



ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2009

Members Present: **Ryan Schwebach**- *Chairman, East Torrance SWCD Rep* **John L. Jones** -*Secretary / Treasurer, Bern. County, Municipal/ Developer/ Utility Pos*
 Douglas M. Sayre- *SF County Gov. Position* **Rita-Loy Simmons**- *At-Large Position*
 Daniel McGregor- *Bernalillo Gov. Position* **Gene Winn** –*Torrance County Gov. Position*
 David Tixier – *TC, Municipal/Developer/ Utility Pos*

Members Absent: **H.L. (Bud) Hagerman**-*Santa Fe, Ag. Position* **J. Brian Greene**- *Claunch-Pinto SWCD*
 Tom Spindle- *SF, Municipal/Developer/Utility Pos* **Randy Autrey**- *Vice-Chair Torrance County Ag. Position*
 Leo Smith – *Edgewood SWCD*

Staff Present: **Cheri Lujan** – *Recorder*

Others/ Guests: **Michael Schuhen** – *Sandia National Labs*

Call to Order:

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman called the regular Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee meeting to order as a sub- committee at 9:16 a.m. because a quorum was not present.

Approval of Agenda:

A recommendation made to approve the agenda as presented by Doug Sayre, seconded by Rita-Loy Simmons. Recommendation carried unanimously.

Quorum present at 9:18 am with arrival of Gene Winn and 9:19 am with arrival of Dan McGregor

Approval of 06/18/09 minutes

Rita-Loy Simmons moved to approve the minutes from 07/16/09 as submitted. Motion seconded by David Tixier. Motion carried with John L. Jones abstaining from vote.

Financial Report:

Cheri Lujan reviewed written financial report showing bills paid and submitted with sub committee no changes noted since last report given. After review and discussion motion made by Gene Winn and seconded by Rita-Loy Simmons to approve written report and to file financial report for audit as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

Correspondence reviewed with committee from East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District inviting committee to hold a booth during Torrance County Fair, and New Mexico Environment Department, construction programs bureau soliciting for eligible projects under the Clean Water State Revolving loan Fund.

Guests:

Ryan Schwebach recognized guest attending.

Reports:

Arthur Swenka / Watershed Health and Restoration Report:

Arthur Swenka updated the committee on '06, '07, and '08 Water Trust Board funding contracts. 2009 funding was allocated in the amount of \$600,000 but will not be distributed until the Water Trust Board resolves a protest. CFRP funds were allocated to Chilli Land Grant for \$267,000, Non Federal Lands Grant was funding was provided to all three Soil & Water Conservation Districts in the amount of \$300,000, and \$255,000 allocated to Claunch-Pinto Soil & Water Conservation District. A Wild Land Urban Interface grant was received for \$209,000 for the three Soil & Water Conservation Districts. The Committee discussed providing an input to the Water Trust Board on the allocation of funding and how the protest affects the EBWPC and the execution of components of our plan. Cheri Lujan was directed to work with committee members on a draft letter to be sent to the Water Trust Board members.

Unfinished Business:

Draft Water Plan Update Discussion

Dan McGregor noted that the plan has not been worked on since the last meeting. He asked the committee to revisit the numbers discussed at the last meeting assuming a decline in the number of irrigated acres from the current 30,000 acres to 20,000 acres number, and if everyone was comfortable with the decision to use the 20,000 number. Following discussion the committee agreed to use the 20,000 number for the update. Discussion followed about if global warming should be addressed in the updated plan. Consensus of the committee felt that this item should not be addressed at this time. The need for some sort of local banking system pro and cons were discussed and felt that this item needs further questions and discussion for the committee to work on. Discussion followed with the need to have the educational piece on future need of a Regional Water pipeline.

Vacant Position:

Committee members were updated on vacant position and plans of wanting to move Gene Winn into the Torrance County, Agricultural position leaving the Torrance County, Government Position open. Discussion of this move will need to take place with the Torrance County commission for approval.

New Business:

ETSWCD / Torrance County / EBWPC working agreement

Copy of the updated current working agreement was given out to committee members for review. Following review and discussion motion made by Dan McGregor and seconded by Doug Sayre to approve agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items Update:

Action items were reviewed. Action items updated and added.

Name of Person	Action Item	Completion Date
Dan McGregor/ Doug Sayre	Draft letter for OSE ref updating data base	<i>Once plan is updated item will be addressed</i>
EBWPC Members/ Dan McGregor	updated plan for review	<i>October 2009</i>
Cheri Lujan	Presentation by EMW Gas on update on Regional Water Plan	<i>Schedule for fall 2009</i>
Gene Winn	Work with David Chace on locations of spring water monitoring sites	<i>Gene Winn has information will get them to David Chace</i>
Brian Greene	Push on wells to monitor for the Sandia Project	<i>Michael Schuhen will give presentation on August 7 at the CPSWCD meeting</i>
Cheri Lujan	Weckteck agreement	<i>Cheri Lujan will contact</i>

<p>Brian Greene, Bud Hagerman, Rita-Loy Simmons</p> <p>Ryan Schwebach</p> <p>Cheri Lujan / Committee members</p> <p>Doug Sayre</p>	<p>Review Sections 1-6 of the draft plan for Dan McGregor</p> <p>Contact SEO / Jeff Peterson to get a run down on permits vs actual numbers and point of contact for the data base</p> <p>Draft letter to WTB</p> <p>Attend meeting and bring donuts</p>	<p>Weckteck to get updated scope of work plan / services provided August- September meeting 2009</p> <p>Cheri – e-mailed Jeff Peterson</p> <p>Monthly Meetings</p>
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Announcements / Discussion only items:

John L. Jones updated the committee of last Water natural Resources Committee held in Socorro. He will be attending the next meeting held on August 20/21, 2009 in Angel Fire therefore he will not be attending the next EBWPC meeting

Regular Committee Meeting, August 20, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m. Members noted that they would not be able to attend were John L. Jones.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cheri Lujan*

Reviewed and approved by:

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman

John L. Jones, Secretary

Torrance County

Santa Fe County

Bernalillo County

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