

Jemez y Sangre Water Planning Council Meeting Notes
June 14, 2004

Attendees: Bob Vocke, Paul Paryski, Roy Stoesz, Bill LeMay, Alan Jager, Sigmond Silber, Walt Chapman, Steve Wust, Don Dayton, Rick Carpenter, and Pete Padilla attended the JyS Water Planning Council monthly meeting.

The next JyS monthly meeting will be July 12, 2004 in Santa Fe.

Steve Wust updated the Council on Santa Fe County activities and covered the following:

- The Risk Assessment, Communication, Evaluations, and Reduction (RACER) at LANL project hosted its first public meeting;
- RACER is intended to integrate public comment and political input into the cleanup decision-making process and most of the public meeting comments were positive;
- The next RACER public meeting will be in 4 to 6 months;
- A Pojoaque Valley WWTP water fair was held on June 5th at the Pojoaque High School gymnasium – additional water fairs will be held at Tesuque (June) and Nambe (July);
- Groundwater samples (e.g., domestic wells) are being collected during the water fairs and analyzed for major cations & anions, nitrate, and heavy metals;
- Los Alamos National Laboratory Water Research Technical Assistance Office is providing the heavy metal analysis;
- Initial nitrate analyses do not indicate a problem;
- Individual analyses will be made available to the sample providers;
- Santa Fe County will make some of the information available through GIS e.g., nitrate information;
- The Aamodt settlement has been delayed and there will be a public meeting on June 15th (participants include the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County);
- A new regional water supply systems remains a key element of the Aamodt settlement;
- Domestic well users associated with the Aamodt settlement concerns include trading clean domestic well water for diverted Rio Grande water; and
- The LANL Water Research Technical Assistance Office located in Santa Fe County offices should be open soon;

Sig provided a Cloud Seeding Project update and made the following points:

- A pre-proposal was submitted to Governor Richardson's Water Innovation Fund;
- The New Mexico Weather Modification Association is being incorporated;
- Cloud seeding presentations have been made for Rio Arriba County and the City of Espanola;
- A cloud seeding presentation is planned for the City of Santa Fe on June 30th; and
- The Cloud Seeding Technical Advisory Group will meet on June 17th.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Education – JyS members continue working on OSE WaterWise Development initiatives. The next WaterWise meeting is July 14th.
- State Water Plan @ <http://www.seo.state.nm.us/water-info/NMWaterPlanning/NMWP-index.html> - no report.
- New and Expanded Water Technologies – The subcommittee has submitted two pre-proposals to the Water Innovation Fund (Landscape Capture of Precipitation Workshop and Trading Desal Water). The next subcommittee meeting is July 13th and the topic of discussion will be produced water.
- Measuring Status – A proposal has been submitted to ISC to prepare a 2005 JyS Report Card along with a proposal to Evaluate Consensus-Based Water Transactions.
- Governor's Blue Ribbon Water Task Force – The Task Force is reviewing how to most appropriately and equitably fund administration of Water in NM. Several members of the Task Force have submitted a proposal on Sustainable Management of the Rio Grande Water Resources to the Water Innovation Fund.

Other Business:

- The City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County are submitting several proposals to the Water Trust Fund.
- The Council agreed that the JyS July 12th meeting should focus on implementation strategies for the JyS Regional Water Plan.
- The next JyS Water Planning Council meeting will be held at the Santa Fe Homebuilders Association offices (1409 Luisa, Suite A).

Please note that the SFHBA has offered to host our monthly meetings and that they continue to host many of the subcommittee meetings as well as the Cloud Seeding Project meetings – many thanks.