

**REPORT FOR THE MEETING OF
THE ADVISORY WATER COMMISSION OF THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Advisory Water Commission of the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at Public Health Services, 1601 E. Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, California.

Roll Call.

Present were Commissioners Giovanetti, Gilmore, Kamper, Nomellini, Pinhey, Roberts, Taro, Weybret, Chairman McGurk, Vice-Chair Price and Secretary Lytle. Others present are listed on the Attendance Sheet.

Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of October 20, 2004.

Motion carried to approve the minutes (Pinhey/Roberts).

SCHEDULED ITEMS

I. **Discussion Items:**

A. *Presentation on Proposition 50 (Chapter 8) Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grants –*

Mark Williamson, Program Manager in the Water Services Division of Schlumberger, was invited to offer the Advisory Water Commission the same presentation that he gave before the Groundwater Banking Authority (GBA) last week (Wednesday, November 10th) concerning Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMP). An IRWMP is a requirement for any agency wanting to develop an application for Prop 50 Grant Funding and requesting Chapter 8 monies. Dr. Mel Lytle, Water Resource Coordinator, stated that the presentation was primarily for informational purposes for those agencies not involved in the GBA, so that they can understand what is going on within the County, especially with the possibility of their potential involvement in any future efforts.

Mr. Williamson began by explaining to the Commission that he just completed an IRWMP for the Mojave Water Agency and that their objectives were basically the same as those the GBA is trying to accomplish in order to meet the Prop 50 Grant application process and Water Code. He feels that not too much more needs to be done in San Joaquin County to turn the planning studies that have already been accomplished into an IRWMP. These planning studies include the Water Management Plan, completed in October 2001; the System Plan (update of the Mokelumne Aquifer Recharge & Storage Project) completed in April 2002; and, now, the Groundwater Management Plan (GMP), which was just completed in September of this year. San Joaquin County will be working in the coming months to develop the basin management objectives that will be needed to implement the GMP. Another factor in the County's favor is that the cities within San Joaquin County all have Urban Water Management Plans (UWMP). Mr. Williamson identified the IRWMP as the plan that ties all the elements together. It's a comprehensive look at the sources of water – how it's conveyed, how it's used, and where it goes; it also includes discussions of riparian and wetland issues and floodwater management as well.

Mr. Williamson noted that the minimum requirements of the IRWMP Standards must include:

- Discussion of Objectives and any Conflicts between those objectives
- Integration of two (2) or more Water Management Strategies
- Establishment of Implementation Plan and Regional Priorities
- Assessment of Performance, Impacts, and Benefits
- Stakeholder Involvement Process (identified as a key element and priority for grant funds)

A chart was shown which compared the various elements in the three existing Plans – the IRP (Integrated Resource Plan), the GMP, and the UWMP. Mr. Williamson pointed out there are a lot of common elements within the three plans, and that the County is only lacking a few key elements in its current planning documents. Shortage Contingencies (what action(s) would be taken in different drought situations) and Water Transfer & Exchange Opportunities were two aspects which need to be addressed in order to comply with the IRP requirements. He gave a short synopsis of some of the elements related to the Mojave Water Agency's Plan, highlighting those areas that are similar to San Joaquin County.

Mr. Williamson discussed Planning Incentives – the different grants that have money available for water planning, noting that the Prop 50 Grant is the current big money grant with applications to be accepted sometime in March or April 2005, and which will have in excess of \$500M available for groundwater recharge projects. However, a stipulation in obtaining Prop 50 monies is to have a GMP, a UWMP, and, at least, a process in place for developing an IRP by January 1, 2007. He identified the minimum IRWM Standards as: 1.) One or more Regional Objectives; 2.) Water Management Strategies; 3.) Integration of two or more Strategies; and, 4.) Project Priorities and a Schedule.

He also noted that there will be monies available for both planning and implementation, and that the planning monies could be applied to development of the IRWMP. The requirements for both the Planning and Implementation Grant Criteria are similar; however, the areas of emphasis will be different. He listed several of the weighted ranking criteria for both, but added that any application for Implementation Grant Funding must first meet minimum conformance standards through certain pass/fail criteria: Minimum IRWM Standards, consistency with Plan Standards, and a minimum Funding Match of 10%.

Following Mark Williamson's presentation, Anthony Barkett, consultant for Stockton East Water District (SEWD) distributed a couple of items for Kevin Kauffman, General Manager SEWD, concerning The Eastern Water Alliance and their efforts related to Prop 50 Grant Funding. Ed Steffani, General Manager of North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD), and Jim Kuykendall of Boyle Engineering interjected some clarification and history concerning the handouts. (Note: The Eastern Water Alliance is an alliance among SEWD, NSJWCD, and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District.) There was also a brief discussion of the direction the County is taking, what efforts are already in place, and the focus of the GBA with regards to the Prop 50 monies. With time-sensitivity concerns in applying for grant funding, Commissioner Weybret, Board President for NSJWCD, suggested that an Action Item be put on the Commission's next agenda to support the Alliance or the GBA, whichever one can move forward most effectively in obtaining said funding.

II. **Action Items:**

A. *Presentation and Recommendation for a Letter of Support for AB303 Local Groundwater Assistance Program FY 2004-05 Grant Application for City of Tracy Regional Groundwater Management Plan.*

Commissioner Nick Pinhey, Director of Public Works for the City of Tracy, offered a brief synopsis of his city's history and understanding of their groundwater system and their preparation of a Groundwater Management Plan focusing on their sub basin area. He explained that Tracy relies on surface water for its water supply (60%), so there's been little understanding of the dynamics or workings of their basin's groundwater system. However, in the last 9 years they've made some progress in defining their groundwater resources (attempted ASR, Groundwater Management policies, AB303 Plan, and expanded monitoring); they are currently trying to coordinate their efforts and strive for a comprehensive view of their groundwater system. They realize they need a Regional Plan, that their efforts affect others, and it is their wish to work cooperatively with the

surrounding areas. Representing the City of Tracy, Mr. Pinhey requested that the Advisory Water Commission support the Tracy Regional Groundwater Management Plan Grant Application. A recommendation for a Letter of Support for AB303 Local Groundwater Assistance Program FY 2004-05 Grant Application for City of Tracy Regional Groundwater Management Plan was moved and seconded (Nomellini/Gilmore) and approved, with one abstention (Pinhey).

B. Recommendation to Support the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority AB303 Local Groundwater Assistance Program FY 2004-05 Grant Application.

A recommendation to support the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority AB303 Local Groundwater Assistance Program FY 2004-05 Grant Application was moved and seconded (Nomellini/Roberts) and unanimously approved.

III. Communications:

A. Association of California Water Agencies Fall Conference – 11/30/04 to 12/03/04

Public Comment:

None.

Possible Future Agenda Items:

- Corral Hollow Creek Off-Channel Detention Feasibility Study
- Update on Farmington Groundwater Recharge Program
- South County Water Supply Project

Next Regular Meeting: December 15, 2004, 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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