



# ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

## Committee Meeting Minutes October 16, 2008

<b><u>Members Present:</u></b>	<b>Ryan Schwebach</b> - <i>Chairman, East Torrance SWCD Rep</i> <b>J. Brian Greene</b> - <i>Claunch-Pinto SWCD</i> <b>Leo Smith</b> – <i>Edgewood SWCD</i> <b>Daniel McGregor</b> - <i>Bernalillo Gov. Position</i>	<b>Douglas M. Sayre</b> - <i>SF County Gov. Position</i> <b>Rita-Loy Simmons</b> - <i>At-Large Position</i> <b>David Tixier</b> – <i>TC, Municipal/Developer/ Utility Pos</i>
<b><u>Members Absent:</u></b>	<b>H.L. (Bud) Hagerman</b> - <i>Santa Fe, Ag. Position</i> <b>Randy Autrey</b> - <i>Vice-Chair Torrance County Ag. Position</i> <b>Jimmy Corliss</b> - <i>Torrance County Ag Position</i>	<b>Tom Spindle</b> - <i>SF, Municipal/Developer/Utility Pos</i> <b>Gene Winn</b> – <i>Torrance County Gov. Position</i> <b>John L. Jones</b> - <i>Secretary / Treasurer, Bern. County, Municipal/ Developer/ Utility Pos</i>
<b><u>Staff Present:</u></b>	<b>Cheri Lujan</b> – <i>Recorder</i>	
<b><u>Staff Absent:</u></b>		
<b><u>Others/ Guests:</u></b>	<b>Art Swenka</b> - <i>EBRA</i> <b>Catherine Long</b> - <i>District Clerk, ETSWCD</i> <b>Randall Roberts</b> - <i>Hydro Resolution, LLC</i>	<b>Jim Wanstall</b> - <i>NMDA</i> <b>Michael Schuhen</b> ,- <i>SNL</i> <b>Richard Spencer</b> - <i>Natural Resources Enhancement &amp; Management, LLC</i>

### **Call to Order:**

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman called the regular Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee meeting to order as a committee at 9:10 am until a quorum becomes present.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made by Brian Greene to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion was seconded by Douglas Sayre. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Quorum present at 9:17 am**

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### ***Draft Water Plan Discussion / Public Meetings***

Review and discussion on the draft comment sheet as well as rules and procedures for the three Public Meetings to be held were discussed. Wording to the comment sheet will be added to reflect the public comment section from the plan in Section 3-1. A deadline of December 1, 2008 will be added to accept comments sheets after the public meetings. Discussion followed how long people can speak with perimeters with ground rules which will be up to the facilitators based on the amount of time and the turn out at the meeting. Jim Wanstall and Richard Spencer will be the facilitators for the meetings. It was suggested that a short history from the Chairman to identify the committee members and inform the public about the Estancia Basin Water Planning Committee be made. Major points were to strive to have time limits and the possibility of having an extra meeting in Tajiقة or Torreon if there are large turnouts at the other three meetings and if all comments could not be addressed. Public Meeting announcements and comment sheets will be placed with the communities for public awareness of the meetings. Certain items will need to be set up for the meeting such as a Projector with screen; sound system; extra copies of the plan available for the

public. A map of the Basin will also be posted. Sign in sheet will include columns for individuals to mark if they would like to speak and or if they wish to participate in having their well monitored by Sandia National Labs (SNL). The general format of the meetings will include 6:30-6:45pm – sign in; 6:45 pm Introduction; Brief History; Changes to up-date the plan. 7:00 pm open meeting to public comments, closing statements.

Discussion followed with asking Richard Spenser to submit a proposal of his mileage and time for facilitating the meetings. Jim Wanstall said his expenses are covered with NMDA.

Discussion followed that one of the major items on the plan is on the population numbers in Section Five and six. Numbers need to be adjusted Torrance County's population was close with Bernalillo and Santa Fe's population really off.

Discussion continued on preliminarily results on the Sacramento, Lincoln and Otero Watershed being completed by the New Mexico Tech. The study includes both sides of the mountains. They are finding recharge coming faster than they expected. A suggestion made by Brian Greene that the committee might want to get a copy of the study.

### **Approval of 9/25/08 Committee Minutes:**

Motion was made by Leo Smith to accept the minutes from 9/25/08. Motion was seconded by Brian Greene. Motion carried.

