

MEMBER UNITS EXHIBIT NUMBER 26

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Name: Santa Ynez River Fisheries Consensus Committee Meeting
Location: Conference Room, Goleta Sanitary District Office, 1000 James
Fowler Road, Goleta CA
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 1995 Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Proposed Agenda:

- (1) Report of the Operations Status. (Carl Dealy, USBR)
- (2) Technical Advisory Committee - Workplan/Budget for the Upcoming year. (Discussion)
- (3) Fish Survey Status. (Scott Engbloom)(Discussion)
- (4) Renewal of the MOU. (Discussion)
- (5) Other Items. (Open Topic Discussion)
- (6) Agenda/Scheduling for Next Consensus Committee Meeting. (Discussion)

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The Consensus Committee meeting agenda is attached.

NOTES OF THE February 28, 1995
MEETING OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER FISHERIES CONSENSUS COMMITTEE

MAY 8 1995

Attached: List of Attendees

Summary of topics discussed:

- Report of the River Operations Status
- Report on the Status of the Steelhead listing.
- State Water Board Activities - Order 94-5
- Listing of the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
- Technical Advisory Committee - Workplan/Budget for the Upcoming year
- Fish Survey Status
- Renewal of "MOU for Cooperation in Research and Fish Maintenance - Santa Ynez River"
- Santa Ynez River Watershed Management Planning
- Other upcoming events
- Agenda/Scheduling for Next Consensus Committee Meeting

Handouts:

- Memorandum, Cachuma Spills - Acre Feet, Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and Water Agency
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Report of the River Operations Status

Current release: 290 cfs, this will fluctuate as inflow fluctuates.
Fisheries Account Balance: 1944.6

Inflow is presently on a .95 recession curve. Operating criteria at this time is to maintain passing calculated inflow to maintain a reservoir elevation close to 733 feet.

Rob Almy brought a document that shows the accounting of water release from October through February. A disparity between the fisheries release account balance and the

figure in the document is due to a small amount of water released before the "89-18 releases" and therefore is not reflected in the document.

Report on the Status of the Steelhead listing

National Marine Fisheries (NMF) listing is being held up by the work on Coho listing (expected March 1). Steelhead would follow soon after that. Craig Fusaro said that we may expect a listing in two months (Approx. April 15), beyond the legal limit of the February 15, deadline.

Apparently the western team (NMF) has signed off on the action.

State Water Board Activities - Order 94-5

Art Kidman gave a report of the status of recent water board activities. Water Rights Order 94-5 was adopted on November 17, 1994. The Order indicates that the California Water Resources Control Board will be looking to this group and this process to provide data for an ultimate water right decision with some provision for water management and maintenance of biological resources.

Although there was some confusion over our present fisheries study and the NEPA/CEQA process as a part of the contract renewal process, this was sorted out to the apparent satisfaction of most parties involved, though litigation has been filed.

Listing of the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher

Judy Hohman of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) presented the report on the endangered species listing of the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher. This listing was

published in the Federal Register, February 17, 1995, becoming effective in March with deferred listing of critical habitat designation.

As to our present activities Judy Hohman suggested that we must consider endangered species in the planning process for any action. The Federal Government is charged with conservation of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. Specific impacts to be considered would be indirect loss of habitat related to water diversions.

It is anticipated that FWS will let us know if actions related to the Fish Study would cause an impact. There is no anticipation at this time of any habitat loss due to current activities.

Concern was expressed, that FWS have a specific opinion or position with regard to listings in general, given the amount of work that has been put into the process.

Judy Hohman suggested consultation under section 7 of the ESA for activities involving federal agencies [Bureau of Reclamation]. Counties and private sector may consult with the FWS in writing as provided under section 10 of the ESA, as new actions are proposed.

Rob Almy, County of Santa Barbara, expressed the desire to have more information on habitat of the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher up-front. In fact, is the Santa Ynez River part of the proposed critical habitat? Judy Hohman said that she would provide the proposed critical habitat. Judy Hohman said that she would provide the proposed rule through Carl Dealy at Reclamation. She was not certain of all of the aspects of the proposed rule since it originates in the FWS Phoenix Office.. It will include biological aspects, threats to the species and references (more lengthy than the final ruling). Designation of critical habitat will take place July 23, 1995, with a reopening of the comment period.

Att Kidman (5/17/95):
Remember focus is on fish, not
other: amphibians, birds, etc.

Other species to be considered in our process include the Tidewater Goby, Arroyo Toad Chub, Red-legged Frog, Southwestern Pond Turtle, and the two-striped garter snake. Habitat conservation planning was initiated last year. Carl Dealy will provide the most recent list specific the Santa Ynez River. And there are further references in the Contract Renewal EIS/EIR.

Technical Advisory Committee - Workplan/Budget for the Upcoming year

Scott Engbloom presented the study plan which includes provisions for wet and dry year studies with additional study of water quality emphasizing flows for fish passage, water temperature studies. The study plan was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee.

Steve Mack presented the new budget with a format including a column showing actual costs broken down. He also suggested that in the future we should work on the budget and plan early, in October and November, rather than February and March, in order to better fit the calendar year and fiscal budget planning.

While the budget is not quite final it is apparent that it is well under last years. There will be a meeting on Thursday, March 2 to discuss the budget further. It was proposed that the budget and study plan could be circulation with the MOU.

