

**REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
Planning Committee Meeting Summary
August 8, 2002**

Regional Water Planning Committee meeting was held, Thursday, August 8, 2002 at the Farmington Civic Center, Room EH-1, 200 W. Arrington, Farmington, New Mexico.

CALL TO ORDER:

Facilitator Shaun Bishop called the Regional Planning Committee to order at 7:05 PM

PANEL MEMBERS:

PANEL 1

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

PANEL 2

*Robert Aheah *
Arlene C. Arviso
Jill Atencio *
Anita Choate *
Rosalin Fulton *
Dwight James*
Andrea LeFevre*
Don Owen
Bob Oxford
Lynne Raner
Hobson Sandoval
Max Vigil
Zang Wood**

PANEL 3

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

PANEL 4

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

* Indicates: Absence of member

OBSERVERS:

Daniel Tso & Mark Curley

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

John Leeper

WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF MATERIAL INCLUDED IN THE PACKET:

Facilitator reviewed contents of materials in meeting packets with Committee members.

The packets contained the following:

Notice of Meeting

Meeting Agenda

July 18, 2002 'draft' Meeting Minutes
'Draft' Consensus Report-Water Supply Perceptions
Discussion Outlines for Legal Issues and Water Supply Assessment
Comments and Responses on Water Supply Assessment
History of Regional Water Planning Effort

CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 18, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed and several modifications were brought before the Planning Committee for consideration. Each change was considered and approved individually and the minutes were modified accordingly. The minutes, as modified, were approved by consensus.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONSENSUS REPORT-WATER SUPPLY PERCEPTIONS:

The 'draft' Consensus Report-Water Supply Perceptions was reviewed and several modifications were brought before the Planning Committee for consideration. Each change was considered and approved individually and the report was modified accordingly. The 'draft' Consensus Report-Water Supply Perceptions, as modified, was approved by consensus.

PANEL REVIEW OF THE COMMENTS AND RESPONSES ON THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT:

Each panel reviewed and discussed the Water Supply Assessment. When the (full) Planning Committee reconvened, each Panel shared their comments.

Panel Comments:

Panel 1

- Gauge flow measurements are inaccurate to determine supply - (Compare the CRSS with gauge flows, see if they are close, or if there is a happy medium)
- Irrigators numbers stink
- Technical Committee to work with Parsons Engineering
- Irrigators would like to have a representative on the Technical Committee

Panel 2

- Would like to see Navajo Dam intake included in report
- Would like a section of the Legal Issues report, explained further:
re: **I. Water Rights, Section B.** - Administration of Water Rights, Subsection 3. - Tribal which reads: "*Tribal water rights are determined by federal laws. Therefore, New Mexico water is not applicable to the Indian tribes, nor do the tribes recognize the jurisdiction of the New Mexico State Engineer to administer waters on tribal lands*".
- San Juan Chama diversions, are the numbers correct?

Panel 3

- Strong disagreement with the acreage determination in the 'draft' Water Supply Assessment
- Would like to have the acreage amounts established in the 1948 Echo Ditch Decree used in the Assessment - Follow legal statues
- Gauge stations lacking accuracy

Panel 4

- Can we get documentation of figures the Navajo Nation is using, re: 160gal/per person
- Same documentation on per capita water usage for the Gallup area
- Create value for rural water use and municipal water use

PANEL REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENT LEGAL ISSUES PREPARED BY ATTORNEY ELIZABETH TAYLOR:

Planning Committee members reviewed the draft *Legal Issues* report.

Panel Comments:

Panel 2

A request for a broader explanation regarding information found under Article I, Section B, Subsection 3. in the ‘draft’ *Legal Issues* report was made by Panel 2.

RECONVENE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

When the (full) Planning Committee reconvened, each Panel presented their comments.

MEETING SUMMARY:

- Facilitator recommended scheduling the next meeting in mid-September after the ‘draft’ *Water Demand Assessment* is completed.
- The Facilitator said the requests for additional information would be forwarded to the consultants and/or attorney.
- Committee members will be notified of the next meeting by letter.
- Committee members will receive a copy of the ‘draft’ *Water Demand Assessment* when it is complete.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM