

MEMBER UNITS EXHIBIT NUMBER 22

SUMMARY - SANTA YNEZ RIVER FISHERIES CONSENSUS COMMITTEE
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Attachment A - List of Attendees

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Jim Moore, US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, Sacramento (USBR). The meeting convened at 9:40 AM. - Goleta Sanitary District Conference Room

Mr. Moore:

Suggested the Committee 1) receive a report from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), 2) discuss the recommendation of the TAC with regard to future studies and wish to discuss how the work of the TAC will interface with the Cachuma contract renewal EIS/EIR (under preparation).

Mr. Kiddman, MC CORMIC, KIDDMAN ET AL:

Requested a meeting summary be prepared for each future meeting. Based on concerns that a number of decisions relating to releases from Bradbury Dam had been made on an interim basis but no documentation had been prepared for the CC, he requested that there be regular reporting of releases, spillway account balance, etc. in the future. He suggested this information would be very helpful for the various decision makers in the organizations participating on the CC.

Mr. Almy, COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Agreed to prepare a meeting summary.

Ms. Chadwick, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (CDFG):

Summarized the TAC Field Program and indicated TAC minutes and a summary report were being prepared by Chuck Hansen.

DISCUSSION - RELEASES

The group discussed the continuation of controlled releases in November; because of concerns of water quality in pools immediately below Bradbury Dam, some releases were made to maintain water levels. Despite the establishment of water quality criteria and a notification process, there was some confusion regarding releases to maintain the "Long Pool". Uncontrolled releases were estimated to be approximately 180 gallons a minute, while controlled releases were made to increase total releases from the facility at 1 cubic foot per second. (controlled releases were estimated to be roughly 270 gpm.) These additional releases were made, relying upon the 20 AF "Release Account" and were initiated on November 20, 1993. Although intended to end on the November 22, 1993--they continued through December 11, 1993. It was requested USBR check their internal communications. USBR confirmed that future accounting reports will indicate the basis for initiating and ending controlled releases.

Ms. Chadwick:

Ms. Chadwick led a discussion of "Framework and Study Plan", indicating comments had been received on the plan, but more were anticipated. She suggested the studies to date had been done on an adhoc basis and some better structure with regard to responsibility and payment needed to be developed. She indicated Chuck Hansen was still developing the budget for the proposed work plan and she anticipated the cost would be roughly \$250,000. per year. Work by the CDFG was not included in those costs.

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Ms. Chadwick:

Suggested participants in the committee forward their concerns about the outline to Chuck Hanson and therefore an additional technical advisory committee meeting may not be necessary.

Indicated the Technical Advisory Committee would need to ask the Policy Committee to provide direction as to how far to go into "other issues". She pointed out that CDFG has a mandate to "improve" certain biological resources which provides the basis for goals Number 2,3, and 4. She indicated a need to go beyond simple evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

It was suggested the Consensus Committee (rather than an adversarial forum) is the appropriate vehicle to develop information and seek agreement to solve and identify problems. Discussion followed regarding the relationship of the management objectives and the study plan. The participants in the discussion suggested there was some confusion regarding their relationship.

Mr. Slater, HATCH AND PARENT:

Suggested these issues need to be resolved in a late January/early February meeting, and the committee take up process issues, keeping in mind three things: 1) The Consensus Committee has been dealing with public trust issues through two MOU's and the committee needs to develop a one to three year work plan, 2) The Cachuma Project contract renegotiations have begun and EIS/EIR is in preparation, and 3) The State Water Resources Control Board will take up the Cachuma Project permit and related public trust complaints in 1994. He indicated that the use of information in each setting needs to be discussed. He pointed out that the State Board is the ultimate decision maker with regard to appropriate water releases for fisheries. He pointed out that each of the three issues mentioned above involve fisheries.

The State Water Resources Control Board is responsible for competing concerns and establishing conditions on the project with regard to water rights. There hearings are scheduled to begin July 1994. He pointed out the contract renewal EIS/EIR cannot make decisions about releases, since that is within the "bailiwick" of WRCB.

He indicated that some of the consensus group had held previous discussions relating to: 1) embracing a work plan which would allow development of information relating to fisheries issues (there needs to be an agreement to carry through the one to three year necessary until the study is done), and 2) There needs to be a decision as to how the information developed through the work plan will be folded into the EIS/EIR process. He acknowledged the WRCB will influence that decision.

He suggested that all involved recognize that the State Board will make any final decision. He suggested that since the Cachuma permit is up for consideration in July (1994), there needs to be a request that decision not go to hearing until the fisheries issues are settled. He recognized there are scenarios in which some other limited issues could be evaluated, such as downstream vested rights, but there are some conflicting views as to duplication of efforts under that kind of approach.

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Robert Alamy	SB Co. Water Agency
Michelle Ouellette	Best, Best + Kueger FIRE ID #1
Cindy Chadwick	Dep't of Fish & Game
Scott S. Slater	Hatch and Parent For SYRWCD
JIM MOORE	USBR - SACRAMENTO
TOM PETERSEN	S.Y.R.W.C.D. ID #1
✓ ART KIDMAN	CCRB/McCormick, Kidman & Behrens
Don MOONEY	DeCuir + Somach / CITY OF Lompoc
✓ Chip Dullbrandt	Price Postels Parma for COWD & MWD
Chuck Evans	Montecito W.D. and CCRB
Craig Jussaro	Interested Public
JOHN GRAY	Woodward - Clyde
CHRIS DANSTROM	Cachuma Project Authority
BOB WIGNOT	CACHUMA PROJECT AUTHORITY / C.A.M.B.
Steve Mack	City of Santa Barbara
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