Ann Ball of Reclamation, recommended preparing a long-term plan with provisions for wet versus dry years. A plan flexible enough to adapt with ease to changing stream flow conditions. Scott Slater of Hatch & Parent added that the MOU, in section 5 suggests the development of a long-term agreement. Implicit in a long term agreement is a long term study plan.

The present plan takes the next step, beyond the collection of baseline data which was the focus in previous years. While it is short of a long term plan it anticipating long-term studies.

There was some discussion of process and funding travel for CDFG personnel. Dick Daniels of CDFG asked for some consideration of CDFG's budget constraints. Paul Forsberg's time spent on TAC activities is covered so essentially the expense is travel only. CDFG is having some trouble funding some of the travel. Mr. Daniels asked for if the member units might entertain the idea of funding part or all of Paul Forsberg's travel to attend TAC activities. The cost is about \$280.00 per trip at approximately 6 trips per year.

The intent is to keep Paul Foresberg on the project. Bill Snyder of the In stream Flow group would participate on the biology subcommittee.

Art Kidman emphasized that this person [CDFG subcommittee member] is very important to the process. There is also some concern that this representative will not be seen in Santa Barbara. Mr. Daniels characterized Bill Snyder's participation as putting the most talented people in the most appropriate places and he will be reviewing the product. The In stream flow group role would be advisory, setting parameters and methodology of the studies with the local group on site.

Other process issues included FWS budgeting through the O&M budget, and methods for keeping people in informed. To keep up with the process Carl Dealy will act as a "Clearinghouse" listing all relevant correspondence in an agenda package that would be distributed one or two weeks prior to upcoming Consensus Committee meetings.

It was suggested we use a meeting site with the convenience of copying materials, however the present site is close to the airport may be more of a convenience. If

we could just remember to bring enough copies for participants, this may be a solution.

Fish Survey Status

Upstream and Downstream migrant traps for Steelhead or trout are in place on Hilton, Najawee and Salsepuedus creeks. There has been some discussion of deployment on other creeks. Walking surveys to back-up the weir surveys will soon take place, but a snorkel survey is still pending.

Migrants - Majority on Hilton Creek, between 15 and 20 fish
Salsepuedes, 2 Adults, before traps were pulled
Alisal, 2 Adults, before traps were pulled
Queota, fish seen but not captured
Najoii, no fish observed

The high flows on the main stem have made it impossible to deploy traps there, however a site near the lagoon is being considered to capture some of the downstream migrating adults. Some of the best places for deployment have been long shallow places.

Safety under high flow is a concern. Any future criteria for deployment should coincide with the objectives of the WR 95-4 and safety of personnel should be paramount. Critical to this is scheduling of placement according to the expected flows.

Renewal of "MOU for Cooperation in Research and Fish Maintenance - Santa Ynez River"

Mr. Pike has been gathering comments and has been working on the re-draft of last years agreement. Basically a extension of the last MOU. Mr. Pike gave a summery of some of the comments. Member units would like to see a continuation of the process, functioning as it has. They are willing to fund it again and deal with the water even as the supply is altered with the restrictions due to the Dam safety work. Comments also focused on the need for more water and funding for agencies involved, and the composition of the biological subcommittee including the effect of federal acts on that composition.

It was generally agreed that flash boards modifications and subsequent surcharges to the reservoir should ultimately be the primary source of water for the fish studies. For the purpose of the MOU modifications allowing for a surcharge should be included and a repeat of prior language on the amount of water available in other words the amount of water available to the studies should be dealt with on an annual basis, starting with a specific amount of water with no carryover. Also repeating the language concerning the possibility of an affirmative commitment on the part of the member units for more water as needed [recommended by the TAC].

Reclamation intends to continue to pursue the 2-foot surcharge with modification to the flash boards once the dam safety issues are taken care of. The 0.75 foot surcharge could be continued soon after the safety of dam modifications are completed. Ann Ball said that she would talk to Tony Buelna, Operations, and the Dam Safety group to see if there is a possibility that the reservoir elevation could be raised above the 750 foot elevation prior to the scheduled completion of the interim modifications.

Art Kidman offered a clarification concerning carry-over and the definition of "minimum pool water"

1) The water really is a member unit water (considering that in a very dry year we would run out of water 2000 acre-feet sooner with the MOU in place)

2) the 2000 acre-feet was an amount of water requested by the CDFG as subject to discussion of the use to the fisheries study and therefore accumulated from year to year is not the appropriate course of action, but rather adjustments should be made with the approval of augmentation.

Bob Pike expressed the fear that the 2000 acre-feet has become too institutionalized and that there is some concern that appropriate guideline for the use of water are lacking.

Dick Daniels said that in all probability at some point an In stream 35,000 [3,500] acre-feet needed for a flow analysis, roughly 250 cfs for 7 days may be required. Unit members may resist this proposal due to the cost of replacement.

composition of the TAC-sub committee

Provision:

Attached: Budget, study plan

Other signers - Lompoc, NMFS, Change the whereas

Process: This type of meeting should be a Fall event rather than once a year....
suggestion first Wednesday in October..

