



# ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2008

**Members Present:** **John L. Jones** – Secretary/Treasurer  
**Douglas M. Sayre**– SF County Gov. Position  
**Leo Smith** – Edgewood SWCD  
**Daniel McGregor**- Bernalillo Gov. Position  
**Jimmy Corliss**- Torrance County Ag Position  
**Rita-Loy Simmons**- At-Large Position  
**Tom Spindle**- SF, Municipal/Developer/Utility Pos  
**David Tixier** – TC, Municipal/Developer/ Utility Pos

**Members Absent:** **J. Brian Greene**- Claunch-Pinto SWCD  
**Randy Autrey**- Vice-Chair Torrance County Ag. Position  
**Ryan Schwebach**- Chairman, East Torrance SWCD Rep  
**H.L. (Bud) Hagerman**-Santa Fe, Ag. Position  
**Gene Winn** – Torrance County Gov. Position

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

**Staff Absent:**

**Others/ Guests:** **David Chace** – Hydro Resolution, LLC  
**Kelly Archuleta**-Edgewood SWCD  
**Brenda Smythe**- Edgewood SWCD  
**Michael Schoher**-Sandia National Labs  
**Angela Bordegaray**-ISC  
**Arthur Swenka**-EBRA  
**Randy Roberts**-Hydro Resolution, LLC

**Call to Order:**  
John I. Jones, Secretary/Treasurer called the regular Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**  
Motion was made by Rita -Loy Simmons to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was seconded by David Tixier. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of 6/19/08 Committee Minutes:**  
Committee minutes from the 06/19/08 meeting were reviewed. After discussion motion made by David Tixier and seconded by Tommy Spindle to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report:** **Cheri Lujan**  
Cheri Lujan submitted copies of the financial report showing bills paid and submitted. Ending balance for general fund was \$20,117.70, ISC fund balance \$13,126.18, ISC fund due to be spent by June 30, 2008 balance is \$13.53 as of June 30, 2008. After review and discussion it was moved by Rita-Loy Simmons and seconded by Tommy Spindle to approve bills paid and to file financial report for audit. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:**  
Edgewood SWCD submitted letter that their new representative will be Leo Smith. Discussion followed with the handouts on water transfers requiring OSE approval prepared by MRCOG and

the write up by Journal staff writer John Fleck on Domestic wells on how this could effect the basins recommendation to the county on domestic wells.

**Guests:**

John L. Jones acknowledged all guests attending the meeting

**Reports:**

***Chairman's Report***

No report noted.

**Additional Reports/ Meetings Attended / Committee Schedule and Priorities:**

John L. Jones updated committee that there will be a meeting the end of July on the 40 year update on the water plan. Arthur Swenka updated the committee on the scope of the Estancia Basin Watershed Health and Restoration Committee. Plans are in motion in replacing the monitoring station which was lost in the fire. The committee is looking at a Ponderosa spot but if it does not work out the station will go into a Pinion – Juniper mix location. Ken Smith from the NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute is the acting coordinator for the committee. Update on the funds and projects were also discussed.

**Unfinished Business:**

***Cedar Hills Ranch Subdivision Review:***

Dan McGregor volunteered to take the review and submit comments in to the Planning and Zoning Committee before the deadline. Doug Sayre moved to approve Dan McGregor to issue comments on the Cedar Hills Ranch subdivision review. Rita-Loy Simmons seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

***Rough Draft Water Plan Discussion:***

Discussion followed with some concerns on a loop hole in the law which could allow the selling of water rights and then the land could be developed into a sub-division then apply for domestic wells. Discussion followed with counties could pass an ordinance to help stop such double dipping. Final Draft proposal was submitted on time and ready for review. After discussion the committee decided to go ahead and post draft plan as in onto the web site and release to the public for written comments. Once comments are received the committee will review comments and prepare the water plan for public hearings. Written comments on plan will be open for 60 days until September 17, 2008. Copies of the plan will be made and distributed to the local governments and SWCD's for public access. Cheri Lujan will post in both of the local papers. Doug Sayre mentioned that all of the paper work has not been received by ISC on the final plan for billing and payment. Cheri Lujan will take Angela Bordegaray after the meeting to meet with Torrance County personnel to ensure that all paperwork and supporting documents are submitted as soon as possible.

**New Business:**

***Web Link Site***

New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute web site has a link that has the latest Estancia Basin Watershed Health and Monitoring Project: Monitoring Plan evaluation prepared by SWCD Environmental Consultants for the Estancia Basin Watershed Health, Restoration and Monitoring Steering Committee. After review and discussion Dan McGregor moved to have a link on the EBWPC web page to their site for access to the plan. Doug Sayre seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action Items Update:**

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Action items added

Name of Person	Action Item	Completion Date
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Dan McGregor/ Doug Sayre	Draft letter for OSE ref updating data base	
Cheri Lujan	Notify papers for open comments/ make copies of CD's and hard copies and get the water plan out to entities	
Doug Sayre	Attend meeting and bring donuts	<b>July Meeting</b>

**Discussion only items:**

David Tixier will be attending Washington D.C the end of September, 2008 and asked the committee if they wanted him to seek and talk about getting more funding for implementation of the water plan.

**Announcements:**

None noted.

**Next Meeting:**

**Regular Committee Meeting, September 18, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss motion made by Doug Sayre and seconded by Dan McGreogr to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 P.M.

*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**

*"Coordinated water resource planning for the Estancia Underground Water Basin"*