the new Chairman, Patrick Harper, Mayor, City of Fountain Valley.

6. Federal and State Legislative Report: Francisco Barajas, OC Public Works Legislative Coordinator

Francisco reported his legislative activities with the State of California involved the successful inclusion of language in the 2023 State Budget Act to allow continuation of the State Subvention Program. Francisco reminded the Executive Committee that the Subvention Program is significant to Orange County since it allows the State to reimburse local sponsors such as the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) involved in federal projects such as the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project for 70% of the local sponsor's project cost.

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On the Federal level, Francisco reported the Bi-Partisan Budget Act provided funding for property acquisition at Prado Dam. The USACE and the OCFCD have entered into an agreement whereby the County will acquire the properties and be reimbursed by the USACE. However, Francisco reported the reimbursement process is taking longer than the County anticipated and he and the OC Public Works staff have been working with the USACE to accelerate the review process needed to approve the reimbursement.

In regards the East Garden Grove Wintersburg (EGGW) project, Francisco reported he and the County's Lobbyist are working on seeking funds to initiate New Construction funding for the Project by bypassing the normal appropriation process.

7. Santa Ana River Mainstem and Westminster Project Status:

James Tyler provided an update of the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project using his usual Power Point slides which identifies the Mainstem Project as a joint project of the Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino County Flood Control Districts and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

James provided an update of the Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) portion of the Mainstem Project which includes Seven Oaks Dam, Prado Dam and the Lower Santa Ana River in Orange County including Santiago Creek. Seven Oaks Dam is completed. The raising of the Prado Dam embankment and the new gated outlet at Prado Dam are completed.

James provided the following updates of the projects underway by the USACE at Prado Dam and the Lower Santa Ana River that are to be maintained by the OCFCD upon their completion:

At Prado Dam, the construction projects underway by the USACE and the expected completed dates are as follows:

- Alcoa Dike to be completed in the fall of 2023
- River Road Dike to be completed in the Fall of 2023
- Norco Bank Stabilization and Protection to be completed in Fall 2024
- Prado Dam Spillway modification to begin in Oct 2024 with 2027 completion

Bank protection projects in the Santa Ana River below Prado Dam and upstream of Weir canyon Road have been completed except for the Reach 9 Phase 4 adjacent the City of Yorba Linda with a completion date of early 2023.

Property acquisition and utility relocation within the Prado Dam is a key element for the Prado Dam Spillway modification and is the responsibility of the OCFCD per the Project Cooperation Agreement between the OCFCD and the USACE. 92 properties have been acquired with 22 remaining. Utility relocations with seven companies including Edison remains to be addressed. Except for the relocations with the Edison Company all the other relocations are moving forward. Discussion between the Edison Company and the OCFCD is underway.

The Santiago Creek Project is located in the Cities of Orange and Santa Ana and within a watershed entirely in Orange County. The Project is undergoing a Detail Design Report which is 95% complete and being prepared by the Chicago District USACE. The

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Project will be scheduled for Public Meetings with the affected communities by Oct 2023.

8. Report from Executive Director Herbert Nakasone:

a. Proposed Amendments to SARFPA Bylaws from County Council:

At the request of Orange County's County Council your Executive Director, Herb Nakasone is having discussion with OC Public Works and County Council staff on the need to update SARFPA's By Laws. The discussions are based on a recent Orange County Board of Supervisors directive to review the By Laws of organizations the Board of Supervisors has jurisdiction over or is responsible for its administration. Part of the initial discussions is the need to clarify the Board of Supervisors role with SARFPA and whether it has jurisdiction and have the authority to change or update SARFPA's By laws
Your Executive Director will report back on the By Laws discussions with County Council and OC Public Works at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

b. Cancel July 28, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting:

By unanimous approval on Motion by Barbara Delgleize, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach and Second by Patrick Harper, Mayor, City of Fountain Valley, the July 28, 2022 Executive Committee meeting has been cancelled.
Based on a suggestion by Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize, the Executive Director is directed to look into the possibility of scheduling a field trip to Prado Dam for the new and existing members who have not had a chance to visit the current construction projects underway at Prado Dam.

9. Public and Representative Comments:

No comments were received from the Public or from SARFPA Representatives present.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chairwoman Barbara Delgleize at 4:45 pm.

Attachment: SARFPA FY 22-23 Budget

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