### **Financial Report:**

#### ***Cheri Lujan***

Cheri Lujan submitted copies of the financial report showing bills paid and submitted. Ending balance for general funds as \$ 18,067.73, ISC fund balance \$13,126.18. After review and discussion it was moved by Brian Greene and seconded by Leo Smith to approve bills paid and submitted and to file financial report for audit. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence:**

Correspondence from Angela Bordegaray and John L. Jones in reference to the ISC water planning meeting on October 20, 2008 was reviewed and discussed. After discussion motion made by Doug Sayre and seconded by Leo Smith to appoint Dan McGregor as the alternate for John L Jones to represent the committee at the ISC water planning committee meetings. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed if ISC needed or were asking for two representatives and one alternate. Cheri Lujan will contact Ms. Bordegaray to confirm. If ISC wants two representatives and one alternate, Mr. Doug Sayre would serve as the alternate for John L. Jones and Dan McGregor.

### **Guests:**

Ryan Schwebach acknowledged all guests attending the meeting.

### **Reports:**

#### ***Chairman's Report***

The Chairman thanked Dan McGregor for all of his hard work. He stated that any committee members that can come to the meetings on the Estancia Basin Water are welcome to attend and hear the comments by the public.

### **Watershed Health and Restoration Report / Arthur Swenka**

The '07 funding contracts are scheduled to be signed by the end of December 2008. Nearly 24 monitoring sites in the mountains have been placed and are being monitored. Arthur Swenka will contact SWCA to get a short report on the monitoring projects to be available for the public meetings in November.

Discussion continued with the Economic portion of the water plan being prepared by EBRA and MRCOG. The focus group have meeting once and will be meeting in Moriarty in the Civic Center tonight at 6:30 pm. David Tixier will be attending the focus group primarily as the role for EVDA. Ryan Schwebach will try and attend as the representative from the EBWPC.

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

A WRRRI meeting is scheduled for next week in Albuquerque. The dates are Tuesday & Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Embassy Suites. Dan McGregor will get an agenda to Cheri Lujan to send out.

EVDA's next luncheon meeting will be November 6, 2008 at the Civic Center at 11:30 am.

**New Business:**

***Water Plan / Action Items / Priority List***

Discussion on getting a copy of the tax credit roles and rules from NMDA was discussed that the Soil & Water Conservation District will be in charge of. This may be an area of the water plan that may need to be addressed. A section in the plan needs to be added to identify the top three priorities for the next five years. Discussion followed with the plan being an on going update rather than just every five years. Priorities and other updates will be addressed after all comments sheets have been turned in by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

**Action Items Update:**

Action items were reviewed and discussed. Action items added. Completed items were taken off.

<b>Name of Person</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Dan McGregor/ Doug Sayre	Draft letter for OSE ref updating data base	<b><i>Once plan is updated item will be addressed</i></b>
EBWPC Members	Start Action and priority list at next meeting	<b><i>Will be addressed January 2009</i></b>
Cheri Lujan	update comment sheet / place public meeting ads/ post flyers and comment sheets	
Doug Sayre	Attend meeting and bring donuts	<b><i>Monthly Meetings</i></b>

**Announcements / Discussion only items:**

Brian Greene announced that the Farm Bureau along with East Torrance SWCD will be holding a workshop on November 5, 2008 in conjunction with East Torrance SWCD annual meeting information to landowners on their rights and ways to deal with brokers in reference to wind farms. Discussion followed with solar plants also looking at Torrance County and the water use Art Swenka explained about the Project Office Radio Station Public KXAM (NM); 88.7; station he is involved with. The cost to operate is \$150,000. The station has to have at least 8 hours of live radio. The three year project is trying to be on the air in August of 2009. Discussion followed with a proposal that has been made but no action has been taken in moving water from the Santa Rosa area to Santa Fe.

**Next Meeting:**

**Regular Committee Meeting, November 20, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.**

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss motion made by Rita –Loy Horton and seconded by Brian Greene to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting dismissed at 11:25 am.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Cheri Lujan, Recorder*

**Reviewed and approved by:**

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Ryan Schwebach, Chairman

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John L. Jones, Secretary

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**Santa Fe County**

**Bernalillo County**

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