



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AND PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC MEETINGS

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19. On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 361 into law. Assembly Bill No. 361 amends Government Code section 54953(e) by adding provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions. The Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Financing Authority adopted a resolution determining, by majority vote, that, as a result of the declared State of Emergency, a meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Accordingly, it has been determined that all meetings of the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District will be held pursuant to the Brown Act and will be conducted via teleconference. There will be no public access to the meeting venue.

MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021 – 8:30 am

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is welcome and encouraged. You may participate in the December 8, 2021, meeting of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Financing Authority online and by telephone as follows:

**Dial-in Info: (877) 853 5247 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 818 8828 6875
PASSCODE: 3802020**

<https://sbvmwd.zoom.us/j/86761399532>

If you are unable to participate online or by telephone, you may also submit your comments and questions in writing for consideration by sending them to comments@sbvmwd.com with the subject line “Public Comment Item #” (insert the agenda item number relevant to your comment) or “Public Comment Non-Agenda Item”. Submit your written comments by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. All public comments will be provided to the Executive Director and may be read into the record or compiled as part of the record.

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTE: Participation in the meeting via the Zoom app is strongly encouraged. Online participants MUST log in with a Zoom account. The Zoom app is a free download. Please keep in mind: (1) This is a public meeting; as such, the virtual meeting information is published on the World Wide Web and available to everyone. (2) Should you participate remotely via telephone, your telephone number will be your “identifier” during the meeting and available to all meeting participants; there is no way to protect your privacy if you elect to call in to the meeting.



Agenda

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED
INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY
380 East Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA 92408

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Any person may may address the Committee on matters within its jurisdiction.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 November 24, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (Page 4)
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4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Overview and Status of the 2021 WIFIA Application

4.2 Discussion Regarding the Watershed Connect Implementation Plan (Page 9)
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4.3 State and Federal Water Infrastructure Funding Update by AECOM

4.4 Discussion on Grant Strategy for the Authority and Funding Progress on the 51% of the Cost Outside of WIFIA

5. REPORTS

5.1 Executive Director

5.2 San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

5.3 San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

5.4 San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

5.5 Yucaipa Valley Water District

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1 Future Meetings (Page 10)
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7. ADJOURNMENT

PLEASE NOTE: Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the District's office located at 380 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, during normal business hours. Also, such documents are available on the District's website at www.sbvmd.com subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting. The District recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to those individuals with disabilities. Please contact Melissa Zoba at (909) 387-9228 two working days prior to the meeting with any special requests for reasonable accommodation.

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY

Regular Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee | November 24, 2021

ROLL CALL

Member Agency	Committee member	Attendance
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Joseph Zoba, Chair	Present
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	Wen Huang, Vice Chair	Present
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District	Katelyn Scholte	Present
San Bernardino Municipal Water Department	Steve Miller	Present

Staff Present	Agency
Anthony Flordelis	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Jose Macedo	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Adekunle Ojo	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Cindy Saks	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Melissa Zoba	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Allison Edmisten	Yucaipa Valley Water District

Others in Attendance:	
Douglas Brown	Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth
Robert Porr	Feldman Rolapp & Associates

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority (USAR WIFA) was called to order by Chair Joseph Zoba at 8:30 a.m. Jose Macedo led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was noted present by roll call.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Zoba invited public comment. There was no comment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 November 10, 2021 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action: The minutes of the November 10, 2021 meeting were approved by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Huang	SECONDED: Miller	APPROVED: 4-0
AYES:	Huang, Miller, Scholte, Zoba	
NOES:		
ABSTAIN:		
ABSENT:		

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Verification of Alternate Technical Advisory Committee Representative Designees

The following members of the TAC were confirmed:

Agency	Member	Name	Title
San Bernardino Municipal Water Department	Primary	Steve Miller	Director of Water Utility
San Bernardino Municipal Water Department	Alternate	Warren Huang	Engineering Manager
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	Primary	Wen Huang	Chief Engineer and Deputy General Manager
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	Alternate	Aaron Jones	Associate Engineer
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District	Primary	Katelyn Scholte	Assistant Engineer
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District	Alternate	Erwin Fogerson	Senior Engineer / Project Manager
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Member	Joseph Zoba	General Manager
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Alternate	Allison Edmisten	Chief Financial Officer

