

**Regional Water Planning  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY  
July 22, 2003**

The Planning Committee met Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at the San Juan Water Commission Office Building at 7450 E. Main Street, Farmington, NM, in the San Juan Water Commission's conference area.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Facilitator Shaun Bishop called the Planning Committee meeting to order at 6:18 P.M.

**COMMITTEE/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\**  
*Paul Montoia*  
*Don Owen\**  
*Bob Oxford*  
*Lynne Raner*  
*Hobson Sandoval\**  
*Max Vigil\**  
*Zang Wood*

**PANEL 3**

*Rob Ashman*  
*Lorenzo Bates\**  
*Steven C. Begay\**  
*Bob Browning\**  
*Loren Linville*  
*Michael Nordstrom\**  
*Evert Oldham\**  
*Cas Ruybalid\**  
*Lawrence Stock\**  
*Michael B. Sullivan\**  
*Shawn Williams*  
*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:**

John Leeper, Bernadette Tsosie, Pat Cunningham, David Wright, Jackson Gibson, Ray Benally, Jack Stant, and Rick Cox from Parsons Engineering

**WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF MEETING MATERIAL**

The facilitator Shaun Bishop greeted the Planning Committee members.

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

- Copy of the 'draft' June 18, 2003 Meeting Summary
- Copy of the following revisions to the Draft Final San Juan Basin Regional Water Plan  
~ Section 6 - Revised June 18, 2003
- Copy of the Navajo Nation's proposed revisions to Section 9 and Section 10
- Copy of the Comments and Responses received after June 18, 2003
- Copy of the Additional Information distributed at the June 18, 2003 meeting

**CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 18, 2003 MEETING SUMMARY**

The facilitator asked for any changes or objections to the meeting summary. There being no changes or

objections, the meeting summary was accepted, by consensus.

**REVIEW OF DRAFT FINAL - SAN JUAN BASIN REGIONAL WATER PLAN:**

**Section 6**

The facilitator explained that *Volume I ... Section 6 - Legal Issues* had been revised on June 18, 2003, at the direction of the Planning Committee. The facilitator informed the Committee that the (current) revisions to Volume I ... **Section 6** dated June 18, 2003 replaced the revised Section 6 dated May 21, 2003, in its entirety.

**Sections 9 and 10**

John Leeper presented the Navajo Nation's proposed recommendations for Sections 9 and 10. J. Leeper reiterated that (some of) the text in Section 9 had been taken from other documents that were approved by the Navajo Nation. J. Leeper said the information described several of the Navajo Nations bigger projects i.e., Farmington-Shiprock Pipeline, Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project along with other (water related) issues that the Nation was working on. J. Leeper said the proposed recommendations also contained the Nation's 'Water Development Strategy', which included ground water islands, developing ground water, the smaller public water systems (including water haulers), completing NIIP, and looking at the rehabilitation of some smaller irrigation projects. John said that the projects described in their proposed recommendations were likely to be very similar to the types of projects (represented) in the Navajo Nation's water rights settlement. During the discussion, the Committee suggested other editorial changes to the Nations proposed recommendations and J. Leeper said he would consider the Committee's suggestions when revising the Navajo Nation's proposed recommendations. J. Leeper agreed to revise and resubmit their proposed recommendation for Sections 9 and 10 by August 4, 2003.

**Review of Comments**

Following the discussion on Sections 9 and 10, the facilitator explained that the Jicarilla Apache Nation had requested additional changes to Section 6 in their 'comment' letter dated July 18, 2003 (the Jicarilla's comment letter was distributed to the Committee during the meeting.) The facilitator asked the Committee if there were any objections to revising Section 6 as the Jicarillas had requested, and upon hearing no objections, the facilitator said Section 6 would be revised to include the Jicarillas changes. A discussion followed about the comments that had been submitted by BHP Billiton and the City of Farmington. BHP Billiton's comment centered around a legal issue (Section 6, §6.2.3.1) that was discussed at length during the Committee's June 18, 2003 meeting. The changes the Committee made to Section 6, §6.2.3.1 to address this concern are included in the revised Section 6 dated June 18, 2003. At the City of Farmington's request, the Committee did not review the City's comments in full. However, the Committee did respond to several of the City's comments during their abbreviated review including, the comment regarding the Navajo Nation's proposed recommendations for Sections 9 and 10 as related to the City of Farmington and the comment regarding the inclusion of conservation measures in the Plan (the Committee pointed out that Volume I contained a significant amount of information regarding "conservation".)

**DISCUSSION PERIOD:**

The Planning Committee agreed to meet in August to begin proof-reading Volume 1. The facilitator said after the Navajo Nation's revised recommendations had been received, the Planning Committee would receive notification about the date of the next meeting along with a meeting packet containing all the revised Sections.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the facilitator adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.