

MEMBER UNITS EXHIBIT NUMBER 55

MINUTES

CITY OF LOMPOC - CACHUMA PROJECT MEMBERS NEGOTIATIONS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

November 29, 1993, 10:00 a.m.
Lompoc City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Plaza

The start of the meeting was delayed pending the arrival of Mr. Durbin and Mr. Schuster. When they had not arrived by 10:45 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Mr. Keefe.

Present: (See attached sign-in list.)

1. Changes to the Agenda None
2. Approval of Minutes of October 22, 1993 Meeting The minutes were approved by consensus as submitted, except for the following changes:
 - A. The fourth sentence of the first paragraph of Item 3 was changed by deleting "due to the influence of seawater."
 - B. The third sentence of the first paragraph of Item 5 was changed to read: "Mr. Keefe responded that it was his opinion that both Policy Committees would prefer to have positions established for the two sides prior to the Policy Committee meeting."
3. Discussion of City of Lompoc's Position Mr. Keefe began by acknowledging that the City of Lompoc had agreed to provide a written statement of Lompoc's objectives. He read a draft of the statement as follows:

"The City of Lompoc will continue to work in these negotiations and any other appropriate forum to accomplish the following objectives prior to the renewal of the current Cachuma Project water supply contracts:

 1. The current operation of the Cachuma Project is to be adjusted to ensure that no further water quality degradation occurs in the groundwater basin due to the operation of Bradbury Dam;
 2. The water quality degradation to the Lompoc groundwater basin, due to the last forty years of Cachuma Project operations, must be corrected and the water quality in the basin returned to the level that would have existed in the absence of the Cachuma Project; and
 3. The economic damages suffered by the City of Lompoc and its residents due to the Lompoc groundwater basin water quality degradation caused by the Cachuma Project, including increased water treatment costs and the cost of accelerated replacement of water appliances, must be reimbursed."

Mr. Paul asked whether the statement referred to past or future water quality impacts. Mr. Keefe responded that it referred to both. Mr. Paul asked who would issue the statement. Mr. Keefe responded that it would be issued by the City of Lompoc Technical Committee with the blessing of the Lompoc City Council. He said he expected that it should be issued in

writing soon, possibly in time for the Policy Committees Meeting on December 13, 1993. Mr. Paul asked whether the statement is intended to be all inclusive or whether there are other elements related to Lompoc's supplemental water needs that may come out later. Mr. Keefe said that he thought the statement was all inclusive because the quality issue drives the quantity issue. Mr. Paul said that he recalled that Mr. Durbin had said that the quality and quantity issues are additive and that he wondered whether this meant that there might be a separate request to solve the quantity issue. Mr. Keefe indicated that the quality issue is what has brought the issue to the attention of Lompoc, even though it is closely related to the quantity issue. Mr. Paul asked whether there might not be further requests from Lompoc, even if the three elements of the statement are resolved to Lompoc's satisfaction. Mr. Keefe said that he cannot provide assurance that there might not be some other request and that any such assurance would have to come from the City Council. However, he noted that their focus, right now, is on the water quality issues, which he doesn't believe can be really addressed without addressing quantity as well. Mr. Evans asked whether the total request of the City of Lompoc, rather than just the focus, could come from Lompoc as soon as possible so that the Cachuma Project members would know what they are dealing with. Mr. Keefe responded that he thinks so.

There was discussion of the November 23, 1993 letter from Mr. Mack to Mr. Keefe and how the modeling should proceed. Mr. Keefe said that it is his understanding that the issue regarding release of Lompoc's model has been resolved or is very close to being resolved. He noted that he should be able to make it available soon and that he thought use of Lompoc's model as a starting point would be more efficient than starting from scratch with a new model to be developed by a modeling subcommittee. There was discussion of the use of the Santa Ynez River Model as a starting point and of incorporating work done by USGS. Mr. Keefe expressed reservations about assigning custodianship of the model to the County Water Agency because of other uses for the model anticipated by the City of Lompoc.

It was agreed that a sub-committee, consisting of Ali Shahroody, Bill Mills, Tim Durbin, Jon Ahlroth, and Hossein Moazami, should get together to discuss how the modeling should be done, using Mr. Durbin's model and the Santa Ynez River Model as a starting point for discussions. The sub-committee is to meet within the next two weeks, if possible, and report back with a conceptual basis for the modeling efforts. It was noted that it would be optimistic to assume that the meeting could happen so soon. It was agreed that Mr. Durbin would set up the meeting. Mr. Paul suggested that someone from the USGS should sit in on the sub-committee meetings. Mr. Keefe responded that it would be fine to touch base with USGS, though he would not want the sub-committee meetings to be contingent on USGS participation. It was suggested that the next meeting of the Technical Committees should be a week or so following the meeting of the sub-committee. The scheduled December 22, 1993 date for the next meeting of the Technical Committees was retained, though it was noted that the Committees may not be ready to meet by then. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Technical Committees, whether on December 22, 1993 or later, should be in Santa Barbara. Those present concurred that it seems reasonable that the next meeting of the Technical Committees might not happen until January 1994, and that it seems likely that the February 7, 1994 deadline for reaching agreement will have to be changed to a later date. It was noted that a change in the February 7, 1994 date would take action by the Lompoc City Council and by the Cachuma Project member agencies. Mr. Mack agreed to prepare a draft proposal to amend

the date.

There was discussion regarding the Policy Committees meeting scheduled for December 13, 1993. Mr. Keefe mentioned that the Lompoc Policy Committee would like to meet on December 13, 1993 to get started with the process. It was agreed that the meeting would be an informational meeting to provide factual background for the issues to be addressed later, and that it would not include a position statement from Lompoc nor from the Cachuma Project member agencies. Items for the agenda would include background information on Decision 89-19, the 1991 USGS report on the Lompoc basin, a summary of the City of Lompoc's water supply system, an overview of the Santa Ynez River, discussion of the extension of the February 7, 1994 date, and a report on the sub-committee approach to modeling issues. Mr. Shahroody was suggested as a candidate to make the presentation on the Santa Ynez River issues. Mr. Wullbrant suggested that the background information should also address pumping by others in the Lompoc basin besides the City of Lompoc. The packet for the meeting will include appropriate background information. Mr. Mack and Mr. Keefe will prepare a communication to the Policy Committees regarding the proposed approach to modeling issues.

4. Procedural Issues Related to Policy Committees Meeting

This matter was handled as a part of Item #3.

5. Other Business None

6. Public Comment None

7. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date The next meeting of the Technical Committees is still scheduled for December 22, 1993, but has been moved from Lompoc to Santa Barbara. It was acknowledged that this date may be too soon. The first meeting of the Policy Committees is still scheduled for Monday, December 13, 1993 at 7:00 p.m. in Lompoc.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

*** NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ***

City of Lompoc - Cachuma Project Authority Negotiations

Meeting of Technical Committees

Monday, November 29, 1993
10:00 a.m.
Lompoc City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc

AGENDA

1. Changes to the Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of November 10, 1993 Meeting
3. Discussion of City of Lompoc's Position
4. Procedural Issues Related to Policy Committees Meeting
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Technical Committees on any subject that is within the scope of the negotiation process.

7. Confirmation of Future Meeting Dates:

First Meeting of Policy Committees:

Monday, December 13, 1993, 7:00 p.m.
Lompoc City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc

Next Meeting of Technical Committees:

Wednesday, December 22, 1993, 10:00 a.m.
Lompoc City Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc