

MEMBER UNITS EXHIBIT NUMBER 60

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CITY OF LOMPOC - CACHUMA PROJECT MEMBERS NEGOTIATIONS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

October 3, 1994, 1:30 p.m.
Public Works Conference Room, 630 Garden Street
Santa Barbara

Present: (See attached sign-in list.)

The meeting was convened at 1:40 p.m.

1. Changes to the Agenda Item 6.A was added.
2. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 1994 Minutes approved as submitted, with the exception of one correction. Mr. Keefe noted that the last sentence in the first paragraph under Item 3 should be changed as follows: "...the amount of ~~outflow to the lagoon~~ underflow to the ocean at approximately 400 AFY."
3. Status Report from Water Quality Subcommittee Mr. Durbin noted that there is little to report since the subcommittee had not met since June 1994 due to the time requirements of the Jordan trial. He suggested that the subcommittee's work be conducted more through written correspondence, with periodic meetings as necessary to discuss technical memoranda. There was discussion as to whether this was not already the way the work is being done. The benefits of face to face discussions and regularly scheduled meetings were noted. There was concurrence that the subcommittee should attempt to handle more items by written correspondence between meetings as suggested by Mr. Durbin.
4. Status Report From Water Management Alternatives Subcommittee Mr. Petersen reviewed the draft document that was included in the packet, noting a few corrections about dates and schedules. Mr. Paul called attention to the list of discharge permits included and suggested that it be reviewed for accuracy. He also noted the comment by Roger Briggs (RWQCB) under "Closing Comment" in his July 1, 1994 memo in the packet and asked Mr. Durbin to confirm that he correctly characterized Mr. Durbin as being in agreement with this assessment. Mr. Durbin confirmed that this was accurate, assuming that removal of salts from the water supply means creating some sort of salt discharge from the basin. Mr. Schuster inquired whether the group thought that the document in the packet represents a good direction to be heading. There was discussion of the benefits as well as the limitations of water conservation with regard to water quality improvements. Mr. Durbin noted the linkage between agricultural water conservation and salt discharge from the basin, stating that conservation alone would not serve to improve quality. There was discussion of the possibility of controlling agricultural usage in the west Lompoc basin as a means of improving water quality. Mr. Mack noted that, due to the outcome of the Jordan trial, it may not be necessary to try to solve the problems experienced by agriculture, and that it may be sufficient to attempt to solve the problems of those parties who are participating in the negotiations. Mr. Durbin expressed his hope that a solution could be found that maximizes the benefit to all parties involved with the river.

Mr. Durbin presented a schematic diagram showing a preliminary representation of a possible management alternative developed by Mr. Durbin, Mr. Schuster, and Mr. Shahroody. Mr. Durbin stated that the goal of their efforts was to provide increased yield from the Santa Ynez River system and improved quality in the Lompoc basin. As a starting point, the proposal was purposely developed with regard to physical parameters only, and not institutional or political considerations at this time. The schematic showed the existing inputs to and diversions from the Santa Ynez River, and a proposed use of State Water Project water to recharge the Lompoc basin through direct release into the river and through the use of off-channel recharge facilities. Mr. Keefe noted that use of State Project water in Lompoc was not an approach that has been endorsed by the Lompoc City Council. Mr. Durbin discussed the conjunctive management of the Cachuma Project and the Lompoc basin, noting that the objective might be to increase recharge of higher quality water that is available during periods of high flow in the river. The Committee discussed various aspects of the schematic as a means of providing benefits for all parties involved, specifically increased yield for the Cachuma Project and improved water quality in the Lompoc basin. It was noted that these benefits could only be derived from capturing additional water that would normally flow to the ocean or from improving the efficiency of utilization of State Water Project entitlements. Mr. Mack noted that environmental interests are pushing for management options that might be contrary to the concept of reducing ocean outflow. Mr. Fowler raised the possibility of improving the quality of discharges to the river. There was discussion of the possibility of moving the discharge of the Lompoc wastewater treatment plant upstream.

The discussion turned to how the Committees should proceed with the evaluating the schematic and how it fits in with overall efforts to review management alternatives. Mr. Shahroody suggested that Steve Mack serve as a resource for the water management alternatives subcommittee to represent the South Coast perspective. Mr. Mack agreed to do so. Mr. Durbin explained that the concept illustrated in his schematic would be a subset of the management alternatives analysis. Mr. Schuster estimated that the next version of the alternatives analysis might be available soon after the first of the year. Mr. Hatch asked whether the USGS model would be used to quantify water quality improvements. Mr. Keefe indicated that Mr. Durbin's model would be used. Mr. Durbin added that his model would be used in conjunction with the Santa Ynez River Model.

There was discussion as to whether there are resources available to continue the analysis that has begun. Mr. Keefe stated that the City of Lompoc intends to continue to participate in the work that needs to be done to complete the negotiation process. He said he did not expect funding to be a problem, but cautioned that use of State Project water in Lompoc is likely to be of concern to members of the Lompoc City Council. Mr. Hatch asked how the negotiation process conflicts with or complements the Coastal Conservancy planning grant effort. Mr. Almy stated that he believed that the water resources section of that effort would come from these negotiations. Mr. Hatch noted that environmental interests were not represented as yet in the negotiation process and would have to be included at some point.

5. Jordan Trial Discussion

- A. Groundwater Concepts Discussed Mr. Mack highlighted a number of key issues which came out of the trial. He reported that Barry Hecht of Balance Hydrologics, Inc. is preparing a report summarizing his testimony at the trial. Mr. Mack and others noted that this would be a valuable resource in future discussions regarding the Santa Ynez River. Copies will be made available soon to members of the Technical Committees.
- B. Modelling Work Used Mr. Durbin described the modeling work used to develop his testimony during the trial.
- C. Conceptual Management Solutions There was a brief discussion of attempts to find solutions that improve the overall situation on the river without damaging any of the parties.

6. Other Business

- A. Tentative Policy Committee Meeting Date It was noted that subcommittee work had not progressed sufficiently to warrant a meeting of the Policy Committees on October 19, 1994, as tentatively scheduled at the last meeting. It was agreed that 7:00 p.m., December 7, 1994 in Lompoc would be a good time and place for the next meeting of the Policy Committees.

7. Date of Next Policy Committees Meeting The next meeting of the Technical Committees was set for Monday, November 7, 1994, at 1:30 p.m. in Santa Barbara, exact location to be determined.

8. Public Comment None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Meeting of Technical Committees
 Monday, October 3, 1994, 1:30 p.m.
 Public Works Conference Room
 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara

List of Attenders

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Timothy Durbin	City of Lompoc
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Stan Hatch	H & P
Russell Ruiz	GWD
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Lloyd G. Fowler	SWD
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