Suggestion: to expand and change the scope

Member agencies perspective

Bob Pike suggested that we stay on the course
(long-term), for the near term, could include

Subcommittee- act by consensus with ultimate call "tie-breaker" by the CDFG.

Concern that FWS membership stems from a mis-understanding from the end-user,,
concerned that the meaningful...

FWS - Working on Study Plan wrapping up last year studies,, just seems logical to
include FWS.....

currently the process is working
subcommittee

RA - informal participation for now... revisit the issue in a year to see how things
are progressing

J. - summarized...

Notification - Judy Hohman, FWS

Provisions for openness ... sub-committee has in reality a very limited role
Dick Daniel reiterated that the study plans have implicit water allocations, but
these should not be developed without full discussion.

Clear budgeting concern
appropriated O&M funds we are committed to exploring additional funding sources.

FACA
reclamation's
action not entirely discretionary, therefore... no violation

Comments from Wilkinson/Slater
essentially we are dealing with State Resources and State issues.

Overall the hope is that the language can remain essentially unchanged.

Typographical error - article 10.

AK.. Goal

Maybe next year's renewal we might consider a 3-yr. term.

Re-cap... on the MOU

- 1) New draft and the budget along with a study plan
- 2) FACA, differences of opinion must be resolved.
- 3) No changes anticipated, bio-Subcommittee, flash boards carry-over

Monday

distribution, out to signatory parties.

FWS, NMFS, CDFG, Lompoc, Member agencies

March 10, comments back

March 11, Out for execution

Santa Ynez River Watershed Management Planning

Initiated last year by land user trust...

Contribution in kind

Complimentary to their effort.

Letter form Carolyn Barr February 24, 1995

CREF Funds.. EPA payments from the oil industry...

Chip Wulbrant,, concerned that we do not become more involved than to share information at this time,, until we know more of what they are doing in the form of a specific proposal.

We must avoid language such as "endorsement" or "partnership" in order to avoid being co-opted into a process that we may find at odds with our own process.

Other Upcoming Events

March 9, Dr. Nielsen UCSB Scott Cooper

March 17, Extension program "Managing California's Liquid Gold"

March 26. Public information workshop Santa Ynez River Natural Resources and the Public Trust.

Agenda/Scheduling for Next Consensus Committee Meeting

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1000 James Fowler Road, Goleta CA

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 1995 Time: 9:00 a.m.

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6. Bob Paul will continue to re-draft the MOU and circulate it for signature.

LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE SINCE **February 28, 1995:**

May 4, 1995 From Reclamation to Bob Pike, City of Santa Barbara
1995 MOU for Co-operation in Research and Fish Maintenance - Santa
Ynez River - Cachuma Project

- May 2, 1995 From Reclamation To Steve Mack, City of Santa Barbara
New Agreement for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Participation in
the Santa Ynez River Technical Advisory Committee Activities
- April 17, 1995 From Department of Fish and Game To Wayne Florence, American
Aerial Survey Inc.
Agreement of Services - Aerial Photography of Santa Ynez River
Below Bradbury Dam, Santa Barbara County
- April 12, 1995 From Bill Snider, Department of Fish and Game To Santa Ynez River
Fishery Group
Planning Hydraulic Data Collection
- April 11, 1995 From Craig Fusaro To Jim McNamara, Reclamation
Santa Ynez River Public Trust Workshop Videotapes
- April 3, 1995 FAX From Carl Dealy, Reclamation To Paul Forsberg, Department of
Fish and Game
Proposed Flow Schedule for Hydraulic Data Collection
- April 3, 1995 FAX From Carl Dealy, Reclamation To Ed Ballard, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service
Proposed Flow Schedule for Hydraulic Data Collection
- April 3, 1995 From California Sportfishing Protection Alliance To Edward Anton,
State Water Resources Control Board
Disposition of 1983 Petition for Change of Place of Use and
Purpose of Use
- April 1, 1995 From Scott Engbloom, Project Biologist To Santa Ynez River
Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes from the February 10, 1995 TAC meeting

- March 30, 1995 From Robert Pike, City of Santa Barbara To William H. Luce, Jr.,
Reclamation
1995 MOU For Cooperation in Research and Fish Maintenance - Santa
Ynez River
- March 29, 1995 FAX From Bill Snider, Department of Fish and Game To Ed Ballard
FWS, Scott Engbloom
Draft of Proposed Methods to Evaluate Fish Passage on the Santa
Ynez River
- March 2, 1995 From Fish and Wildlife Service To All Interested Parties
Endangered Species Status for Southwestern Willow Flycatcher



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IN REPLY
REFER TO:

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ENV-4.00/PRJ-13.00

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Santa Ynez River Fisheries Consensus Committee
(See Attached List)

Subject: Santa Ynez River Fisheries Consensus Committee Meeting - Cachuma
Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is to confirm that the next Consensus Committee meeting will be held on
Wednesday, October 4, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. The location will be:

Conference Room
Goleta Sanitary District Office
1000 James Fowler Road
Goleta, California

Again we would like to remind you that the meeting room is being provided as a
courtesy by the District. We request that you come to the meeting prepared
with an adequate number of copies of handouts (approx. 25) that you may wish
to distribute.

Enclosed, is the Agenda for the meeting as well as a list of relevant
correspondence since the last meeting. If you have any questions, please call
me (209) 487-5139 or for the hearing impaired (209) 487-5933.

