

Jemez y Sangre Water Planning Council Meeting Notes
July 12, 2004

Attendees: Bob Vocke, Paul Paryski, Roy Stoesz, Bill LeMay, Alan Jager, Sigmond Silber, Walt Chapman, Steve Wust, Don Dayton, Rick Carpenter, Charlie Nylander, Conci Bokum, Edith Pierpont, Gavin Strathdee, Ray Nichols, Claudia Borchert, Jane Petchesky, Wayne Nichols, Maurice Lehr, Paul Compos, Ted Williams, Jason Garcia, Neva Van Peski, Elmer Salazar, and Diane Quarles attended the JyS Water Planning Council monthly meeting.

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

Diane Quarles presented an overview of the draft Santa Fe Regional Future Land Use and Growth Management Plan (please see presentation and draft plan at <http://eweb.lanl.gov/jemezysangre.htm>) under scheduled meetings for details. Council members raised several categories of implementation concerns:

- Is there enough water for existing permitted and proposed “directed” growth;
- Will utility service boundary limits be flexible;
- What happens outside the planning zone and how does this impact water demand/supply;
- Have impacts of Santa Fe “directed” growth been considered/mitigated in outlying areas of northern Santa County and Rio Arriba County;
- What happens as the City of Santa Fe annexes additional fringe areas;
- Will there be a single water utility or multiple water utilities;
- How is growth linked to water supply; and
- Who will be responsible for acquiring water rights?

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

- Two additional Pojoaque Valley WWTP water fairs were held in Tesuque (June, some 100 groundwater samples were collected) and Nambe (July, some 120 groundwater samples were collected);
- Preliminary groundwater analytical results from the earlier water fairs indicate areas of high naturally occurring uranium, scattered areas of elevated iron, several areas of elevated fluoride, some areas of elevated arsenic, and limited areas of elevated nitrate.
- Public information meetings are planned after results are provided to individuals that submitted groundwater samples; and
- The Aamodt settlement public information meeting was well attended – a topic of general concern is giving up domestic wells (which are not regulated for water quality) for a regional surface water supply (which must meet drinking water standards).

Charlie Nylander updated the Council on the Water Research Technical Assistance Office and made the following points:

- Santa Fe County passed a resolution on May 11th in support of office space and computer equipment is being installed;

- The Office will focus on water-related technical assistance in the Espanola Basin, regional water research collaboration e.g., USGS (including funding), educational outreach, and stimulating economic development in the water arena;
- The water fair information will be plugged into the regional Espanola Basin hydrologic model; and
- The JyS database will be updated, which will be accessible at the Technical Assistance Office.

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

- Funding priorities include state, local, and private sponsorship;
- A 2-page pre-proposal was submitted to Governor Richardson's Water Innovation Fund;
- Presentations have been made before Rio Arriba County, Espanola, and City of Santa Fe (resolution in support of the project is being drafted);
- Two presentations are planned before the Water and Natural Resources Interim Committee (increased water supply & economic development);
- Comments have been provided on the ISC cloud seeding permitting draft regulations (ISC hearing public hearing is July 20th);
- The Cloud Seeding Technical Advisory Group and Funding & Operations Subcommittee will meet on July 15th; and
- The Project plans to have a cloud seeding plane at the Santa Fe air show on Oct. 2nd.

Conci Bokum agreed to chair a subgroup that will lead a discussion on the JyS Regional Water Plan recommendations – next steps during the Council's September 13th meeting.

If conditions permit, the Council plans to tour the Santa Fe watershed and surface water treatment facility during its August 9th meeting.

Subcommittee Reports: none provided as time expired.

Please note that the SFAHBA has offered to host our monthly meetings.