The following subcommittee members were confirmed:

Member Agency	Finance Subcommittee Representative	Environmental Subcommittee Representative
Yucaipa Valley Water District	Allison Edmisten	Jennifer Ares
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	Cynthia Mouser	Jennifer Shepardson
San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District	Daniel Cozad	Katelyn Scholte
San Bernardino Municipal Water Department	Cindy Saks	Joanna Gibson

3.2 Discussion Regarding the Draft Installment Purchase Agreement Reviewed by the Finance Subcommittee

Allison Edmisten advised that the Finance Subcommittee had reviewed the Installment Agreement and had no changes.

Douglas Brown of Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth advised that as negotiations with the EPA progress, there may be some changes necessitated. An individual agreement for each participating entity will be prepared. He explained the importance of starting with a common agreement for the lawyers of the EPA and recommended approval as a form.

In response to a question from Adekunle Ojo, Brown advised that the name of the document should be "Installment Purchase Agreement" as that will be helpful for the EPA lawyers.

Action: The Committee recommended forwarding this item to the USAR WIFIA Board of Directors for consideration by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Miller	SECONDED: Scholte	APPROVED: 4-0
AYES:	Huang, Miller, Scholte, Zoba	
NOES:		
ABSTAIN:		
ABSENT:		

3.3 Discussion Regarding the Draft Debt Management Policy Reviewed by the Finance Subcommittee

Allison Edmisten advised that the Finance Subcommittee had reviewed the Draft Debt Management Policy and detailed the changes as submitted to Chair Zoba.

Robert Porr of Feldman Rolapp & Associates drew attention to the section on holding funds and recommended deletion, as this will be covered by another governing document.

Adekunle Ojo noted that the recommended changes were consistent with his expectations, and he will follow up to assure they are reflected in the version submitted to the Board.

Chair Zoba invited public comment. There was none.

Action: The Committee recommended forwarding this item as amended to the USAR WIFIA Board of Directors for consideration by the following roll-call vote:

MOVED: Huang	SECONDED: Miller	APPROVED: 4-0
AYES:	Huang, Miller, Scholte, Zoba	
NOES:		
ABSTAIN:		
ABSENT:		

3.4 Discussion Regarding the Status of Participating Agencies and Addition of New Members in the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Chair Zoba noted there is question as to status of the participation of the City of Colton, which has projects included in Phase 1. He offered assistance with staff support.

Chair Zoba suggested future discussion on the addition of new members to the Joint Powers Authority. He said he is willing to talk about the program at city council or board meetings. It would be good to make an effort to build the group to potentially fund more projects and include projects in the integrated plan and urban water management plans, he stated.

Adekunle Ojo explained there is still a gap in understanding of the program and the Joint Powers Authority (JPA). A ramp up of the education aspect upon circulation of the press release on the EPA's decision is warranted, he stated. Zoba suggested broaching it at the Basin Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Chair Zoba invited public comment. There was none.

4. REPORTS

- San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
Mr. Huang highlighted the following projects:
 - Rialto Channel Habitat Restoration. The 30 percent design has been completed and shared with the San Bernardino Municipal Water Department, and a meeting is being coordinated to move the project forward.

- Yucaipa Valley Water District
Mr. Zoba reported the following:
 - A contract with consultants is being solidified to begin working on the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the NEPA / CEQA process.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Zoba drew attention to the Tentative Meeting Schedule. He advised that if anyone had items to add to the agenda, to email him or Adekunle Ojo.

Mr. Ojo advised that a project readiness review was held and was very productive. He noted that Valley District is working with AECOM to get the SRF application in before the end of the year, and asked if Yucaipa would participate; Zoba said no.