Sincerely,

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MEETING AGENDA

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Location: Conference Room, Goleta Sanitary District Office,
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Date: Wednesday, October 4, 1995 Time: 9:30 a.m.-
12:00 noon

Proposed Agenda:

- (1) Review of Notes, Previous Meeting, May 17, 1995
(Discussion)
- (2) Operations/Interim Fix Status. (Bill Luce, USBR)
- (3) Technical Advisory Committee - Long-term Plan. (Paul
Foresberg)
- (4) Fish Survey/Flow Study Status. (Scott
Engbloom) (Discussion)
- (5) Access Issues (Paul Foresberg)
- (6) Status of Lompoc Litigation (Discussion)
- (7) Other Items. (Open Topic Discussion)
- (8) Agenda/Scheduling for Next Consensus Committee Meeting.
(Discussion)

NOTES OF THE May 17, 1995
MEETING OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER FISHERIES CONSENSUS COMMITTEE

Attached: List of Attendees

Summary of topics discussed:

- Review of Notes, Previous Meeting, February 28, 1995.
- Status of the MOU.
- Operations/Interim Fix Status
- Technical Advisory Committee - Long-term plan/Budgeting issues
- Fish Survey/Flow Study Status
- Access Problems
- Status of Lompoc Litigation
- Expansion of the Scope of Fishery Studies
- Agenda/Scheduling for Next Consensus Committee Meeting

Handouts:

- "Cachuma 1995 Storage, Spill & Inflow Curves"
- Draft (not TAC Reviewed) Proposed Study Plan, "Habitat Conditions and Steelhead Use of the Lower Santa Ynez River and Tributaries Below Bradbury Dam", May 1995.

Review of Notes, Previous Meeting, February 28, 1995

- Page 4. refers to other species to be considered in the progress of the study. Considering the other species should not change the focus of our process, which is to deal with fish remember our primary commitment is to the fisheries...
- Page 2. Funding, to Mr. Daniel's question the answer is yes.
- "Arroyo Chub" should be changed to "Arroyo Toad" were it occurs in the notes.

Status of the MOU

Since the last meeting Fish and Wildlife Service and Fish and Game - change to the attachment. The following approved and/or signed Santa Ynez River Conservation district No. 1, Cachuma Conservation and Release Board, Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, SCD, Santa Barbara County Water Agency.

Not signed at this time California Sports Fishing Alliance, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the City of Lompoc. The later two may yet sign. The agreement remains open to this.

The committee considers the MOU executed and in place.

Operations/Interim Fix Status

Spilled 346,352 acre-feet as of January 10, 1995, making this the second greatest volume spilled since 1953. Normal spill for the given conditions of this year would be

300,000. So based on the restriction of the reservoir, we have spilled roughly 46,000 acre-feet.

Inflow was 350,000 and diversions January through May 15 are 8,399 acre-feet. Precipitation was 41 inches for the period January to May, which would make this year the third greatest for precipitation.

Operations has been coordinating with the Technical Advisory Committee on flow to the Santa Ynez River. The operation range is no greater than six tenths above the restricted level of 733.

Despite problems with hard clay and minor mechanical breakdown the cut-off wall for the interim fix is expected to be complete by May 25. Draw down of the water in the alluvium of the foundation should begin June 3, and by June 24 dewatering should be complete. There is a possibility of ending restriction on the reservoir, however this depends on outcome the dewatering program and the study of upstream embankment stability, blind thrust fault and spillway wall integrity. These issues will be discussed at the consultants meeting, scheduled for next week. There is no guaranteed return to normal operation of the Dam at this time.

Technical Advisory Committee - Work plan/Budget for the Upcoming year

long-term plan meet and talked last week - nothing TAC reviewed yet. A draft outline is available through F&G - Comments may be addressed to Paul Forsberg for the June 6 TAC meeting. Long-term plan will be complete by next consensus meeting. Dick Daniels handed out the draft Proposed Study Plan, "Habitat Conditions and Steelhead Use of the Lower Santa Ynez River and Tributaries Below Bradbury Dam", May 1995.

Fish Survey/Flow Study Status

Due to heavy rain damage the Salsepuedes Creek weir and traps were washed out. This leads to the possibility that the young of the year from Hilton Creek had a chance to go downstream.

downstream migration:

Salsepuedes - one smolt trapped (last week) others were observed upstream of the trap.

Hilton Creek - to date, 64 fish were collected (the last upstream migrant was observed May 3.) Young -of-the-year were observed in a recent snorkel survey, numbering in the 1000's.

Temperature units deployed:

Hilton Creek Mainstem Santa Ynez R. And tributaries

As the water recedes temp units are being relocated into previously used locations.

