

MEMBER UNITS EXHIBIT NUMBER 62

MINUTES

CITY OF LOMPOC - CACHUMA PROJECT MEMBERS NEGOTIATIONS TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

November 28, 1994
Public Works Conference Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara

Present: (See attached sign-in list.)

The meeting was convened at 10:05 a.m.

1. Changes to the Agenda None
2. Approval of Minutes of November 7, 1994 Meeting The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Status Report from Modeling Subcommittee No report
4. Status Report from Water Management Alternatives Subcommittee

Mr. Schuster reviewed the draft study plan that was included in the packet, noting that it was a joint effort of Bob Paul and Tom Petersen, and that it reflected comments made during the previous meeting. Mr. Paul noted that there was apparently a line missing in the draft. Mr. Schuster emphasized that the document was intended as a starting point in the investigations of possible ways to meet the objectives of improving water quality in the Lompoc basin and improving the reliability of the Cachuma Project.

Mr. Mack inquired about the role of the Above Narrows account in regard to the conjunctive use analysis identified in Step 2. Mr. Schuster responded that, in attempting to "float" Below Narrows water on top of Above Narrows releases, it may be necessary to refund water from the Above Narrows account in order to keep the Cachuma Project whole.

Mr. Mack suggested that the study plan analysis period be based on the 1918-1992 time period of the standard Santa Ynez River Hydrology Model, instead of the 1953-91 period. There was consensus that this would be appropriate. There was discussion of whether it is appropriate to use the "upper" percolation curve in the study plan. Mr. Keefe inquired whether Ali Shahroody had seen the draft. Mr. Schuster stated that Mr. Shahroody was part of the decision to use the upper curve, despite possible inaccuracies, as a way of having a uniform base case to work from. It was suggested that Mr. Shahroody be contacted to be sure he is comfortable with this approach.

There was a question about the use of historical cloud seeding and it was agreed that

language from the "no action alternative" of the Cachuma renewal EIR/EIS be used, or that the study plan would simply reference the "no action alternative." Mr. Evans suggested that an earlier study by the City of Santa Barbara on use of the Uplands basin be included as part of the study plan relative to possible conjunctive use schemes. Mr. Paul was concerned with the functionality of this alternative.

Mr. Schuster stated that Mr. Durbin's firm is set up to conduct modeling analysis of Item No. 1 in the study plan, regarding pumping of low quality water out of the basin. He expects by December 7, 1994 to have completed at least one model run, and possibly as many as three, analyzing the effect of this pumping. He expected that work on this step could be completed sometime during January 1995. Mr. Schuster also outlined modeling of the river flow that Mr. Durbin's firm will be conducting using the Santa Ynez River Model as provided by Ali Shahroody. Mr. Almy requested copies of input and output from this analysis as soon as it is available. Mr. Mack noted that the Modeling Subcommittee's analysis of Cachuma impacts on Lompoc will be limited to the 1953-1991 period, while the Management Alternatives Subcommittee will be using modeling of the 1918-1992 period.

There was discussion of possible target completion dates (which were as much as one year to complete the study plan) and the length of time that might be necessary to complete the negotiations. This led to a discussion of an extension of the agreement and how a possible extension would relate to upcoming discussion by the Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed assignment of the Cachuma contract to the Cachuma Project Authority. There was discussion of accelerating and abbreviating the analysis in the study plan to allow a proposal to be made to Lompoc by the Cachuma member units prior to the Board's action on the assignment issue or prior to the May 15, 1995 target date for the execution of the Cachuma Project contract renewal. A number of hypothetical offers to Lompoc were discussed. Mr. Keefe noted that nothing had really changed relative to Lompoc's concerns that led to the agreement. He also noted that there are new members on the City Council now and he is not clear how this would affect the Council's position on possible solutions to Lompoc's concerns.

Mr. Evans state that he thought the Technical Committees had to try to find some sort of solution prior to Board action on the assignment. There was further discussion about what the member units could offer Lompoc to provide a level of comfort about allowing the assignment to proceed, including a possible interim agreement to continue the process of investigating the claims of impacts of Cachuma on the Lompoc plain. Mr. Amerikaner suggested an agreement providing that the member units would mitigate the downstream impacts of the Cachuma Project, as established by the State Board, whenever they are established. There was some discussion also of the possibility of Lompoc becoming a member of the Cachuma Project.

It was agreed that the draft study plan would be presented to the Policy Committees at the December 7, 1994 meeting and that the Policy Committees would be briefed on the discussion regarding the assignment issue by the Technical Committees. Mr. Amerikaner and Mr. Pike agreed to draft a statement of principles that might be the basis for an interim agreement aimed at allowing the assignment issue to proceed without objection from

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Lompoc.

5. Other Business None

6. Date Next Meeting The next meeting of the Technical Committees was set for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 19, 1994 in Santa Barbara, location to be announced.

7. Public Comment None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