6. ADJOURNMENT

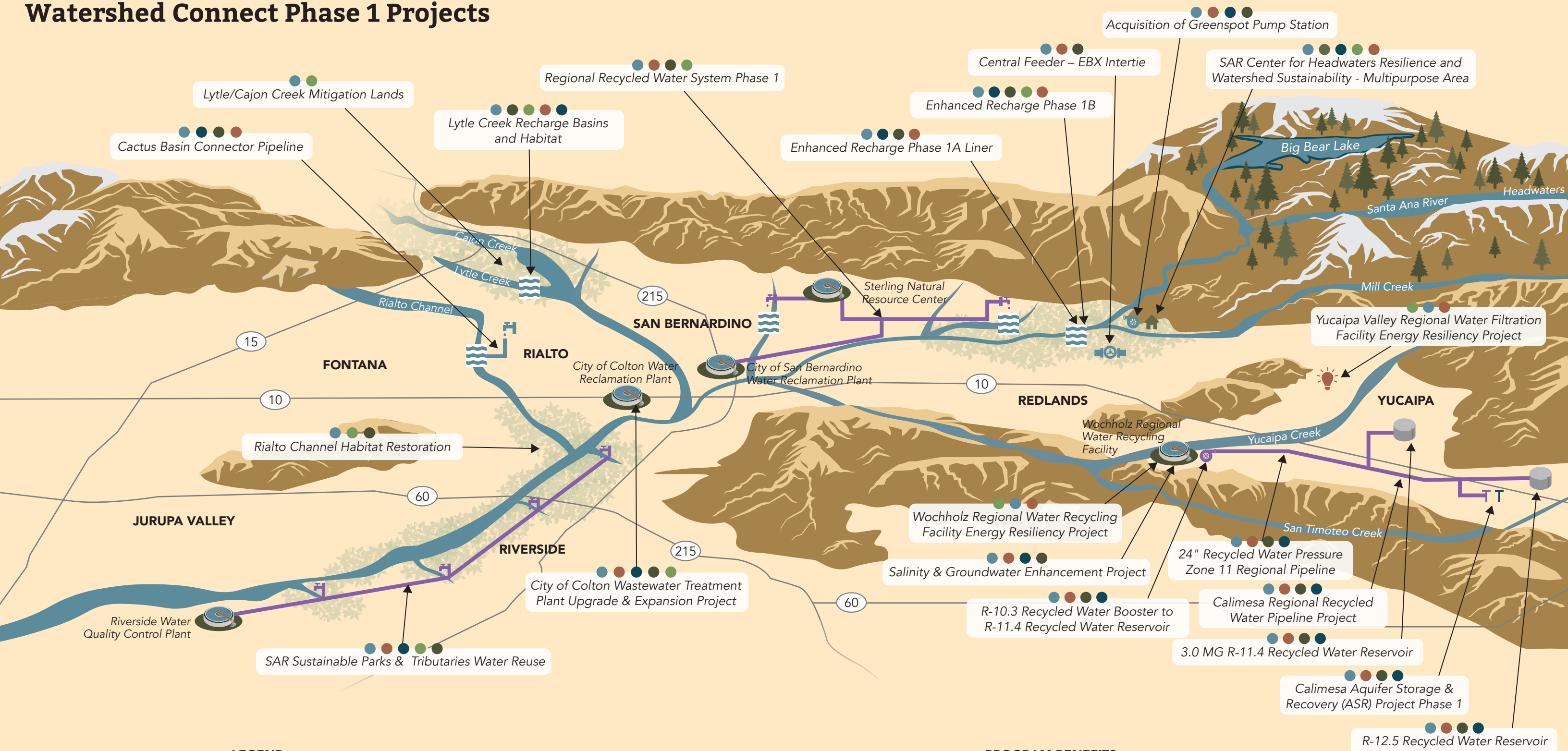
The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

