



ESTANCIA BASIN WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2008

Members Present: **Ryan Schwebach** - *Chairman, East Torrance SWCD Rep* **John L. Jones** - *Secretary / Treasurer, Bern. County, Municipal/ Developer/ Utility Pos*
J. Brian Greene - *Claunch-Pinto SWCD* **Rita-Loy Simmons** - *At-Large Position*
Leo Smith - *Edgewood SWCD* **Gene Winn** - *Torrance County Gov. Position*
Daniel McGregor - *Bernalillo Gov. Position* **Randy Autrey** - *Vice-Chair Torrance County Ag. Position*
H.L. (Bud) Hagerman - *Santa Fe, Ag. Position*

Members Absent: **Tom Spindle** - *SF, Municipal/Developer/Utility Pos* **Douglas M. Sayre** - *SF County Gov. Position*
David Tixier - *TC, Municipal/Developer/ Utility Pos* **Jimmy Corliss** - *Torrance County Ag Position*

Staff Present:

Catherine Long - *Recorder*

Staff Absent:

Cheri Lujan - *Recorder*

Others/ Guests:

Laura Nesbitt, -*Mountain View Telegraph*

Michael Schuhen, -*SNL*

Myra Powers

Lee Powers

Jenni Degreeff - *SNL*

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:

Quorum achieved with arrival of Rita-Loy Simmons and John L. Jones @9:15 a.m. One Typographical mistake noted under reports (EVDA) should be EVEDA. Motion was made by Brian Greene to approve the agenda as submitted with correction as submitted. Motion was seconded by H.L. Hagerman. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of 10/16/08 Committee Minutes:

Motion was made by Brian Greene to accept the minutes from 10/16/08. Motion was seconded by Rita Loy Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report:

Ryan Schwebach gave the financial report with copies of the financial report showing bills paid and submitted. After review and discussion it was moved by Rita Loy Simmons and seconded by Brain Greene to approve bills paid and submitted and to file financial report for audit. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed with the Natural Resources Enhancement and Management LLC Bill. Motion made by Brain Greene that the bill is submitted and contract for process for payment if proper channels has been approved and processed through Torrance County. Motion seconded by Rita-Loy Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

John L. Jones addressed the Sandia Labs project. Michael Schuhen, staff from Sandia National Laboratory, provided specifics on the statement of work, which SBA reduced from \$100,000 to only \$50,000 for expenditure in 2009. Last year funding of \$70,000 went toward testing in Basin water well monitoring. Jenny DeGreeff, from Sandia Labs commented on the tremendous competition for leverage plus budget cut considerations. The Board thanked Michael Schuhen and Jenny DeGreeff with much appreciation on the work and money allocated for the area.

Guests:

Ryan Schwebach acknowledged all guests attending the meeting with special acknowledgement of attendee who had attended the public meetings.

Reports:

Chairman's Report

Ryan Schwebach reported that the three public meetings went well. However, they did not have a large attendance. Regardless of the small attendance, there were some good comments that came out of the discussions and he feels all the issues were covered. Comments about the numbers from MRCOG were not accurate. There was a discussion about obtaining an accurate count of growth. Ryan feels the Board might need to open communication with EVEDA. However discussion pointed out that all of the meetings were open to the public.

Watershed Health and Restoration Report / Arthur Swenka

Ryan Schwebach reported he had talked to Arthur Swenka and that there was not a Watershed Health & Restoration Steering Committee meeting so he had nothing to report.

Additional Reports/ Meetings Attended / Committee Schedule and Priorities:

Dan McGregor attended an ISC Regional Water Planning Advisory Committee meeting. The general discussion was focused on updating of the water plans. General consensus was to use BBER numbers which is what MRCOG is using on the Estancia Basin numbers. Dan McGregor also attended a New Mexico Water Dialog and has a draft of water plan updates.

Unfinished Business:

Draft Water Plan Discussion / Public Meetings

Review and discussion on the Public meeting were discussed. Attendances of public meetings were lower than expected. Comments and concerns taken at the meeting were reviewed and discussed. Discussion followed that Sandia Labs maybe able to give assistance in helping with finding answers on the relationship with salt water and fresh water within the Basin. Other concerns raised that have not been addressed in the water plan were if the board had looked at municipalities reusing gray water and what that affect would have. Written comment submitted by Mary Hibbs about a review of crops that are less water dependent throughout the Basin. This includes universities doing research. It was stated by a committee member that this committee has not talked about this or addressed this issue. Discussion continued with where the board is headed in the next five years. Suggestion that the power point given at the public meetings should be sent to new elected officials and committees in the area. Dan McGregor will work on a priority list for the following:

- Identify points that need to be addressed or changed for final draft.
- Need for final draft ready for another public meeting
- Projective demands
- What water actions now being taken
- Lack of focus going forward.
- In January need to discuss the priorities list keeping in mind there will be no money to do some projects
- Could do things that don't need funding
- Common understanding for purpose in future.
- Get statistics

- New change conditions
- Update water supply demands.
- How does current plan address issues?
- What would the Board do if we actually do have a surplus?
- How to address environmental issues.
- Drought main issue. More concern about running out of water than surplus.
- What are the fears of the Board
- Identify issues
- Any conflict between us and the neighboring regions?
- Education of children so they will be responsible adults.
- Reiterate the need to send the Power Pont Presentation to newly elected officials and groups in area.

New Business:

None Noted

Action Items Update:

Action items were not reviewed. Action items added. Completed items were taken off.

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	Start Action and priority list at next meeting	<i>Will be addressed January 2009</i>
Dan McGregor	Compose draft priority list for committee	
Doug Sayre	Attend meeting and bring donuts	<i>Monthly Meetings</i>

Announcements / Discussion only items:

Water Natural Resource meeting next week on Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday will address Funding Bill.

Region Water Planning and Advisory Committee will meet December 2, 2008 in Albuquerque at 121 Tijeras Blvd.

Next Meeting:

Regular Committee Meeting, December 18, 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 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Long, & Cheri Lujan Recorders

Reviewed and approved by:

Ryan Schwebach, Chairman

John L. Jones, Secretary

Torrance County

Santa Fe County

Bernalillo County

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