



# ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

## Regular Meeting Minutes September 20, 2007

<b><u>Members Present:</u></b>	<b>Randy Autrey</b> - <i>Torrance County Ag. Position</i> <b>Gene Winn</b> – <i>Torrance County Gov. Position</i> <b>J. Brian Greene</b> - <i>Claunch-Pinto SWCD</i> <b>Jim Rea</b> – <i>Edgewood SWCD</i>	<b>H.L. (Bud) Hagerman</b> - <i>Santa Fe, Ag. Position</i> <b>Charles (Chuck) Ring</b> - <i>At-Large Position</i> <b>Daniel McGregor</b> - <i>Bernalillo Gov. Position</i> <b>David Tixier</b> – <i>TC, Municipal/Developer/ Utility Pos</i>
<b><u>Members Absent:</u></b>	<b>Ryan Schwebach</b> - <i>Vice Chairman, East Torrance SWCD</i> <b>John L. Jones</b> – <i>Secretary/ Treasurer</i> <b>Jimmy Corliss</b> - <i>Torrance County Ag Position</i>	<b>Tom Spindle</b> - <i>SF, Municipal/Developer/Utility Pos</i> <b>Douglas M. Sayre</b> - <i>SF County Gov. Position</i>
<b><u>Staff Present:</u></b>	<b>Cheri Lujan</b> – <i>Recorder</i> <b>Jim Corbin</b> – <i>Committee Technical Advisor</i>	
<b><u>Staff Absent:</u></b>		
<b><u>Others/ Guests:</u></b>	<b>Laura Nesbitt</b> - <i>Mountain View Telegraph</i> <b>Art Swenka</b> – <i>EBRA</i>	<b>Lacy Daniel</b> – <i>EBRA</i>

### **Call to Order:**

Randy Autrey-Vice-Chairman called the regular Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made by Brian Greene to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Jim Rea. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of 08/23/07 Minutes:**

Minutes from the 08/23/07 meeting were reviewed. After discussion it was moved by Chuck Ring to approve the minutes with the additional wording on page two under unfinished business, sixth line down to have wording read “remaining were discussed which included”, instead of “remaining discussion included over”, Motion was seconded by Jim Rea. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Financial Report:**

**Cheri Lujan**

Cheri Lujan submitted copies of financial print out showing bills paid and submitted. Ending balance for general fund was reported at \$24,697.73, and the ISC fund balance ending at \$13,126.18 as of September 19, 2007. After review and discussion it was moved by Brian Greene and seconded by Chuck Ring to approve the financial report and bills paid as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence:**

Cheri Lujan reviewed e-mail correspondence with members:

E-mail from Doug Sayre - working on the amendment to the MOU to get the funding in place for the EBWPC use, hoping it will be an item for consideration at next month’s meeting.

Tentative Agenda for Water & Natural Resource Committee next meeting held in Ruidoso- Wrong agenda was attached to packets, Cheri Lujan will e-mail members the correct agenda for review.

## Guests:

Randy Autrey acknowledged all guests attending the meeting and thanked them for attending and opened the floor for public comments. None were given.

## Reports:

### *Chairman's Report*

Not given due to Chairman absent

## Additional Reports/ Meetings Attended:

Jim Corbin reported that the new ISE water planner is having some difficulty in her new position and he plans to work closely with her in walking her through and explaining the EBWPC plan. David Tixier attended the NAIOP (National Association of Industrial and Office Properties) meeting which gave a PowerPoint that might be of some interest to members. He has requested a copy of the presentation to distribute to members for review.

Chuck Ring discussed some articles found in the High Country News that might be of some interest, one was on Cloudcroft, New Mexico, and the other was on Prescott Valley, AZ. Discussion followed with what value the committee holds in the state and regional water planning process. How to get buy-in, not buy-in to move the plan forward, and how economics, and politics will change the plan. Points were made for the committee not to recreate or re-invent the wheel on the previous plan but to review it and make changes with additions and removing items.

## Unfinished Business:

### *TC Utility / Developer Representative – Randy Autrey*

Randy Autrey reported that David Tixier was approved at the last Torrance County Commission meeting. Randy Autrey welcomed David Tixier to the committee. David Tixier expressed his appreciation and looks forward in working on the committee with lots of questions to follow.

### *David Chase Working Relationship: - Dan McGregor*

Dan McGregor reported that he and David Chase have spoken. Recommendation to David Chase was to not represent the EBWPC on any meetings but to notify Dan McGregor and he would sit down with David Chase on meetings to represent the EBWPC. Jim Rea noted that he would also like to be notified if any meetings are being held so he may be able to sit in on them also. After discussion, the committee noted that they did not want to direct David Chase but to coordinate with him.

### *Rough Draft Water Plan Discussion:*

Jim Corbin submitted and passed out a flow discussion sheet with bullets on each of the following topics: Water Rights, Brackish Water, Regional Water System, Paper Water Rights, Local Government – Action. . He noted that two items that are not on the sheet but should be added to the discussion would be Information / Education and Sub Basin Analysis. The sheet given out is to give members a guide to bring forth discussion and thoughts. Discussion followed in priorities for the committee and the direction in which should be taken. Water rights along with adjudication and other avenues in the process were discussed along with potential impacts. Some discussions on what Counties are allowed to do at the county level in making ordinances were discussed. EBWPC definitions of conservation, adjudication and other topics need to be clear. Jim Corbin noted that he would put it all together and bring it forward to work on it again with some more phraseology.