<p>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION</p> <p>I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority Technical Advisory Committee.</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <p>Secretary</p> <p>Date</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"/>
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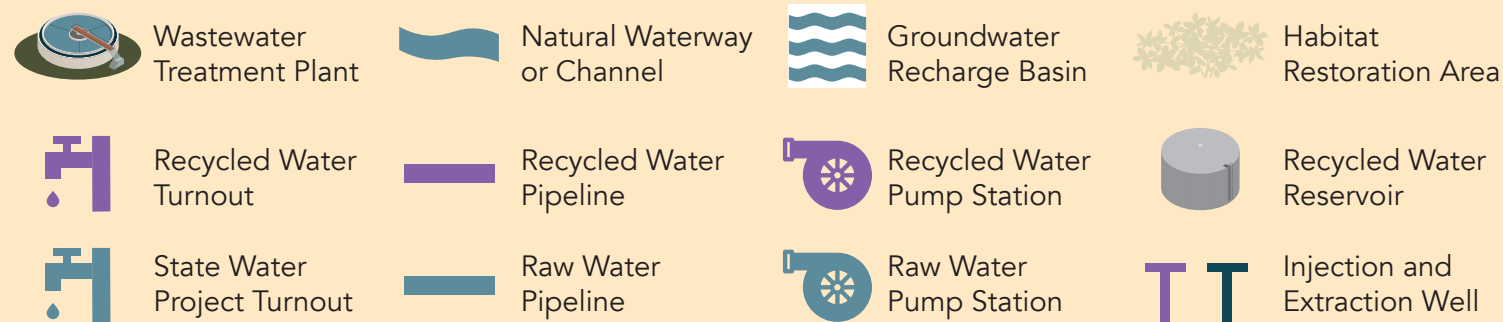
Respectfully submitted,

Lynda J. Kerney
Contract Assistant

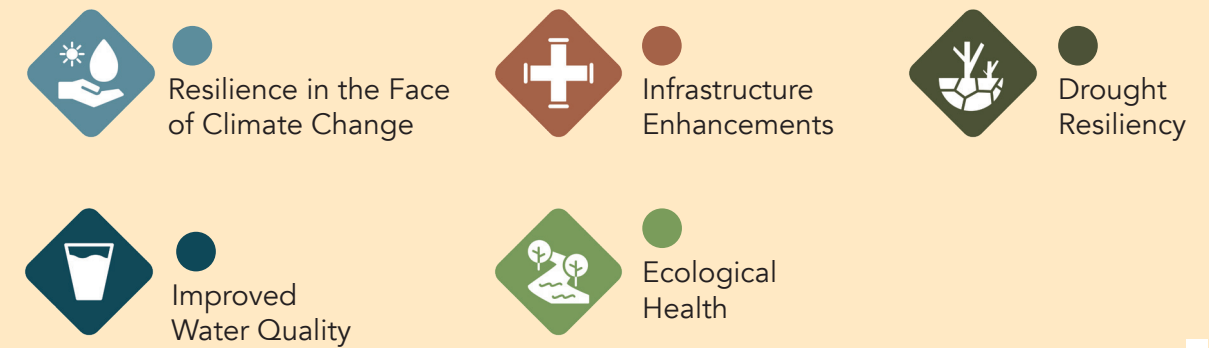
Watershed Connect Phase 1 Projects



LEGEND



PROGRAM BENEFITS



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Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority

Tentative Meeting Schedule (Subject to change)

December 15, 2021 - Financing Authority

December 22, 2021 - Technical Advisory Committee

January 5, 2022 - Financing Authority

January 12, 2022 - Technical Advisory Committee

January 19, 2022 - Financing Authority

January 26, 2022 - Technical Advisory Committee

February 2, 2022 - Financing Authority

February 9, 2022 - Technical Advisory Committee

February 16, 2022 - Financing Authority

February 23, 2022 - Technical Advisory Committee

March 2, 2022 - Financing Authority

March 9, 2022 - Technical Advisory Committee

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Technical Advisory Committee

Member Agency

San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Primary/Alternate
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Warren Huang, Engineering Manager

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Wen Huang, Chief Engineer
Aaron Jones, Associate Engineer

San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Katelyn Scholte, Assistant Engineer
Erwin Fogerson, Senior Engineer

Yucaipa Valley Water District

Joseph Zoba, General Manager
Allison Edmisten, Chief Financial Officer

Finance Subcommittee Members

Daniel Cozad, SBVWCD
General Manager

Allison Edmisten, YVWD
Chief Financial Officer

Cynthia Mouser, SBMWD
Director of Finance

Cindy Saks, SBVMWD
Chief Financial Officer

Environmental Subcommittee Members

Jennifer Ares, YVWD
Water Resource Manager

Joanna Gibson, SBVMWD
Executive Director, Upper SAR HCP

Katelyn Scholte, SBVWCD
Assistant Engineer

Jennifer Shepardson, SBMWD
Director of Environmental & Regulatory
Compliance