

**Regional Water Planning
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
MAY 21, 2003**

The San Juan Water Commission in conjunction with the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Navajo Nation, conducted a public meeting for Regional Water Planning, Thursday, May 21, 2003 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Farmington Council Chambers in the Farmington Municipal Building, 800 Municipal Dr., Farmington, NM.

Facilitator: Shaun Bishop

Recording Secretary: Jacqueline Allcorn

Presenters: Rick Cox of Parsons Engineering & Navajo Nation representative John Leeper

Visitors: 17 - The majority of the audience were members of the Planning Committee

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:

The Regional Water Planning public meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the facilitator, Shaun Bishop.

S. Bishop, introduced Rick Cox of Parson's Engineering and John Leeper representing the Navajo Nation.

The facilitator announced that the Public Comment Period for the *Draft Final San Juan Basin Regional Water Plan* (the *Plan*) would begin May 21, 2003 and continue through June 20, 2003. The facilitator explained that only written comments would be considered, and requested that all comments be mailed to the San Juan Water Commission office at 7450 East Main Street, Farmington, NM 87402.

The facilitator also announced that the *Draft Final - Regional Water Plan* was being presented to the public, so the Planning Committee could get the Public's comments on the Plan. The *Draft Final - Regional Water Plan* was the result of a year long effort by the Planning Committee to formulate recommendations for managing our water in the San Juan Basin. The San Juan Basin's regional plan includes the Jicarilla Apache Nation, portions of the Navajo Nation, San Juan County, and portions of Sandoval, McKinley and Rio Arriba Counties. The facilitator emphasized that "this is a plan, and not a definitive answer" and is subject to change. The facilitator explained that while not everyone will agree with everything in the *Plan*, and what is important to one individual may not be important to another, this is our Region's effort to have some control over how our water is managed. The facilitator emphasized the importance of the public's involvement and encouraged the public to submit their written comments as quickly as possible. All comments are given to the Planning Committee for review and all comments are placed in the record.

REVIEW OF THE 'DRAFT' FINAL SAN JUAN BASIN REGIONAL WATER PLAN:

A presentation reviewing the information in the *Plan* was given by Rick Cox of Parsons Engineering, Rick Cox introduced Navajo Nation Representative John Leeper who reviewed the Navajo Nation's Water Plan. The audience received answers to their questions throughout the presentations.

DISCUSSION PERIOD:

S. Bishop made an additional request for written comments to be sent to the San Juan Water Commission office at 7450 E. Main Street, Farmington, NM 87402. The facilitator also informed the audience that the *Plan* will be presented to the Cities, Counties, and Tribal entities and that each governmental entity would be asked to support the Plan.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, S. Bishop adjourned the meeting at 8:21 P.M.