

**Regional Water Planning
Planning Committee
MEETING SUMMARY
August 27, 2003**

The Planning Committee met Wednesday, August 27, 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 6:20 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, Jack Stant & Ray Benally

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' July 22, 2003 Meeting Summary
- Copy of the following revisions to the Draft Final San Juan Basin Regional Water Plan
 - ~ Table of Contents - Volume I - Revised August 4, 2003
 - ~ Section 6 - Revised July 21, 2003
 - ~ Section 9 - Revised August 4, 2003
 - ~ Section 10 - Revised August 4, 2003
- Copy of the Comments and Responses received after July 22, 2003
- Copy of the Additional Information distributed at the July 22, 2003 meeting

Also, the facilitator distributed additional comments and responses that had been received after the meeting

packets had been mailed. As has been the practice, these comments and responses will be included in the next meeting packet so everyone has a chance to review them.

CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 22, 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, PROOF-READ, AND EDIT (FOR FORMAT) THE *DRAFT FINAL - SAN JUAN BASIN REGIONAL WATER PLAN*:

The facilitator explained that Volume I was the Volume that the Committee was currently proof-reading and editing. The facilitator said when the edits and revisions had been incorporated into the *Draft Final-Plan* that a revised Volume I would be reprinted. That revised edition would be the version of the *Plan* that the Committee would present to the governmental entities - the Cities, Counties, and the Tribes, for their review and acceptance.

The facilitator explained that Volume II was the Appendix to Volume I. The facilitator said that documents from the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Navajo Nation were among the items contained in Volume II but that copies of the material distributed for the Planning Committee and public meetings constituted the bulk of Volume II. Volume II includes a copy of all the material [information] that was sent to the Planning Committee [for their meetings] and a copy of all the material that was distributed at the Public meetings. Volume II also contains a copy of all the comments and responses that have been received. The facilitator explained that Volume II would not be available for review on the website (due to it's size), but that it would be scanned to disc and available upon request. The facilitator said one of the major reasons for the enormity of Volume II was that the size of the Planning Committee required the distribution of an enormous amount of material to keep each member up-to-date, especially those members that did not regularly attend the meetings . Also, Volume II contained the material given out at the public meetings, which had been substantial. Keeping the Committee and the public informed resulted in enormous printing and distribution levels. The facilitator said if only the minutes of the meetings were contained in Volume II, that it would not be representative of the work involved in preparing the material for distribution and the effort made to keep the public involved in the planning process. The facilitator stated that by including copies of all the material that was distributed at public meetings and sent to the Planning Committee, the ISC would be able to see the breadth of the public outreach effort that was undertaken by the Region. The facilitator said that both Volume III and IV were also available on the San Juan Water Commission's website at sjwc.org. Volume III is the Water Supply Assessment, Volume IV is the Water Demand Assessment and the Water Budget.

During their review of Volume I, the Committee discussed the following requests and revisited various topics including :

- A request from the community of Lindrith to insert a paragraph regarding Soil Erosion Control in Section 9
- Enlarging Farmington Lake
- Additional storage in Navajo Dam
- Pipe from Farmington Lake to Aztec
- Request to include a recommendation for additional funding for the OSE
- NIIP
- Water conservation
- Cloud seeding
- The Navajo Nation also said that they were going to add some language regarding the Nation's Indian Health Services Department to their material
- The Navajo Nation requested that a statement/reference to their Drought Contingency Plan be inserted in Section 10

The facilitator highlighted the process of finalizing the Region's *Plan*:

- Make revisions and reprint Volume I, III, and IV
- Present the *Plan* to the governmental entities
- Gather comments during a 30-day Public Comment Period ~ The Committee agreed to establish another 30-day Public Comment Period when the revised *Plan* was sent to the governmental entities.
- At the conclusion of the Public Comment Period the Planning Committee will meet again, to review the comments and make final revisions (if necessary)
- Present *Plan* to the San Juan Water Commission and the ISC

DISCUSSION PERIOD:

The facilitator gave a brief report about the public meetings that were held for the State Water Plan in Farmington, August 20th and in Shiprock, August 21, 2003.

The Planning Committee will receive a packet containing the complete revision for Volume I

The Planning Committee will receive notification about the date for the next meeting along with a meeting packet.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the facilitator adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.