- Mainstem trap @ Vandenberg environmental staff determined that further permitting needed, Fish and Wildlife Service will be walking the paperwork through the process in order to get the trap erected in a timely manner.
- Siphon proposal on Hilton Creek, Steve Mack looked into this prospect and review some of the old proposal. The 1993 proposal has been revisited. Apparently a true siphon could not be achieved, pumping would be needed to sustain the flow from the Cachuma reservoir to Hilton Creek. Discussion of the present proposal will continue on June 6. Chip Wulbrandt wished to be kept informed of the progress, especially with regard to boundary determination (at Hilton Creek) is involved.
- Flow study - Ongoing (began on Monday). Aerial Reconnaissance Survey completed and Chris Vyverberg of the Fish and Game has identified four primary sites (all below highway 154) have been selected corresponding to some of the DWR passage study sites. Today the group will finish up data collection at the transect sites. All flows have been carefully coordinated with operation to conserve water.
- Discussion of the May 9, 1995, letter from Steve Mack. Background on the cooperative agreement for FWS participation in the TAC process. The funding is coming out of O&M money. Reclamation considers FWS participation to be a legitimate Operation and Maintenance expense. From the water users standpoint, when originally asked about funding participation they rejected the concept. The expectation was that the activity was to be funded by some source other than the Operation and Maintenance funds.

It is evident that there is broad concern over this issue. And more participation in the budget process is necessary. The consensus meeting may not be the forum for this matter on a continuing basis. A focus group may be needed.

Access Problems

Continuing problems accessing the study are through the Crawford property and other private land owners. Realizing that this access is critical to the studies. We might consider concessions or protections that make access attractive to the private owners.. The suggestion for protection against endangered species issues or takings may be made in exchange for access.

Central to the issue on the Crawfords' is that this is an active working ranch the threat that the study may be troublesome to the operations of the ranch. Secondly, the

fear that due to the studies something may be found that might preclude present land use.

Chip Wulbrandt may help with a meeting/dialog, working toward mutual understanding rather than sitting here speculating on the Crawfords' needs. Kate Reese may also help in this regard.

Certainty on the Hilton Creek boundary will hopefully come by June 6, when the information from Denver, Reclamation is due. The Hilton Creek area is not critical for passage but as rearing and survival of the fish.

Status of Lompoc Litigation

Motion to Order dismissal Lompoc vs. State Water Resources Board is forthcoming - Cachuma Conservation and Release Board as well as the Improvement District intervened. In the meantime Urban Creeks and California Sport Fishing Alliance also attempted to interline. But the Judge ruled for the case to be dismissed. Despite this result, there has been a continued willingness to ongoing discussion despite the litigation - will continue to be dialog - next meeting May 22.

Expansion of the Scope of Fishery Studies

Other contributors to the degradation of fish habitat

Multiple impacts may be identified in the long term study and management plan. We are not in a position to spend time studying things beyond fisheries. This process is clearly driven by board order. These gap issues may be dealt with in the watershed planning effort.

Wait and see what develops.

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Date: Wednesday, August 9, 1995 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Related Meeting: Discussion of a Long-Term Agreement in October 4, 1995, tentatively.



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Santa Ynez River Fisheries Consensus Committee
(See Attached List)

Subject: Santa Ynez River Fisheries Consensus Committee Meeting - Cachuma
Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to confirm that the next Consensus Committee meeting date is December 6, 1995, the meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. The location will be:

Air Pollution Control District Office
26 Castilian Dr. (B-23)
Goleta, California

Please note that this is not where we usually meet. For your convenience Robert Almy provided me with a map, which I have enclosed, depicting this new location. Also enclosed is the Agenda for the meeting as well as a list of relevant correspondence since the last listing and notes of the last meeting. For those arriving by plane I am trying to arrange for ground transport to the Air Pollution Control District Office.

If you have any questions, please call me at (209) 487-5139 or for the hearing impaired (209) 487-5933.

Sincerely,

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MEETING AGENDA

MEETING NAME: SANTA YNEZ RIVER FISHERIES CONSENSUS COMMITTEE MEETING

LOCATION: AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT OFFICE, 26 CASTILIAN DR. (B-23),
GOLETA CA
PHONE: (805) 961-8800

(PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE)

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1995

PROPOSED AGENDA:

- (1) REVIEW OF NOTES, PREVIOUS MEETING, OCTOBER 4, 1995
(DISCUSSION)
- (2) OPERATIONS/INTERIM FIX STATUS. (CARL DEALY, USBR)
- (3) DRAFT MOU AND LONG-TERM PLAN. (JOHN TURNER, DISCUSSION)
- (4) FISH SURVEY/FLOW STUDY STATUS. (SCOTT ENGBLOOM)(DISCUSSION)
- (5) ACCESS ISSUES (DISCUSSION)
- (6) INNOVATIONS IN AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AWARDS PROGRAM (STEVE MACK)
- (7) OTHER ITEMS. (OPEN TOPIC DISCUSSION)
- (8) AGENDA/SCHEDULING FOR NEXT CONSENSUS COMMITTEE MEETING. (DISCUSSION)

