

**Regional Water Planning
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
January 30, 2003**

The Planning Committee met Thursday, January 30, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at McGee Park in the Multi Use Building Room D, Farmington, New Mexico.

CALL TO ORDER:

Facilitator Shaun Bishop called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PANEL MEMBERS:

PANEL 1

*Nick Ashcroft
Dave Barr
Michael Benson*
Tim Foster*
Robert Hays*
Elizabeth Kaime
Randy Kirkpatrick
Teresa Lane
Keith Lee
Paul Martin
Bob Richards*
Steve Stevenson*
Becenti Wilson**

PANEL 2

*Robert Ahkeah
Arlene C. Arviso
Dwight James*
Andrea LeFevre
Don Owen
Bob Oxford
Lynne Raner*
Hobson Sandoval*
Max Vigil*
Zang Wood
Paul Montoia*

PANEL 3

*Rob Ashman
Lorenzo Bates*
Steven C. Begay*
Bob Browning
Loren Linville
Michael Nordstrom*
Evert Oldham*
Cas Ruybalid*
Lawrence Stock
Michael B. Sullivan
A.J. Yazzie*
Harry H. Yazzie**

PANEL 4

Mike Belt
Charles Blassingame
David Brannan*
Carroll Crawford
Mary Day*
Jiri Doskocil*
Jim Dunlap
Richard Grimes*
Mike Hamman
Ray E. Marley*
Norman Norvelle
Jim Renfro
Maude Grantham-Richards*
Jack Scott**

* Indicates: Absence of member

OBSERVERS:

Laverna Ahkeah, Laura Banish, Duane "Chili" Yazzie, Jerry Handardt, Bernadette Tsosie

WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF MEETING MATERIAL

The facilitator Shaun Bishop, greeted the Planning Committee members, and introduced Rick Cox from Parsons Engineering.

The facilitator listed the contents of the meeting packet, as follows:

- Copy of the 'draft' December 12, 2002 Meeting Summary
- Copy of the Discussion Outline for the January 30, 2003 meeting
- Copy of Comments and Responses - received as of January 23, 2003
- Copy of additional information distributed at the December 12, 2002 meeting
- Copy of the Working Draft of Volume I of the San Juan Regional Water Plan

CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2002 MEETING SUMMARY

Charlie Blassingame requested a change be made to the December 12, 2002 Meeting Summary, to include the 'La Plata Pipeline from Ridges Basin to the State Line, as item (d) under **La Plata Watershed.**

REVIEW OF VOLUME I OF THE "DRAFT" REGIONAL WATER PLAN FOR THE SAN JUAN HYDROLOGIC UNIT

The meeting was turned over to Rick Cox of Parsons Engineering. Rick Cox and the Committee members engaged in an open discussion about the review of Volume I of the 'Draft' Regional Water Plan for the San Juan Hydrologic Unit (The Planning Committee Members will review the working copy of the 'draft' Volume I - Public Involvement, Legal Issues, and the Alternative Evaluations report). Rick Cox divided the report into two sections: Section 9 - Goals and Objectives for each of the water sheds. Section 10 - Alternative Evaluations.

Under Section 10 - Alternative Evaluations, the following **ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION** topics were discussed: A contingency alternative was introduced as 'Leasing of Water.

Mike Hammond suggested that gaps could be filled during shortages by banking water, temporary leasing of storage water (Navajo or Ridges Basin). Concept of additional storage in Navajo Reservoir. Banking Strategies.

Since this Planning Committee decided not to prioritize Alternatives. The Alternatives will have a Risk Assessment added to the Evaluations. The Risk Assessment for each Alternative will be show in graph (table) form.

EVALUATIONS

Additional Storage in New Mexico (Cox Canyon Reservoir)

Development of Shallow Groundwater

Crop Leasing

Enlargement of Farmington Lake

Small Reservoir Storage

Urban Conservation Measures (Indoor & Xeriscape)

Agricultural Irrigation Conservation Measures (Canal Improvements & on Farm Improvements

Navajo-Farmington Pipeline Evaluation

OTHER ALTERNATIVE EVALUATIONS

Removal of Non-native Species

Increased ALP Storage

Stormwater Storage

Saline Water Treatment

Blending Saline Water

Challenges to ESA

La Plata Pipeline

Settlement of Navajo Water Rights

Groundwater Exchange for NIIP for Navajo-Gallup pipeline

DISCUSSION PERIOD:

The facilitator announced that the next Planning Committee meeting was yet to be announced due to pending evaluations. The facilitator made an additional request for comments in writing and requested the Committee mail them in as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the facilitator adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.