

**REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
JUNE 27, 2002**

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, June 27, 2002 starting at 7:00 P.M. in the Farmington Council Chambers in the Farmington Municipal Building, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, NM.

Facilitator: Shaun Bishop

Recording Secretary: Jacqueline Allcorn

Visitors: 66

Welcome and Introductions:

The Regional Water Planning public meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the facilitator, Shaun Bishop. S. Bishop explained the purpose of the meeting, gave a brief background summary of the regional water planning efforts in the Region, and explained the role of the Regional Water Planning Committee. A sign-up sheet was circulated to identify those individuals interested in becoming members of the Planning Committee, 53 individuals signed the Regional Water Planning Committee sign-up sheet. Copies of the *Professional Services Agreement/Scope of Work*, between the Interstate Steam Commission and the San Juan Water Commission, containing a background summary of the water planning efforts of the Region were distributed. A summary was given describing previous water planning efforts and the focus and goal of the water planning program currently being undertaken were explained. A chart depicting the steps the process would go through to develop a plan for the Region and copies of the 'start-up' organizational document to establish the Planning Committee, were distributed and discussed in detail. Information describing the Planning Committee member obligations was distributed and discussed, with the facilitator emphasizing the importance of the member effort and dedication needed to successfully carry-out the planning task set before them.

Discussion Period:

Representatives from the Navajo Nation gave a synopsis of their ongoing 'independent' effort to formulate water development alternatives for the communities within the Navajo Nation. The Jicarilla Apache Nation's representative announced that the Jicarilla Apache Nation had established an Office of Water Administration to assess their available water resources and provide the necessary resources to work in partnership on a water plan for the Region. Throughout the meeting the representatives from the Navajo Nation, Jicarilla Apache Nation, and the San Juan Water Commission answered questions as they were presented.

S. Bishop announced that the first meeting of the Planning Committee would be held Thursday, July 18, 2002 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the Henderson Fine Arts Building at San Juan College. Those individuals who signed up to be members of the Planning Committee, would be mailed a meeting packet containing informational material for the meeting before July 18, 2002.

The date for the next Regional Water Planning Public Meeting was set for Thursday, July 25, 2002 starting at 7:00P.M in the Farmington Council Chambers in the Farmington Municipal Building. An Engineering representative from Parsons Engineering Science will attend the July 25, 2002 meeting to present the 'draft' *Water Supply Assessment* report.

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, S. Bishop adjourned the meeting at 9:38 P.M.