

**INDIAN WELLS VALLEY COOPERATIVE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP
DISCUSSION NOTES**

August 20, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Don Zdeba called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Presentation: Kern County Specific Plan: Presentation was rescheduled for October 15th.

Approval of Discussion Notes: Motion was made by LeRoy Marquardt and seconded by Peggy Breeden to accept the July 16, 2009 Discussion Notes as presented. The Motion was carried, unanimously.

Public Comment for Items on the Agenda: Public comments were heard from Don Decker and Steve Walker. Don Decker was concerned about the lack of Group discussion regarding the Indian Wells Valley Water District Memorandum of Understanding with Solar Millennium. Peggy Breeden and Reneé Morquecho responded that the agreement had not been discussed at the last meeting because there was no agreement at that time. Steve Walker, well owner, was interested in groundwater issues and was inquiring whether the Group would be updating their groundwater management plan. Don Zdeba responded by informing Mr. Walker that in terms of groundwater management, each signatory is managing water within the context of their own agency or group. The Group does not claim to manage the water in the entire valley. Mr. Zdeba also directed Mr. Walker to the iwvgroundwater.com website for the Group's current objectives and current hydrographs. Peggy Breeden added that the Group shares information and works cooperatively together and that there is no entity that has groundwater management authority valley-wide. In the spirit of cooperation, Don Decker repeated that the Indian Wells Valley Water District should have discussed the Solar Millennium agreement to deliver potable water with the Group. Peggy Breeden said the agreement was not discussed, but the project was discussed. Don Cortichiato added that the District will be mitigating for the potable water that will be delivered to Solar Millennium and should result in a zero-net or positive impact. Mr. Decker thanked the Water District for sharing the information.

Brackish Water Treatment Project: Reneé Morquecho reported that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) granted the District an extension on the project until June 2010. The District is preparing the report which may be sent to the DWR as early as October. Ms. Morquecho may have a draft report emailed to the TAC by the end of this month. The TAC should review the draft report before the next TAC meeting.

Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Update: Dennis Speer reported that the City Council discussed the landscape ordinance at their meeting last night. Peggy Breeden informed the Group that the Water District was waiting to hear when the City's Planning Committee would be meeting next. The last meeting was cancelled. The District was surprised to hear that the landscape ordinance had been discussed at a City Council meeting before a Planning Committee Meeting. Mr. Speer added that it was more of a discussion on the purpose of the water efficient landscape ordinance.

Integrated Regional Water Management Program: Leroy Corlett was not present to make the report.

Solar Millennium Scoping Meeting: Glenn Harris was not available to give a report to the Group. Group discussion was held during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting.

Project Review Report: Reneé Morquecho announced that the IWV Water District is requiring D.R. Horton to submit a new concept plan on their project located on College Heights Boulevard (approximately 20 single-family dwellings).

Technical Advisory Committee Report: There was a TAC meeting held on August 5th.

RAWS Update: Not discussed.

Watershed Coordinator Job Description Review: Not discussed.

Future Water Situation in the Valley: Tom Haslebacher reported that the TAC has been tasked with generating a report which details the effects of projects worked on within the last few years with respect to groundwater management. Projects include: AB303 projects and monitoring groundwater usage by the Navy. Mike Stoner has been working on a draft report format. Participants (Searles Valley Minerals, IWV Water District, Navy, etc.) will be adding information from a monitoring standpoint. The TAC will meet again in September to work on the draft report.

Potential Grant Opportunities: Donna Thomas was not available to report.

Review Action Register: The Action Register was reviewed and changes made. An updated version of the Action Register will be sent to the Group with the September meeting agenda.

Items for the September Agenda: Items for the September Agenda include: 1) Brackish Water Treatment Project, 2) Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Status, 3) Integrated Regional Water Management Program, 4) Solar Millennium Scoping Update, 5) Form Committee to Update Objectives, 6) Project Review Report, 7) TAC Report, and 8) Potential Grant Opportunities. Item for the October Agenda: 1) Presentation by Kern County: Kern County Specific Plan.

The following Agency Reports were made:

City of Ridgecrest: Dennis Speer reported that there were two new sewer connections and that the City reclaimed approximately 7.5 million gallons of waste water. Mr. Speer announced that there is an indication that developers may begin work on projects.

Quist Farms: Pat Quist informed the Group that harvest will begin about mid-September. Ms. Quist invited and welcomed anyone who may be interested in scheduling a tour of Quist Farm to notify them. The Quist Farm does not plan on acquiring anymore farmland. The pistachio trees are from the Middle East and are required to be watered six months out of the year.

Kern County Water Agency: Terry Rogers updated the Group of the San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The San Joaquin IRWMP has collected approximately 50 proposed projects and will begin ranking them. It will be an interesting process to see who is doing the ranking and how each project is perceived and what the appeal process may be. Mr. Rogers feels that the peripheral canal in the Delta is becoming more and more a reality. One proposal that is gaining interest is a tunnel 200 ft. underneath the Delta. Mr. Rogers also informed the Group that the legislature will be presenting several water bills at the end of the legislative session this month. A commission or council will be set up to decide what passes and what doesn't pass. Mr. Rogers stated that one legislative package was the 20 x 2020. They are determining what the base line should be. Mr. Rogers will give an update at the next Group meeting.

Eastern Kern Resource Conservation District: LeRoy Marquardt reported that he is working with Tom Haslebacher on the well report. Mr. Marquardt announced that Donna Thomas was elected President of the Eastern Kern Resource Conservation District.

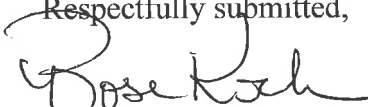
Kern County: Craig Peterson reported that Kern County has passed the budget. The state also passed their budget and took an additional \$30 million from Kern County, which means furlough days and layoffs.

Indian Wells Valley Water District: Reneé Morquecho reported on the following: 1) There were two new residential services during the month of July. 2) There are XERIC® Seminars on September 12th at the Home and Leisure Show. Flyers were distributed to the Group and attendees of the meeting. 3) The Construction Crew will begin mainline replacement on Drummond Avenue between Norma and Downs Streets next week.

Searles Valley Minerals: Don Zdeba reported that Searles Valley Minerals (SVM) has been working towards getting the waterline replaced going up the hill to their storage tank. Recently, fourteen clamps were put on the line over a four-day period. A capital request for the waterline replacement has been sent to India for approval. Project could start as early as September.

General Public Comment: None.

With no further comments or discussion to come before the Group, motion was made by LeRoy Marquardt and seconded by Pat Quist to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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Recording Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2009.

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