

**Regional Water Planning  
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY  
November 14, 2002**

The Planning Committee met Thursday, November 14, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. at McGee Park in the Multi Use Building Room A, 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

**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 Duskocil  
Jim Dunlap\*  
Richard Grimes\*  
Mike Hamman\*  
Ray E. Marley  
Norman Norvelle\*  
Jim Renfro  
Maude Grantham-Richards\*  
Jack Scott\*

\* Indicates: Absence of member

**OBSERVERS:** R. Garenenez, Abe Franklin, Kris Dixon, Laverna Ahkeah, Duane Yazzie & G. Todacheene

**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' October 8, 2002 Meeting Summary - with the changes requested at the October 24, 2002 meeting identified in *Bold Italic* print
- Copy of the 'draft' October 8, 2002 Meeting Summary - with the 10/24/02 changes incorporated
- Copy of the October 24, 2002 Meeting Summary
- Copy of the Discussion Outline for the November 14, 2002 meeting
- Copy of the Comments received on the Water Demand Assessment
- Copy of material that was distributed at the October 24, 2002 meeting
- Color copy of Watershed locations

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2002 MEETING SUMMARY**

There being no further changes to the October 8, 2002 Meeting Summary requested, the record was approved, by consensus.

Bob Richards requested that the facilitator add the acronym - *NGWSP* - to Panel One's list of recommendations, to correctly record the entry that was illegible on the original handwritten document, in the meeting summary. With no further changes to the October 24, 2002 Meeting Summary requested, the record was approved, by consensus.

### **PANEL WORK SESSION**

Because small number of members present the facilitator had the members convene as one group, rather than breaking up into Panel groups.

The meeting was turned over to Rick Cox of Parsons Engineering. Rick Cox and the Committee members engaged in an open discussion about the alternative recommendations for the individual watersheds and the alternative recommendations that relate to the Region in general.

The following **ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS** topics were discussed:

#### **Animas Watershed**

1. Farmington Lake enlargement
2. Increased ALP storage
3. Storage at Gallegos Wash - pump from west of Animas confluence
4. Conservation
5. Storage of Stormwater
6. Treatment of saline lakes/production water
7. Drill well field along river for drought
8. Cloudseeding
9. Remove non native species from riparian areas
10. Water banking and crop leasing
11. Additional storage in New Mexico

#### **La Plata Watershed**

1. Additional storage upstream

#### **Middle San Juan Watershed**

1. Work with agencies on sensible dam operations and administration of flows

#### **General Broad Area Alternatives**

1. Challenge endangered species act
2. Need quantification of Navajo Nation water rights
3. Global municipal solutions
4. Groundwater development
5. Provide groundwater for NIIP and Navajo Gallup pipeline projects to free up surface water for municipal purposes
6. Improve agricultural irrigation delivery systems and efficiencies

Rick Cox of Parsons Engineering asked the Committee members to prioritize the Alternatives so he could examine the feasibility of the alternatives the Committee preferred. Each member prioritized the alternative recommendations they preferred and the facilitator tallied the results. The preferred alternative recommendations were identified and prioritized based on the tally results.

**DISCUSSION PERIOD:**

The facilitator announced that the next Planning Committee meeting would be held on Thursday, December 12, 2002, at McGee Park in the Multi Use Building - Room A, starting at 6:00 PM.

The facilitator distributed a memo announcing the new location of the San Juan Water Commission's office. The facilitator announced the new address - 7450 E. Main Street, Suite B, Farmington, NM 87402, the new telephone number (505) 564-8969, and the new fax number (505) 564-3322.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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