ATTENDEES:

Bonnie Johnson, OCWD                      Sue Hoffman, SAWA
Brett Mills, SAWA                          Maricela Paramo, SAWA
Dick Zembal, OCWD                          Mikael Rumich, ICF
David Garcia, RPU                          Rebecca Franklin, SBMWD
Edward Filadelfia, Riverside Regional Water Jennifer Shepardson, SBMWD
Quality Control Plant                      Stacy Aldstadt, SBMWD
Greg Herzog, RPU                           Mark Norton, SAWPA
Jennifer Shepardson, SBMWD                 Ian Achimore, SAWPA
Justin Nakano, CBWM                        Zyanya Blancas, SAWPA
Kai Palenscar, USFWS

Introductions and Announcement:
The Santa Ana Sucker Conservation Team (Conservation Team) meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Ian Achimore at the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA) located at 11615 Sterling Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503. Brief introductions were made.

Meeting Summary Approval:
Upon motion by Dave Woelfel, seconded by David Garcia, the motion unanimously carried:

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MOVED, Conservation Team approved the Minutes from meeting held on 11-21-2013.

Critical Habitat Litigation and Other meeting topics:
No updates were provided for the critical habitat litigation.

The Conservation Team discussed the research areas that were identified as key to the recovery of the Santa Ana sucker fish within the Santa Ana River Watershed in the memorandum sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from the Conservation Team on February 27, 2013. Discussion ensued on the original purpose of the Conservation Team, which was to create a voluntary association of regulated agency, NGO’s, and resource agency staff, as well as, other interested parties that conducted activities beneficial to the conservation and recovery of the Santa Ana sucker fish.

Overview of the Draft Sucker Habitat Survey - SAWA
Maricela Paramo gave an overview of the Draft Sucker Habitat Survey. She asked the Conservation Team to provide comments by January 28, 2014.

SAWA’s survey concluded the following:
- A total of 301 suckers were captured and processed
- Distribution of suckers is consistent with the findings in other surveys
- Substrates containing boulders have the strongest positive significance on the presence of sucker
The points sampled were the same points that were used in the 2013 Riverwalk. Point 74 of the river was skipped due to dryness. Although point 79 has plenty of gravel, it was found to have no sucker fish during the study period. It was suggested that flow and depth of the river be added to the study.

**Restoration Project Updates**

**Sunnyslope Creek:**
Brett Mills reported to have last been at Sunnyslope Creek two weeks ago. Concrete section in the river has been removed by the County. Trash boom meetings are taking place.

**Tequesquite Creek:**
Mr. Mills reports higher flows and heavy trash sightings. They are in the process of getting volunteers for trash booms. There is still no set place for the trash booms. It was said that the African toad had become an issue and that Chubs were doing well.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment:**
The scheduling of the next Conservation Team meeting will be determined at a later time.