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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP - RESOURCES/ENGINEERING
2:00 pm Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

In Person:

380 East Vanderbilt Way
San Bernardino, CA 92408

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CALL TO ORDER

1) **INTRODUCTIONS**

2) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may address the Board regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items except as authorized by law. Each speaker is limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

3) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**

3.1 Project Status Update for the Sunrise Ranch Master Plan(30 min) - Page 2
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4) **FUTURE BUSINESS**

5) **ADJOURNMENT**



DATE: June 11, 2024

TO: Board of Directors' Workshop – Resources/Engineering

FROM: Leo Ferrando, Assistant Chief Engineer
Joanna Gibson, Executive Director, Upper Santa Ana River HCP
Kelly Malloy, Strategic Communications Manager

SUBJECT: Project Status Update for the Sunrise Ranch Master Plan

Staff Recommendation

This is an informational item for receive and file. Staff is providing the Board of Directors (BOD) with an update on the project status of the Sunrise Ranch Master Plan.

Summary

San Bernardino Valley has set out to analyze and evaluate opportunities on a visionary scale relating to the 1,658 acres purchased in 2022, currently referred to as Sunrise Ranch. Work on this effort has continued to progress since the initial kickoff meeting in May 2023, primarily focused on identifying opportunities for the top two priorities: the water supply infrastructure and habitat mitigation. Along with the technical work, preparation for the fourth public workshop is underway. The workshop is scheduled to take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at the Bear Springs Event Center in Highland. To promote the event, San Bernardino Valley will continue announcing it through the project website, social media, print flyers, and email to all interested parties who attended the previous workshops. During the BOD workshop meeting, staff will provide an overview of the progress and development of the document.

Background

In February 2022, the District completed the acquisition of 1,658 acres of undeveloped land located at the base of the San Bernardino mountains, bordering the San Bernardino National Forest and the Santa Ana River and Mill Creek in the City of Highland. San Bernardino Valley identified the land purchase as financially and operationally beneficial based on future water infrastructure needs and the extensive acreage of endangered species habitat on the site. Given the need for strategic and intentional long-term planning to maximize site use, a formal visioning process has been initiated. After this process, the team will produce a document that will be used by current and future board members when considering the vision, potential activities, and facilities on the property

over the years to come. It is important to note that completing this planning effort does not approve any component included in the document; instead, it serves as a guiding document for future actions and considerations by the Board.

Work on this visioning effort was initiated in May 2023 following the Board's approval of a consulting services agreement in April 2023. Three public workshops have been held to date across the agency service area. These community workshops have provided a forum for the Agency to engage with the public about San Bernardino Valley's mission, the property, and the Master Plan process. The workshops have also facilitated direct interaction between the public, staff, and the Master Plan team, allowing attendees to ask questions and provide feedback. One result of this input and further consideration is the staff's recommendation that we adjust the title from the currently used "Sunrise Ranch Master Plan" to something that better conveys that this document provides conceptual ideas and term long-term vision for the property rather than a "land-use" planning document used by County and city planning departments and often referred to as a Master Plan.

Staff is requesting the Board consider retitling this document to something more inspirational and reflective of our intentions and current stage of planning, "Eye on the Horizon: A Conceptual Site Vision for Sunrise Ranch. This recommendation would clarify for the readers that the document is not intended to be the typical Master Plan used by local governments for approving specific land uses. Staff believes this new title supports our goal of taking a thoughtful, comprehensive look at various opportunities for how the site could be used and potential partnerships that could be considered by this and future boards.

As this project progresses, the Master Plan team is preparing to hold the fourth and last public workshop from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at the Bear Springs Event Center in Highland. This workshop, like the previous workshops, will facilitate an opportunity for the Board of Directors and staff to engage with the public on areas of interest for each of the document components, including water supply infrastructure, habitat mitigation, recreation, and architectural infrastructure. These community workshops continue to be integral to the public engagement process, aiming to foster collaboration with residents, public agencies, and non-governmental organizations. The goal is to ensure that the Sunrise Ranch property is utilized in the most beneficial manner for the community. During these workshops, staff and the project team will provide updates based on the progress of the master plan and incorporate feedback received throughout the process. Following the final community workshop, the team will prepare the draft document to reflect the analysis findings and input from this process for review and discussion with the Board in the summer of 2024.

District Strategic Plan Application

This document will demonstrate San Bernardino Valley's mission, vision, values, and strategies by working together with the surrounding community and other interested parties in a collaborative way to develop potential opportunities for innovative local water supply and create a mitigation strategy beneficial to our agency and our service area's population and environment.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact for this update.

