



Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Planning Council

Draft Meeting Notes August 8, 2005

Attendees: Conci Bokum, Angela Schackel Bordegaray, Rick Carpenter, Jerry Cooper, Don Dayton, Lisa Henne, Charlie Nylander, Pete Padilla, Paul Paryski, Danielle Smith, Stephen Wust

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12, 2005
2:00 to 4:30
Santa Fe Home Builders Association offices
(1409 Luisa, Suite A, Santa Fe)

Note: Due to lack of a quorum for this meeting, decisions made by vote are not official.

J y S Representation on the Ad-hoc state/regional planning group

Council members discussed JyS representation for the Regional Water Planning Ad Hoc Committee. The ISC has decided to reconvene the Committee, and has asked JyS to identify two representatives¹ and an alternate. The past work of the Ad Hoc Committee was to develop and recommend a policy regarding the relationship between regional water plans and the state water plan. The committee report was adopted by the ISC and is found in Appendix C of the State Water Plan.

Rick Carpenter and Conci Bokum have represented JyS on the Ad Hoc Committee in the past, and are both willing to continue. It is not clear yet what the specific direction of the reconvened Committee will be.

The following opinions were expressed by Council members:

- To avoid conflict of interest, representatives should be from neutral member organizations (i.e., not doing water planning for their own needs), such as AARP and WRTAO.
- Representatives should have a good understanding of state water issues (e.g. compact delivery requirements), as well as of the types of issues addressed in regional water plans (e.g. public welfare, markets).

¹ This has been since changed to a single representative.

- Representatives should be Council members who were involved in the JyS plan development.
- The number of people who have detailed knowledge of the plan is waning. There is a need to foster opportunities to introduce new people to the plan.
- Jemez y Sangre has lost regional representation, and active members are primarily from Santa Fe. The representative should be someone who represents the interests of the region.
- Representatives need to be from voting members of the Council.

Responses to these points included:

- Conflict of interest issues could probably be avoided.
- The past work of the Committee has been more policy-related than representation of specific interests.

The council voted to retain Conci Bokum and Rick Carpenter as representatives and elect Don Dayton as the new alternate member. Lisa Henne was selected as the second alternate.

MOU with Galisteo Watershed Partnership

The Council voted to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Galisteo Watershed Partnership (GWP) to create a formal partnership between the two organizations. See June, 2005 meeting notes for a description of what a partnership agreement entails. Steve Wust volunteered to keep Jemez y Sangre members informed about current GWP issues and upcoming meetings.

Path Forward for Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Planning Council

Noting the low attendance for recent Jemez y Sangre meetings, meeting attendees discussed the need to define a purpose and related activities for the Council. The following areas were proposed:

- A decision had been made to convene subgroups to discuss the recommendation matrix, but this might be something that the Council as a whole could focus on. Conservation could be an area of emphasis.
- Because the Council has lost representation from most of the region, outreach needs to be conducted to rebuild active membership.
- The Council could take a stronger role in public education and dissemination of the plan

Next Meeting:

- Continue to work on strategy for path forward
- Aamodt will bring up the issue of regional water authorities – does the Council want to take on this subject?