*Meeting was convened for a short break at 10:32 am.*

*Meeting called back to order at 10:43 am.*

Some discussion followed regarding acequia issues that may arise latter during the planning process. . Continued discussion on the rest of the handout sheet followed, including discussion of the potential for use of brackish water. Brian Greene noted that on the handout that Water rights and Paper rights are one issue, with Brackish Water and Regional Water system falling into the same category, , and then we have the Local Government action for discussions. Comments were noted that the committee needs to note that the brackish water is also limited and there are related issues with sustainability. Regional Water system needs to be addressed with some type of support and

that at some point in the future it will be needed to help protect the small landowner. Discussion followed if someone with water rights sign up to be on the regional water system if that landowners should be required to give up their water rights if they hold them Discussion followed regarding issues that could be handled through the local government such as bulk water – where does it go – delivery- and bank supply. Jim Corbin in closing remarked that next meeting he would like to talk about Information / Education and Sub basins Analysis, with topics to include: where is the water coming from, where is it going, what happens in the valley fill, and how to move the planning process forward. How does the committee go from planning to execute with influence on the political process.

Jim Corbin passed out a rough rough draft water plan update for review. Committee members are to spend time and encouraged to look at it along with the old plan to open up discussion on what the committee would like to take out and prioritize to bring the plan back into the realm of what can be done. Comments and discussion were noted on written comments being distributed to the whole committee for review. After discussion, it was requested that future written comments will be brought in and available for the whole committee to review and held in a central location. Discussion on what worked and did not work in the last process of the water plan was noted. Jim Corbin will get an electronic copy of the draft water plan to Cheri Lujan to distribute to committee members. Jim Rea expressed continuing concern with the group’s failure to meet previously agreed dates for completing the new water plan, noting that this weakens the ability to successfully engage legislators regarding funding prior to the next legislative session. Jim also expressed frustration with the limited participation by the group in responding to the previous draft of the water plan which only two sets of member comments were received by Dan McGregor, and that those comments were not circulated to officers and other members of the group. Dan McGregor clarified that he had forwarded the comments onto the technical consultant for incorporation into future draft documents and that there had been no requirement/ directive from the committee to circulate the comments to other committee members. He volunteered that we could do so in the future. A discussion ensued regarding the need and appropriate method for communicating thoughts, concerns, and comments among the committee and when particular methods might be most appropriate. No further action was taken regarding on-going communication amongst the committee.

**Action Items Update:**

Items were reviewed and up-dated by committee members.

Added to action items: Jim Corbin will e-mail Cheri Lujan the most recent updated draft water plan for committee members. Removed completed items from list.

<b>Name of Person</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Bud Hagerman & Jim Corbin	Compose a list of funding that has come to the Estancia Basin since the Regional Water Plan was accepted	<b><i>In Progress</i></b>
John Jones / Randy Autrey	Compile and take nomination for TC Utility/ Developer Representative by August meeting	<b><i>Completed</i></b>
EBWPC	Look at Draft Scope of Work for finalization of Regional Water Plan get comments in	<b><i>In Progress</i></b>
Randy Autrey / Dan McGregor	Progress report for Torrance and Bernalillo County	<b><i>Torrance County Completed</i></b>
Ryan Schwebach	Contact Lucy Moore again on facilitating the up-coming fall Public Meetings	<b><i>Waiting on closer date of public meeting</i></b>
Ryan Schwebach / Jim Corbin	<u>Jim Corbin's Contract</u>	<b><i>In progress</i></b>
Jim Corbin	EBWPC records/ Court House /	<b><i>Will follow up</i></b>

	Claunch-Pinto SWCD	
Bud Hagerman	Contact Bryan Swain on putting on a water fair	<b><i>In Progress</i></b>
Jim Corbin / Cheri Lujan	e-mail draft sheets one week prior to meeting to be disturbed to members for review	
Jim Corbin / Cheri Lujan	e-mail draft water plan given out on 9/20	
Cheri Lujan	Update presentation sheets for Torrance and Bernalillo County progress reports	<b><i>Completed</i></b>
Jim Corbin / David Chase	Exchange information	<b><i>In Progress</i></b>
Cheri Lujan	Check to see if a letter was mailed out to Santa Fe County requesting funds/ if not draft a letter, Check to see if a letter was sent to Rhonda King in reference to the 07 Legislative Session, if not draft a letter to be mailed.	<b><i>Completed</i></b>
Cheri Lujan	e-mail David Tixier resume to committee members, get EBWPC on next TC Commissioners meeting, make packets for Randy Autrey to present	<b><i>Completed</i></b>
Dan McGregor / Cheri Lujan	Bill referencing Estancia Basin / NM Aquifer Assessment Act / USGS lead	<b><i>Will update as new information is made available</i></b>
Doug Sayre	Donuts	<b><i>October Meeting</i></b>

**New Business:**

None noted

**Announcements:**

Gene Winn passed out a one day seminar information sheet on water rights sales and transfers to members for review if anyone might be interested in attending.

Gene Winn also updated the Committee on the health of Bill Neish.

Bud Hagerman commented on the good work done on whoever put together the information PowerPoint slides that were given out to the three counties for an update.

**Discussion only items:**

**Next Meeting:**

**Thursday, October 18, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss motion was made by Chuck Ring and seconded by Dan McGregor to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheri Lujan, Recorder

**Reviewed and approved by:**

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Ryan Schwebach, Chairman

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John L. Jones, Secretary

**Torrance County**

**Santa Fe County**

**Bernalillo County**

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