

Jemez y Sangre Meeting Notes
January 12, 2004

Attendees: Bob Vocke, Amy Lewis, David Groenfeldt, Conci Bokum, Alan Jager, Sigmond Silber, Edith Pierpont, Paul Paryski, Gavin Strathdee, Walton Chapman, Bill LeMay, Rick Carpenter, Lawrence Cata, Ray Nichols, Syd Lumbers, Lucy Moore, Don Dayton, Jeffrey Lyon, Jason Garcia, Pete Padilla, and Maxine Ewankow attended the JyS Water Planning Council monthly meeting.

The next JyS monthly meeting will be February 9, 2004 in Santa Fe.

1. David Groenfeldt (Education subcommittee) discussed “A Proposed Water Visioning Process for the Jemez y Sangre Region” using Appreciative Inquiry methods with the Council (see handout) and the following points were made:

- A majority of the meeting participants felt that the Regional Water Plan Public Welfare Statement is the “vision statement” for the JyS Region; and
- The Education subcommittee should focus on educating stakeholders on the Water Plan (e.g., the options charts) and implementing the recommendations (e.g., selecting the options to close the gap between supply and demand).

2. Paul Paryski and Conci Bokum (Legislation subcommittee) reviewed potential water-related legislation and the following points were made:

- The Council endorses CMA domestic well legislation that is consistent with recommendations in the JyS Regional Water Plan;
- The Council endorses water harvesting legislation;
- A proposed amendment to Article 16 of the NM Constitution for local control of public water supplies was not sufficiently mature for Council endorsement consideration; and
- A copy of the strategic water reserve legislation was distributed.

3. The following points were made during Growth Management subcommittee discussions:

- Council chairs continue to look for experts to review the Council’s growth management documents.

4. Conci Bokum (State Water Plan subcommittee) reported that the SWP was accepted by the ISC on December 17, 2003 and is posted on the OSE web site. The following points were made during Council discussions:

- The SWP is a “strategic plan” for OSE/ISC;
- The SWP is a living document; and
- The SWP is administrative in nature and doesn’t address managing NM’s water resources to ensure a sustainable supply.

5. Sig Silber (New and Expanded Water Technologies subcommittee) reported that the Cloud Seeding Workshop agenda was set (January 22-23, 2004 in Santa Fe).

6. Bob Vocke (Measuring Status subcommittee) reported that a funding source for the annual report card had not been located and based on a preliminary review of information it may be too early to prepare a meaningful report card given that the Regional Water Plan was accepted by ISC last April.

7. Paul Paryski (Governor's Blue Ribbon Water Task Force) reported that the Task Force has been focusing on legislation, which is being considered during the upcoming legislative session. The Task Force has recommended that additional resources be made available to OSE/ISC to deal with issues such as adjudication.

8. Bob Vocke (Sustainable Management of Groundwater Resources and Critical Management Areas implementation project) reported that the EBTAG annual workshop would be held in Santa Fe (March 2-3, 2003).