Attachment

- 1) Sunrise Ranch Master Plan Public Workshops No. 4 Flyer

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

SUNRISE RANCH MASTER PLAN

Don't Miss the Opportunity to Contribute to our Community's Future

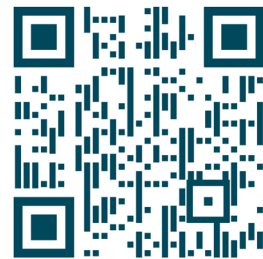
We'd Love to Hear From You!

Join us for a conversation to help develop the vision for this unique property. The final information and public listening session is planned for:

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**Bear Springs Event Center
27959 Highland Avenue, Highland, CA 92346**

Open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.



Scan here for more information.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

In 2022, the San Bernardino Valley acquired 1,658 acres of undeveloped land, which we refer to as **Sunrise Ranch**.



San Bernardino Valley has engaged a group of consultants specializing in planning, water supply infrastructure, architectural services, and nature-based solutions to work with the community and develop a Master Plan for this property. This is the final of four public workshops.



Project Team:



Considerations for the Master Plan Can Include:



Habitat Restoration and Species Conservation



Education Facility



Water Supply Infrastructure



Open Space Preservation



Wildfire Prevention



Public Access and Trails



Watershed Health



WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

Master Plans, like the one underway for Sunrise Ranch, is a big picture look at the opportunities of a specific property, or area, and compiling those findings in a guiding document that can be used by current and future board members when considering potential activities, uses, and facilities on the property over the years to come. ***It is important to note that completing this Master Plan does not approve any component included in the document; instead, it serves as a point of reference for future actions and considerations.***

By completing some initial assessments of the sites opportunities, San Bernardino Valley can prioritize efforts and consider taking steps to establish partnerships or advance elements for further consideration in a way that maximizes the regional benefits.



Locations for Potential Water Facilities



Opportunities for Connection to Neighboring Trails Systems



Ideal Endangered Species Habitat



For more information about the Master Plan process and future opportunities to provide feedback, visit the project webpage at sbvmwd.com/SunriseRanch



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DATE: June 11, 2024

TO: Board of Directors' Workshop – Resources/ Engineering

FROM: Kelly Malloy, Strategic Communications Manager
Michael Plinski, Chief of Water Resources

SUBJECT: State Water Project Tour Update

Staff Recommendation

Receive and file.

Summary

San Bernardino Valley is committed to making investments for the long-range water reliability of our communities. Since its first delivery in 1972, the State Water Project has been critical to our region's water supply resiliency. Together with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the District recently hosted a tour for community members, local leaders, partners, and students highlighting Lake Oroville, traveling through the Sacramento/ San Joaquin Bay Delta, standing at the future location of the Sites Reservoir, viewing future alignments of the Delta Conveyance Project, and getting up close with environmental efforts underway at the Feather River Fish Barrier Dam and Fish Hatchery. Since the system is located over 500 miles to the north of San Bernardino Valley's service area, we rarely have the opportunity for community members and leaders to see the facilities first-hand while learning about the on-going regional benefits of this infrastructure.

Background

The State Water Project is an important supplemental water supply for the region's groundwater basins as a major source of recharge and direct delivery to local water retailers. The State Water Project begins at Lake Oroville and travels through two-thirds of California. San Bernardino Valley, together with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, hosted this tour as an important opportunity to inform and educate. The tour included seeing existing infrastructure, like Lake Oroville and the Sacramento Weir, and visiting the future location of Sites Reservoir where wet year water will be stored off the Sacramento River for use in dry years. Additionally, the group saw the location of a portion of the Delta Conveyance Pipeline near the Bethany Reservoir, and

learned about how the project will prevent future water supply losses. Providing opportunities for the people we serve to understand this infrastructure and investment is critical in our efforts to help others understand the value that it provides to our region, and the important steps being taken to further protect those resources. This tour built on the information shared during the Foundations Summit in March and has provided much insight into further opportunities to continue conversations, partnerships, and educational sessions. Staff will continue to host activities that facilitates an environment of information sharing and one that welcomes questions and discussions.

District Strategic Plan Application

The State Water Project Tour aligns with the District's mission of *working collaboratively to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply to support the changing needs of our region's people and environment*. By hosting activities such as this, the District can share important information and build relationships which helps the District achieve its goal to *Establish San Bernardino Valley as an industry leader, recognized locally by the public and our peers for the leadership and positive impact we have within our region and the state*.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact related to this update.