

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Executive Director

Herbert I. Nakasone

SARFPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Costa Mesa Sanitary District
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O C Flood Control District
O C Water District

September 22 , 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Attendance/Attendees:

Barbara Delgleize, SARFPA Executive Committee, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach
Cathy Green, SARFPA Executive Committee, First Vice President, Orange County Water District
James Tyler, SARFPA Executive Committee, OC Public Works, Alt. to Supervisor Don Wagner
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
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
Nelida Mendoza, Council Member, City of Santa Ana
Nabil Saba, Public Works Director, City of Santa Ana
Jonathan Hernandez, Director, OC Sanitation District , Council Member, City of Santa Ana
Mike Markus, General Manager, 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
Herb Nakasone, Executive 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 Herb Nakasone, SARFPA Executive Director.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Barbara Delgleize, Mayor, City of Huntington Beach.

3. Approve Minutes of June 22, 2022 Full Agency Meeting

Minutes of June 22, 2022 Full Agency Meeting were approved unanimously on Motion by Jonathan Hernandez, Director, Orange County Sanitation District and Second by James Tyler, OC Public Works Engineering Manager and Alternate to Orange County Supervisor Donald Wagner.

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

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In the absence of Francisco Barajas, James Tyler, OC Public Works reported he was not aware of any major legislative changes at the State level regarding the State Subvention Program. In regards Federal activity on the Westminster East Garden Grove Wintersburg Project, James Tyler shared a letter to Lieutenant General Scott A Spillman, Commander USACE and signed by members of the Orange County Congressional Delegation requesting funding for the Westminster Project utilizing Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act funds and possibly by passing the normal Appropriation process and providing the Office of Management and Budget funds for a “New Construction Start”. A copy of the letter is attached to these Minutes.

5. Santa Ana River Mainstem and Westminster Project Status:

James Tyler provided an update on the Santa Ana River Mainstem construction features underway as follows:

- a. Reach 9-Phase 4 Soil Cement bank protection on the southerly side of the Santa Ana River upstream from Featherly Regional Park has been completed for a cost of \$15 million.
- b. Reach 9- Phase 5A and 5B have both been completed and are awaiting to be turned over to the OCFCD by the USACE. Phase 5A cost \$23 million and 5B cost 22.5 million.
- c. The completion of the Reach 9-Phase 4 and Phase 5A and 5B completes the remaining bank protection features in the Santa Ana River Canyon below Prado Dam and allows for the release of 30,000 cfs from Prado Dam’s gated outlet allowing for maximum protection to cities within the Santa Ana River floodplain in Orange County.
- d. Within the Prado Dam inundation area the following three projects are under construction:
 - Alcoa Dike Phase 1 at a cost of \$21.4 million was completed on August 2020. The Phase 2 \$24.5 million project is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2023.
 - Norco Bluffs Bank Stabilization \$29.8 million project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2024.
 - River Road Dike \$9.2 million project is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2023.
- e. A total of 16 major Prado Dam Property Acquisition remains at a cost yet to be determined. The property acquisitions need to be completed before the Spillway improvements can be completed.
- f. The Prado Dam Spillway is currently under design by the USACE and is at the 60 % completion phase.
- g. Utility relocations within the Prado inundation area of 7 utility companies along with Southern California Edison totaling \$150 million are currently being negotiated.

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- h. Santiago Creek improvements between its confluence with the Santa Ana River and Villa Park Road including improvements on an outlet structure at the Orange County Water District Water recharge basin below Villa Park Road, are currently under design by the USACE. One of the design features being considered is a passive reservoir outlet at the Recharge Basin that would not require a manually operated gated structure.

Note: The above status report by James Tyler is a summary prepared by your Executive Director and the Power Point presentation by James Tyler may be provided upon request.

6. Report from Executive Director Herbert Nakasone:

- a. Executive Director Herb Nakasone provide a copy of the proposed amendments to SARFPA's Bylaws as discussed with the County Administrative staff who had requested SARFPA to voluntarily consider additions to our current Bylaws as recommended by County staff. The Executive Committee was informed that since the proposed amendments to these SARFPA Bylaws must first be submitted in writing to the members for consideration and study, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed bylaws shall be acted upon, the proposed Bylaws will be delivered by email thirty (30) days prior to our November 19 Agency Meeting.

- b. Review of Executive Directors Contract:

Executive Director Herb Nakasone informed the Executive Committee of his request for a modification of his contract be submitted to SARFPA members at the Agency meeting on November 17, 2022 to allow for a \$200/ month increase in compensation. The contract modification will also be submitted to SARFPA members thirty (30) days prior to the November 17, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Nakasone will also be submitting a letter explaining the basis for the increase along with his qualifications for continuing as the Executive Director.

- c. Mr. Nakasone reminded everyone in attendance the upcoming Agency meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022.

7. Public and Representative Comments:

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

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Herb Nakasone at 4:55 pm.

Submitted by: Herb Nakasone, Executive Director
Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 20, 2022

Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon
Chief of Engineers and Commanding General
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20314

Dear Lieutenant General Spellmon:

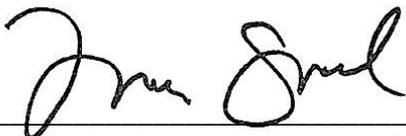
We write you regarding the Westminster-East Garden Grove Flood Risk Management Project and ask for your support of the project as the project significantly impacts our constituents. As you know, urbanization of the Westminster watershed has increased the potential for flood related damages and impacts associated with the overtopping of channel systems during short duration, high intensity rainfall events. Ongoing urbanization has also increased the total amount of impermeable area, resulting in higher volumes of stormwater being directed to flood control channels due to limited infiltration opportunities.

The Westminster-East Garden Grove Flood Risk Management Project was originally authorized in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020. The project was not included in the recently released Fiscal Year 2022 Work Plan for the Army Civil Works program. As such, we request that you utilize the vast resources that the Congress provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to further advance the project in the next round of funding released later this year. Federal funds are needed for the project to help protect individuals and infrastructure.

The project will reduce the risks to life, safety and property from flooding due to current deficiencies along the East Garden Grove-Wintersburg, Westminster and Ocean View Channels, as well as a downstream reach of the Bolsa Chica Channel within 74 square miles of Orange County. Spanning 11 highly urbanized cities, the project area encompasses approximately 40,000 at risk structures, with a potential of up to \$4 billion in damages from a 100-year event, 1 million residents and business owners, U.S. military operations, critical transportation infrastructure, including Interstate 405 connecting Los Angeles and San Diego, and sensitive coastal ecosystems impacted by un-off contaminants.

Thank you for your continued work to address flood concerns across our country and in Southern California. As you continue to review projects for funding provided by the Congress through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, it is imperative you give full consideration to the Westminster-East Garden Grove Flood Risk Management Project, as authorized in WRDA 2020.

Sincerely,



Michelle Steel
Member of Congress



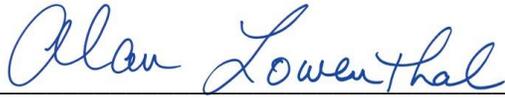
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