

# Basin Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 120

AGENDA

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Water Company

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City of Rialto

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## **BASIN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.**

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**San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District**  
**380 E. Vanderbilt Way**  
**San Bernardino, CA 92408**  
**In-Person: Upstairs Conference Room**

**Teleconference Information**  
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- 1) Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Approval of Minutes
  - A. August 1, 2022 Meeting
- 4) Presentation
  - A. Solve the Water Crisis Coalition
- 5) New Business
  - A. Consider the 2023 BTAC Regional Water Management Plan
- 6) Updates
  - A. San Bernardino Basin Optimization
  - B. Conservation Subcommittee Update
  - C. Projects Update (Open Mic)
- 7) Other Business
  - A. Discuss 2023 Meeting Schedule and Confirm Next Meeting Date
- 8) Adjourn

**MINUTES  
OF  
THE  
BASIN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING NO. 119**

**August 1, 2022**

**Guests attended:**

Thomas Crowley, City of Rialto

Steve Miller, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Miguel Guerrero, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Warren Huang, San Bernardino Municipal Water Department

Paul Kielhold, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Gil Botello, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Susan Longville, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Bob Tincher, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Cindy Saks, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Shavonne Turner, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Adekunle Ojo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Wen Huang, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Matt Howard, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Jose Macedo, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Kristeen Farlow, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Anthony Flordelis, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District

Betsy Miller, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Melody McDonald, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District

Nyles O' Harra, Yucaipa Valley Water District

Joyce McIntire, Yucaipa Valley Water District

Van Jew, West Valley Water District

Mary Jo Hartley, West Valley Water District

Don Lee, Tetra Tech

Leo Fernando, Riverside Public Utilities

Jeff Noelte, East Valley Water District

Jesus Gastelum, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District

John Harris, City of Redlands

Kevin Watson, City of Redlands

Cris Fealy, Fontana Water Company

Josh Swift, Fontana Water Company

Ian Achimore, SAWPA

Leland Lubinsky

### **Agenda Item 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Introductions/ Public Comment**

The meeting of the Basin Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by chair Thomas Crowley, at 1:32 p.m. via Zoom.

### **Agenda Item 2. Public Comment.**

### **Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes.**

#### **A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 6, 2022, meeting.**

*Bob Tincher moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022, meeting, Tom Crowley seconded. The summary notes were accepted with no comments.*

### **Agenda Item 4. Presentations**

#### **A. Watershed Connect Program Update**

Adekunle Ojo commenced his update by highlighting the potential opportunities and advantages of joining the Watershed Connect program. The creation of Watershed connect stemmed from Valley District engaging partner agencies on potential opportunities to finance and build projects. With a rich history of collaboration with projects like the Habitat Conservation Plan, the goal of Watershed Connect is to achieve resilience through integrated infrastructure, and achieve this in the face of climate change.

Mr. Ojo highlighted the current five (5) agencies that are part of Watershed Connect. Mr.Ojo addressed all requirements and key opportunities to join the JPA. It was highlighted the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) is an innovative, federal low-cost, and flexible infrastructure loan. The initial loan application submitted at the end of May 2022, seeking approximately \$192 million in WIFIA loan, is undergoing due diligence and is expected to close by the end of the year.

No action was needed, item was received and filed.

## **B. Overview of Regional Drought Response**

Adekunle Ojo commenced the overview by stating that the purpose of the presentation was to provide updates on the local water supply conditions, and the state drought response. To address the San Bernardino Valley local water supply conditions, Mr. Ojo highlighted the 24-year drought we have faced. Despite the prolonged drought, the groundwater basins remain at 80% full. This year with a five percent (5%) State Water Project allocation, Valley District facilitate discussion between our retail agencies to come up with creative solutions to share the limited water.

In 2017, after the Governor lifted the statewide drought restrictions, some of the retail agencies decided to keep those restrictions in place. Mr. Bob Tincher added the primary water management strategy for the region, during a drought, we shift to groundwater and that's why we're not under any current state restrictions.

Mr. Ojo addressed the State's drought response being led by the Governor who proclaimed, a state of drought emergency during April and May of 2021 in 41 of the 58 counties with a 15% voluntary reduction compared to the 2020 levels. During October of 2021, the emergency proclamation was applied statewide. Despite record rainfall in December 2021, January and February were the driest on record. Some of the state requirements were similar to the restrictions from the previous time, such as no outdoor watering within 48hrs after at least ¼ inch of rainfall.

Mr. Ojo addressed Valley District's actions and the plans during the level 2 regional water shortage levels.

No action was needed, item was received and filed.

## **Agenda Item 5. New Business**

### **A. Consider Support for the Delta Conveyance Project for the Valley District Service Area and the State of California**

Bob Tincher commenced the item highlighting the release of the EIR taking place July 27<sup>th</sup>. This project has previously been presented to and supported by the BTAC, and this item is being brought back for the BTAC to evaluate it based on its technical merit. When we talk about the Delta Conveyance, what we're talking about doing is finishing one of the amazing engineering wonders of the world, the State Water Project (SWP). A project that was envisioned in the early 1930s, our investment in the SWP is foundational to providing a reliable water supply in the midst of all the uncertainty that we face. Mr. Tincher highlighted the return on investment in the SWP without Delta Conveyance is uncertain and it is now our generations turn to invest in the SWP. Mr. Tincher provided potential benefits to the agencies and customers through the Delta Conveyance. He concluded his presentation requesting the BTAC,

Board, and customers to support this project. We can help bridge the information gap by briefing them on this project and the potential success of this project.

Mr. Crowley asked for a motion to support the Delta Conveyance project, Betsy Miller moved to approve the motion, Miguel Guerrero seconded. The motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6. Old Business and Updates**

**A. Report from the SBB Storage and Operating Ranges Workgroup**

Mr. Ojo reported eight (8) agencies part of the smaller BTAC group working on the evaluation and development of management ranges for the San Bernardino Basin. A total of five (5) workshops have been completed so far. A five-step process is being used to address the work plan and process. At the end of the process the workgroup will provide the BTAC its findings, and recommendations. If accepted, they will move forward to the Watermaster, and Valley District and Western Municipal Boards.

**Agenda Item 7. Other Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date is scheduled for October 3, 2022, at 1:30 p.m**

**Agenda Item 6. Adjourn.**

There being no further business, chair Crowley adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

<p><b>APPROVAL CERTIFICATION</b> I hereby certify to approval of the foregoing Minutes of the Groundwater Council.</p> <p>Secretary _____ Date _____</p>
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Respectfully submitted,

Jose Macedo  
Clerk of the Board