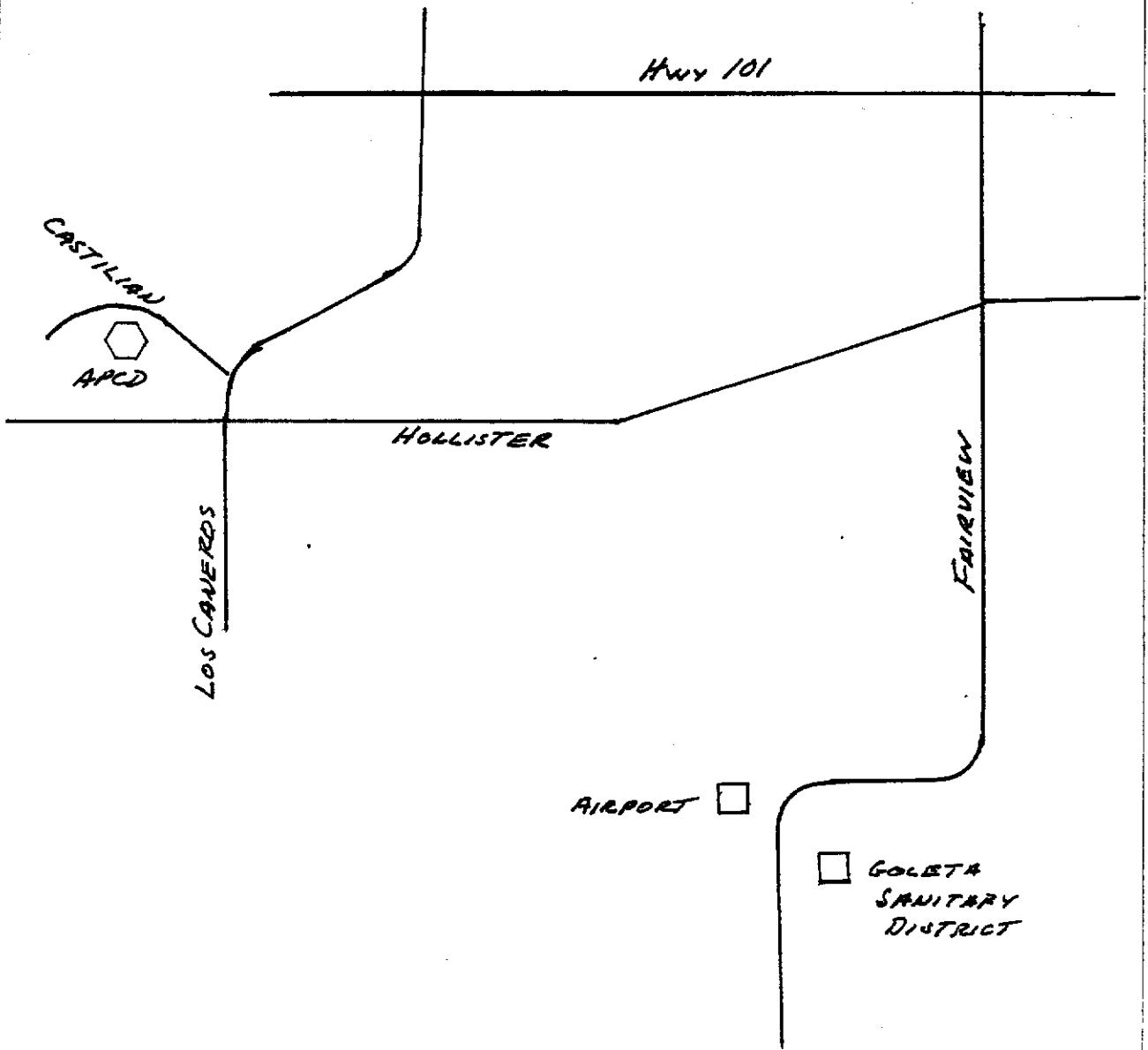
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NOTES OF THE October 4, 1995
MEETING OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER FISHERIES CONSENSUS COMMITTEE

Attached: List of Attendees

Summary of topics discussed:

Handouts:

- Review of Notes, Previous Meeting (May 17, 1995) ■None
- Operations/Seismic Corrective Action Status
- Technical Advisory Committee - Long-term Plan
- Fish Survey/Flow study status
- Access issues
- Status of the Lompoc Litigation
- Santa Ynez River Riparian Vegetation Study
- Agenda/Scheduling for next Consensus Committee meeting

Review of Notes, Previous Meeting (May 17, 1995)

No comments.

Operations/Interim Seismic Corrective Action Status

Reservoir elevation 729-730 feet

Current release: 5 cfs, from outlet works

Fisheries Account Balance: 1285

12/5/95

123453 AF 727.10'
10 cfs FISH RELEASE

Interim seismic corrective action - Reclamation is currently in the process of installing two additional wells while pumping continues on the previously installed wells. Reclamation continues to be concerned about the effect of the stilling basin elevation on the pumping from the alluvium. There is a proposed temporary drawdown of no more than 3 feet in order to determine the influence of the water level in the stilling basin on the pumping. This is a temporary action and should be maintained only long enough to collect data to determine the influence of the stilling basin elevation on the well field.

In addition to documents already distributed, there are Technical memoranda and other studies in draft to be completed during October.

- > upstream geology summary
- > Geophysical investigation of the interim dewatering program.
- > Conceptual modification design
- > modified recession analyses

Hopefully this will be enough information for a decision of the future reservoir Operations (maximum operational level) by middle of December. The possible range of reservoir elevations unknown at this time. Ali Shahroody mentioned that there is the expectation that if the dewatering is successful; then the Reservoir elevation will be allowed to be raised.

The risk from liquefaction already greatly reduced. However there are other risks and potential failure modes to consider.

- > spillway walls
- > downstream face cracking on the crest
- > Level alluvial ground water

Progress on assess agreements - confident that we can meet the Crawfords needs to allow Reclamation to gain access.

