

**REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
SEPTEMBER 26, 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, September 26, 2002 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: Kevin Needham of Parsons Engineering
Visitors: 20

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 Kevin Needham of Parsons Engineering who came in place of scheduled speaker Rick Cox, (Rick was injured in an accident and could not attend.)

The facilitator announced that the Public Comment Period for the 'draft' Water Demand Assessment and Water Budget Analysis would begin September 26, 2002 and continue through October 28, 2002. Facilitator explained that only written comments would be considered, and requested that all comments be mailed to the San Juan Water Commission office at 800 Municipal Dr., Farmington, NM 87401. S. Bishop said that both reports were available on the SJWC web-site at www.sjwc.org.

The facilitator also announced that the New Mexico Water Dialogue organization would hold a State Water Planning Workshop for Regional Water Planning on October 17-18, 2002 in Albuquerque. S. Bishop said that each of the water planning Regions had been invited to send three members of its planning body, or other designated individuals to the meeting and that the Planning Committee would designate 3 representatives at their October 8 meeting.

A request for public involvement was made by S. Bishop, to the audience. S. Bishop said all are invited to submit recommendations and/or ideas on how this Region can better meet the water demands. Each individual or group was encouraged to submit written comments, to identify a problem and/or recommend a solution or to present an idea, as the planning process progresses. A copy of all written comments will be given to the Planning Committee and all comments will be considered.

REVIEW OF THE 'DRAFT' WATER DEMAND ASSESSMENT REPORT and the 'DRAFT' WATER BUDGET ANALYSIS REPORT:

A presentation reviewing the information included in the 'draft' Water Plan Demand Assessment and Water Budget Analysis was given by Kevin Needham of Parsons Engineering. Questions were presented throughout the presentation and answers were provided. The public was encouraged to put their comments in writing and mail them to the San Juan Water Commission office.

DISCUSSION PERIOD:

Throughout K. Needham's presentation, the audience was encouraged to ask questions, voice concerns, and participate in an open exchange of views. Hard-copies of the visual presentation given by Kevin Needham were distributed during the meeting. *(A copy of the presentation is attached.)*

S. Bishop announced that the next meeting of the *Planning Committee* would be held Thursday, October 8, 2002 at the Farmington Civic Center starting at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, S. Bishop adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.