



Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Planning Council

Draft Meeting Notes September 12, 2005

Attendees: Rick Carpenter, Jerry Cooper, Lisa Henne, Bill Lemay, Pete Padilla, Paul Paryski, Sig Silber, Danielle Smith, Roy Stoesz, Stephen Wust

Next Meeting: Monday, November 14, 2005
2:00 to 4:30
Santa Fe Home Builders Association offices
(1409 Luisa, Suite A, Santa Fe)

Congratulations to Conci Bokum for her election to the Buckman Direct Diversion Board.

Jemez y Sangre Water Summit: Workshop on Managing Landscapes & Watersheds for Water Resources

Paul Paryski updated JyS council members on the workshop agenda and speakers. The workshop outcome and next steps will be discussed at the November meeting.

Jemez y Sangre Representation on Interstate Stream Commission Ad Hoc Committee

The ISC has changed its request for representatives to the ad hoc committee and is now asking that each regional planning council select one representative and one alternate to serve on the ad hoc committee (rather than two representatives and one alternate). At the August meeting, Conci Bokum and Rick Carpenter were selected as the representatives, with Don Dayton and Lisa Henne as alternates.

Steve Wust expressed continued concern with having ad hoc committee representatives that also represent organizations or entities with potential for a conflict of interest (i.e., the Buckman Direct Diversion board and the City of Santa Fe). Others noted that Conci's and Rick's detailed knowledge of the Jemez y Sangre plan would be important for representing the Council on the ad hoc committee. After discussion, attending members agreed that representation to the ad hoc committee should include a mix of individuals who were involved in writing the Jemez y Sangre plan, and others who are

less familiar with the plan but could bring in new perspectives and see the plan with “fresh eyes”.

Attending members decided to elect a committee of four (Conci Bokum, Rick Carpenter, Don Dayton, and Lisa Henne) to serve on the ad hoc committee, with Lisa as the official representative and spokesperson, Don as the alternate, and Conci and Rick as advisors. The four representatives will work together on a consensus basis and will all attend ad hoc committee meetings when possible. The group will report to the Jemez y Sangre Council as a regular agenda item for monthly meetings, and between meetings if there are issues that require input of the Council.

Addressing Lack of Regional Representation on the Jemez y Sangre Council

Lisa Henne raised concerns that the lack of broad regional representation undermines the legitimacy of the Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Planning Council. The Espanola Basin Technical Advisory Committee (EBTAG) and the Espanola Basin Regional Planning Issues Forum (EBRPIF) were mentioned by other Council members as examples of organizations in the region that have a broad and active membership. A suggestion was made that some form of integration with the EBRPIF might be worth considering. Steve noted that the EBRPIF is an intergovernmental entity made up of cities, counties, and pueblos, and would not be open to the majority of the Jemez y Sangre membership.

Attending members agreed that outreach is needed to try to increase the level of representation on the Jemez y Sangre Council. Outreach should be developed to target the following:

- Entities within the planning region to show the value of working together (e.g., Jemez y Sangre is linked to funding);
- representatives of these entities to show the value of attending regional planning meetings (e.g. representation on state water plan, getting connections with other entities);
- the public, to promote awareness of and show the value of the plan.

Understanding and addressing the reasons for lack of participation will be important for developing a successful plan for revitalizing the Council. Lisa will work on outreach to former Council members and will attempt to gain insight into the underlying reasons for the drop-off in participation in the Council. A goal was set to report out to the Council at the November meeting.

Council members also identified the need to create a new mission statement, since the council needs to have a clear direction in order to keep a broad active membership base. The mission statement should be crafted by a group that includes diverse interests and representatives from throughout the region. Work on the mission statement will be planned for the November agenda.