

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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September 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance/Attendees:

Pat Burns, Director, Orange County Sanitation District
Art Perry, Director, Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Kathleen Treseder, Council Member, City of Irvine
Cathy Green, President, Orange County Water District
Erik Weigand, Council Member, City of Newport Beach
Keith Linker, City Engineer, City of Anaheim
John Kennedy, General Manager, Orange County Water District
James Tyler, SARFPA Executive Committee, OC Public Works, Alt. to Supervisor Don Wagner
Herb Nakasone, Executive Director, Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency

1. Call to Order

Meeting Call to Order at 4:05 pm by SARFPA Vice Chairman Pat Burns, Director, Orange County Sanitation District

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cathy Green, President, Orange County Water District

3. Approve Minutes of June 27, 2024, Full Agency Meeting

The Minutes of the June 27, 2024 Full Agency Meeting were unanimously approved on a Motion by Pat Burns, Vice Chairman and Representative from the Orange County Sanitation District and Second by Cathy Green, President, Orange County Water District

4. Santa Ana River Mainstem and Westminster Project Status - James Tyler, Flood Programs Manager.

Santa Ana River Mainstem Project:

- a. James reported the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project (SARFP) has the following three construction projects underway behind Dam in the Prado Dam Basin:
 - Norco Bluffs (\$29.7 million)
 - River Road Dike (\$18.1 million)
 - Alcoa Dike-Phase 2 (\$30.8 million)
- b. These three construction projects are scheduled to be completed in 2025. The \$1.35 billion Prado Dam Spillway modifications is currently under design by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and is considering inviting interested construction contractors to include methods of constructing the Prado Dam

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- modifications in their bid proposal. The bid proposals are scheduled in 2025.
- c. Property acquisitions of 113 properties valued at \$390 million behind Prado Dam continues with 112 properties acquired. The last property to be acquired is a large parcel currently under negotiations with the owner.
 - d. Relocation of Edison power lines is currently being negotiated with the Edison Company.
 - e. Property acquisitions and utility relocation underway are required before construction of the spillway can begin.
 - f. An Inspection by the USACE of the completed section of the Santa Ana River in Orange County revealed the need for raising the Santa Ana River Levee in the vicinity of the I-5 freeway and the State Route 22. These improvements will be accomplished by the Orange County Flood Control District in 2025 thru 2026.
 - g. Santiago Creek Improvements in Orange County along with slope protection of the Santiago Water Percolation Basins is also part of the SARP. The project's final Engineering Design Report (EDR) Passive Reservoir Design is scheduled for approval in 2024. The EDR is scheduled for submittal to HQ USACE Change Control Board in January 2025.

Westminster East Garden Grove Project:

James reported no new information was available on the Westminster East Garden Grove Project.

5. Report from Executive Director- Herb Nakasone

- a. Herb reported on the recent Seven Oaks Dam Field trip held on August 7, 2024. The County of Orange provided transportation arranged by James Tyler's staff of Ted Dang and Chris Chan to and from the Seven Oaks Dam located east of the City of Highland in San Bernadino County. Included in the field trip were SARFPA members Bruce Whitaker, Council Member City of Fullerton, Janic Lim, Council Member City of Yorba Linda, Mark Pulone, City Manager, City of Yorba Linda, along with three members from the Huntington Harbor Commission. Dan Worthington from the San Bernardino Flood Control District started the tour by showing a video of the dam under construction at the Dams Visitor's Center and guided the group on a physical tour of the Seven Oaks Dam, which included a drive to the top of the Dam, the Dam's Intake Tower, the Dam's Spillway and the Gates and Outlet Channel deep beneath the Dam. Sandwiches and soft drinks were provided by SARFPA.
- b. Report on SARFPA's Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws. Executive Director Herb Nakasone provided a copy of the SARFPA Bylaws and provided a brief summary on the SARFPA Joint Powers Agreement and its Bylaws as follows.

SARFPA is a Joint Powers Agency formed December 31, 1974 by an Agreement among its members.

PURPOSE:

Disseminate information on the flood hazards potential of the Santa Ana River and feasible plans for mitigating the flood threat.

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To solicit congressional authorization and appropriation for works of improvement.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in the AGENCY is voluntary and, as provided in the AGREEMENT.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the AGENCY.

The Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the SARFPA members on activities related to the Santa Ana River Mainstem Project.

The existing Executive Committee Members indicated a desire to continue supporting the SARFPA organization until such time as the Santa River Mainstem Project is completed.

6. Public and Representative Comments – Vice Chairman

No public members were present and no comments were received from the Representatives.

7. Adjournment – Chairman

Meeting Adjourned by Vice Chairman Pat Burns, Director, OC Sanitation District at 4:50 pm.