The question was Surcharge came up. Apparently the hydrology analysis for the surcharge is waiting on the Denver Technical Center Carl Dealy promised to follow up on the agreement. And incorporate the information into the minutes.

The Agreement for TSC Evaluation of Surcharging Gates at Bradbury Dam has been on hold in terms of performing our evaluation of the surcharge proposal until an agreement is worked out between the Region and the Water District. Bill Fiedler of the Denver Service Center talked to Gary Egan in the Regional Office several months ago and we agreed that it would be best if the agreement went through the Regional office rather than in Denver. Bill Fiedler just refaxed all the information that Gary Egan needed a few weeks ago.

Technical Advisory Committee - Long-term Plan

The Long term plan will be designed to replace the year by year planning that we have relied on to date. At the time of this meeting a draft was handed out on May 17 to the Consensus Committee. Comments were received and the second distributed to the Technical Advisory Sub-Committee members on September 19 The long term Study plan was still in draft form and still awaiting comments, not ready for presentation to the Consensus Committee.

General discussion of the long-term plan must be in advance of Memorandum of Understanding(MOU). The Long-Term MOU is rooted in the study plan, therefore it was decided to come up with a time table to move the process along and not wait another quarter.

As a general guideline the Long-term plan: should be complete at least by January. The Consensus Committee should have an opportunity for review it. An the document should not be a single species focus, but rather a multiple species approach. Budgeting ought to be on a Calendar year rather then March to March.

Schedule for completion:

Mid-October(October 11) - Sub-Committee/ Consultant Review and revisions by October 20 for distribution to the TAC for TAC review

Comments from TAC handed in by November 8

Revision

Mailed out to the Consensus Committee by Approximately November 27.

Presentation to the Consensus Committee December 6.

Fish Survey/Flow study Status

Fish Account as of October 1, 1995

765 used

1285 remaining, which should bring us to the end of March

36 habitat units have been sampled on a monthly basis.

15 Temperature Monitoring units are in place: five in tributaries, eleven in the main stem from long pool to 13th Street bridge. There are also two sampling stations in the lagoon. Measurement of the diurnal fluctuation dissolved oxygen is included at those locations.

Flows are probably continuous to the 154 bridge - some surface below intermittently depending on pumping along the river. Devolved oxygen profile of Lake Cachuma July through August missed because equipment had to be sent for repairs is up and running again.

The count Steelhead trout:

All pools and habitats have been sampled. 50 in the Rifugio section, this represents a 90 percent reduction. This decrease may be do to low dissolved oxygen and high temperatures 90 at Alisal section
 Long pool has a large number of Bass predation may account of reduction in the number of the young of the year trout in this area.

Populations of Bass are problematic in all reaches. Removal of Bass considered, resistance from the California Department of Fish and Game who will allow only removal by angling. There appears to be some confusion over purpose of the TAC with regard to propagation of trout, rather than maintenance of fish. Data collection on all species is the primary ongoing pursuit.

Access Issues

There are continued restrictions between the long pool and highway 154.

Kate Reese and Carl Dealy are meeting with a local surveyor later to discuss locating the boundary between the San Lucas Ranch and Reclamation. This should help define our access to Hilton Creek.

As far as access to the main stem and the lower long pool, we need to figure out who will arrange access and how we are to devote money, time, and effort. Money not the issue.

Safe Harbor - environmental hold harmless through DFG, is a possibility. The general suggestion was to take the process one step at a time and that until we know the long-term study plan we have nothing to negotiate. The Crawfords are looking for surety, certainty on the questions of timing, number of people, level of effort and the methods involved. Once we have the long-term plan that will have detail enough to be included in the negotiation we can make a formal request for access. Possibly set up a sub-committee to achieve this after the next Consensus Committee meeting.

Other access issues exist for Alisa Creek, Queota Creek and the lower Salsepuedes Creek. We may take a similar approach in these areas. Hopefully we will have more dialog as our long-term plan is defined.

Status of Lompoc Litigation

As noted before City of Lompoc's complaint against State of California Water Resources Control Board was dismissed. There have been two notices of appeal filed. Court of Appeals process to certify transcripts ongoing and a briefing is to be scheduled. Lompoc Technical Advisory Committee has no scheduled meeting, however the technical work going forward.

Santa Ynez River Riparian Vegetation Study

This has nothing to do with the Fish TAC. Steve Mack suggested that any interested parties can contact him to form a committee and schedule a meeting. The drafted proposal for the monitoring is still out and we are waiting for Fish and Games response. Santa Ynez River Flood Controls response already in, including a request to participate in the process. The question of funding came up. Reclamations cost comes out of O&M funds. The budget has been reduced recently by using a cooperative agreement.

Agenda/Scheduling for Next Consensus Committee Meeting

The next meeting will be December 6, 1995. The venue is unknown at this time. Rob Almy will find a place. Any other agenda items could be communicated to Carl Dealy prior to the meeting.

SUMMARY OF COMMITMENTS:

1. Paul Foresberg will send the Long-term plan to the Consensus Committee for review prior to the next meeting
2. Carl Dealy, USBR will update the committee on the
3. Jim McNamara, USBR will take on the responsibility of being the nexus for future information with regard to the River Riparian Monitoring .
4. Rob Almy to find a meeting place.

LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE SINCE May 5, 1995:

May 8, 1995 From Russell R. Ruiz, Hill & Sandford to J. Carl Dealy, Bureau of Reclamation
Santa Ynez River Fisheries Studies - Human Activities in the Watershed

May 9, 1995 From Paul Forsberg, California Department of Fish and Game to Dwayne Maxwell, Maurice Cardenaz,
Roland Takayama, Tom Keegan, Chuck Hanson, Ed Ballard, Scott Engbloom, Carl Dealy
Confirmation of Meeting to initiate steps in the Santa Ynez River Fish Passage Study.

May 9, 1995 From Steve Mack, City of Santa Barbara to Carl Dealy, Bureau of Reclamation
New Agreement for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Participation in Santa Ynez River Technical
Advisory Committee Activities

May 18, 1995 From Arthur G. Kidman, McCormick Kidman & Behrens to Consensus Committee
1995 Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation in Research and Fish Maintenance - Santa Ynez River

May 22, 1995 From Paul Forsberg, California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to Santa Ynez River TAC
DFG Santa Ynez River Proposed Study Plan

May 22, 1995 From Robert Almy, Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and Water Agency to
Paul Forsberg, DFG
Proposed Study Plan, Santa Ynez River and Tributaries below Bradbury Dam

May 26, 1995 From Russell R. Ruiz, Hill & Sandford to Bill Snider, DFG
DFG Santa Ynez River Proposed Study Plan

May 31, 1995 From Ali Shahroody, Stetson Engineers Inc. To Paul Forsberg, Bill Snider, DFG
WR 89-18 / 94-5 Releases

June 15, 1995 From Robert Almy, Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and Water Agency to
Bill Fiedler, USBR
Surcharge Evaluation, Cachuma Project, Santa Barbara County, California

June 16, 1995 From Arthur G. Kidman, McCormick Kidman & Behrens to Paul Forsberg, DFG
DFG Santa Ynez River Proposed Study Plan relative to Habitat Conditions and Steelhead Use of the
Lower Santa Ynez River and Tributaries Below Bradbury Dam

June 23, 1995 From J. Carl Dealy, USBR to Tom Keegan, EIP
Hilton Creek Delivery System

June 23, 1995 From Paul Forsberg, California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to Santa Ynez River TAC Biological Subcommittee Meeting of June 13, 1995

June 26, 1995 From Chip Wullbrandt, Price, Postel & Parma to Paul Forsberg, DFG
Response to Update on Technical Advisory Committee Study Efforts; Forsberg Memo dated June 20, 1995

July 12, 1995 From Fran Recht, For The Sake Of The Salmon to Watershed Group Coordinator
Group putting together a comprehensive list, also information on the "For the Sake of Salmon" initiative

July 27, 1995 From Carl Dealy, USBR to Consensus Committee
Meeting Announcement

July 27, 1995 From State Water Resources Control Board to Interested Parties
Actions to Support Potential Revisions to Water Rights Permits for the Cachuma Project (Application Numbers 11331 and 11332)

August 1, 1995 From Craig Fusaro, California Trout to Tim Farley and John Turner, DFG
Santa Ynez River Fish Maintenance Decision-Making Process

August 8, 1995 From James McNamara, USBR to Robert W. Pike, City of Santa Barbara
Water Rights Order 94-5, Vegetation Studies Required by State Water Resources Control Board, Proposed Draft Agreement

August 14, 1995 From Scott Engbloom, Project Biologist TAC to TAC
Update of the July fishery monitoring activities and Fish Account Usage

August 14, 1995 From Kate Rees, Water Resources Specialist to Carl Dealy, USBR
Corrections to the Committee List

August 18, 1995 From Robert W. Pike, City of Santa Barbara to James McNamara, USBR
Agreement to perform Vegetation Studies

August 22, 1995 From Nancy Johnson, The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County to Watershed Stakeholders
Questionnaire, Santa Ynez River Watershed Enhancement and Management Plan

September 8, 1995 From Scott Engbloom, Project Biologist TAC to TAC
Update of the July fishery monitoring activities and Fish Account Usage

September 8, 1995 From Paul Forsberg, DFG to TAC
Biology Subcommittee Meeting of August 29, 1995

September 12, 1995 From Scott S. Slater, Hatch and Parent to Ed Anton, State Water Resources Control Board
Additional Studies of Downstream Impacts of the Cachuma Project

September 20, 1995 From Carl Dealy, USBR to Tom Peterson, SYRWCD
Maps of the Boundary Between San Lucas Ranch and Bureau of Reclamation Land

September 25, 1995 From James McNamara, USBR to Edward C. Anton, State Water Resources Control Board
Reclamation Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 94-5 - Item Number 3

September 28, 1995 From Brian G. Trautwein, Santa Barbara Urban Creeks Council to Edward C. Anton, State Water Resources Control Board
September 6, 1995 Letter from Art Kidman Attorney for the Cachuma Conservation Release Board

September 29, 1995 From Carl Dealy, USBR to Consensus Committee
Meeting Announcement

October 6, 1995 From James McNamara, USBR to Larry Fausett, Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and Water Agency
Participation in Planning and Implementation of 5-year monitoring study - Water Rights Order 94-5

October 4, 1995 Santa Ynez River Fisheries Consensus
Committee Meeting

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