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**CITY OF LOMPOC - CACHUMA PROJECT MEMBERS NEGOTIATIONS
POLICY COMMITTEES**

February 6, 1995 - 7:00 p.m.
Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara

Members Present:

Joyce Howerton, City of Lompoc
Mike Siminski, City of Lompoc
Harold (Rusty) Fairly, City of Santa Barbara
John Gilmour, Carpinteria Water District
Jay Fisher, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
John Singer, Goleta Water District
Jan Abel, Montecito Water District
Matt Loudon, Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, I.D. #1

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Changes to the Agenda None
2. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 1994 Meeting

Ms. Howerton requested that the minutes reflect that she had said that voters of Lompoc were equally concerned about economics, reliability, *and* water quality with regard to State Water. She also noted that references to Mrs. Howerton should be changed to Ms. Howerton. Mr. Siminski asked that the minutes reflect that he was not in attendance as a member of the Policy Committee at the meeting of December 19, 1994. The minutes were approved with the above changes.

3. Lompoc Response to Agreement Proposed By Cachuma Project Members Ms. Howerton gave a summary of the response by noting that Lompoc regards the proposed interim agreement to be a temporary and unreliable solution, which was subject to the approval of other jurisdictions. She also noted that the proposal does not address concerns about the effects of the Cachuma Project on Lompoc, nor does it address the problems of water quality in the Lompoc basin as a whole. Mr. Keefe was introduced to provide a more detailed response. Referencing the "Points to be Included" document distributed at the December 19, 1995 Policy Committees meeting he noted the following:
 - 1.a. Lompoc is looking for improvement in their situation rather than an exchange of water;
 - 1.b. It was not clear whether the exchange would be up to 3,000 acre feet (AF) of State Water for all of the Below Narrows Account (BNA)

- 1.d. & e. water or for only 3,000 AF of it; There is no real meaning to the time frames indicated;
- 2. CCWA is not an agency that Lompoc has any significant input to or control over;
- 3. Lompoc is in agreement with this element (the Study Plan);
- 4. Lompoc is in favor of completing a groundwater management plan, though litigation is still pending and will likely delay the adoption of a plan;
- 5.a. Lompoc does not see that the agreement addresses its concerns sufficiently to encourage Lompoc to abandon an opportunity to influence the process;
- 5.c. The injured party should not have to bear the cost of CEQA compliance;
- 5.d. There is not enough time in the interim period to implement the elements of the agreement.

Mr. Fischer inquired whether there was anything in the proposed agreement that could be pursued. Mr. Keefe responded that Lompoc's response had included an offer to pursue the Study Plan. Mr. Loudon expressed concern about the Cachuma members continuing to submit proposals without an idea of what Lompoc would like to see. Mr. Keefe said that Lompoc is committed to finding a technically based solution, though it is not ready right now to give the Cachuma Members a number. He said he expected to be prepared to give numbers in accordance with the deadlines contained in the February 3, 1995 letter from Lompoc. Mr. Fischer asked whether the number he is referring to is a quantity of water to be released down the river with the intent of recharging the Lompoc basin. Mr. Keefe responded affirmatively, noting that the number would be derived through analysis of water quality improvement.

Mr. Simmons, attorney for the City of Lompoc, stated that Lompoc's goal is to achieve a long-term solution addressing the affects of the Cachuma Project. Mr. Mack noted that the ultimate authority on the issue will be the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), even though Lompoc and the Cachuma Project members may reach an interim agreement. He said he hopes the parties can develop something similar to the Santa Ynez River Model to analyze issues associated with the Lompoc plain. He inquired as to what Lompoc thinks the role of the SWRCB role is in this matter. Mr. Schuster responded that the SWRCB's role is a major one, but is not the only avenue for Lompoc to use to address its concerns. He said he saw the interim agreement as a request for Lompoc to give up an opportunity to speak up for its interests in exchange for the possibility of receiving some water on an interim basis.

Mr. Pike said that the draft agreement was not intended to cause Lompoc to give up any right to present arguments in any forum and that the "reservation" language of the draft was specifically designed to preserve such rights. He stated that the agreement was intended as a way of getting better quality water to Lompoc. Mr. Fischer asked for a clarification as to whether the 3,000 AF in the draft agreement was intended to be in exchange for all BNA water or on a one-for-one basis. Mr. Pike responded that it was intended to be the latter and that any BNA balance remaining after the exchange would be treated the same as it is

currently. There was discussion about the intent of the agreement that began the negotiation process between Lompoc and the Cachuma Members and how the assignment of the Cachuma Project contract was an important aspect for the Project members. Mr. Simmons repeated Lompoc's position that Lompoc is not interested in a short-term solution. Mr. Schuster concurred that the quantity of water in the river was not a major issue and that a solution to the quality problem will be easier to find than it will be to assign blame. Mr. Pike questioned the value of submitting another proposal to Lompoc given that the Board of Supervisors is expected to act next week on the assignment issue. There was concern on the part of Cachuma Project members that the letter from Lompoc only reached them on the day of the meeting. Ms. Howerton apologized, noting that they were trying to provide as comprehensive a response as possible. Mr. Schuster noted that his work and that of Mr. Durbin suggests that it will not take a large quantity of water from Cachuma or elsewhere to address the water quality issue, and that there might be better ways to solve the problem in Lompoc. This was noted in the context of Mr. Loudon's question as to whether the State Water exchange element is a dead issue.

Mr. Amerikaner, representing Improvement District No. 1, suggested that Lompoc put forth a specific proposal by March 15, 1995 as a way of moving the issue forward. Ms. Howerton concurred. Mr. Schuster concurred as well, though noted that he aims to have the model documentation completed by March 15th and that a proposal could be completed by June 13, 1995, and possibly sooner. There was discussion about whether the Study Plan was endorsed by the Technical Committees and it was clarified that it had been endorsed. Mr. Amerikaner explained that June 13th would not work because it is after the May 15, 1995 date for the renewal of the Cachuma Project contract. There was discussion about the possibilities of completing the documentation of Mr. Durbin's models and making progress on the Study Plan before May 15th. There was general concurrence that the target should be to try to get some sort of agreement by May 15th.

Mr. Fischer asked whether Mr. Schuster currently had any information about a plan that would address the Lompoc problem so that the Policy Committees could look at the potential solution while the model documentation is being prepared. Mr. Schuster responded that he sees some promise in the idea of pumping poor quality water out of the shallow zone of the Lompoc basin and is prepared to distribute a description of work done on this idea to the Policy Committees. Mr. Amerikaner suggested that this be handled in a two-step process, with a conceptual description of a solution followed by a more detailed quantified analysis that could be the basis for a proposal from Lompoc. He suggested that the matter not be brought back to the Policy Committees until such a detailed proposal has been developed and discussed at the Technical Committees level. In response to a question as to when the second, more detailed description of a proposal could be prepared, Mr. Schuster said that it would be June 13th before it could be accomplished. It was agreed that Mr. Schuster would, by Friday, February 10, 1995, distribute to the members of the Policy Committees a conceptual proposal for the solution of the water quality problems in the Lompoc basin. The proposal will be based on the idea of pumping poor quality water from the basin, among other elements, as a means of improving groundwater quality by maximizing recharge with higher quality water. Mr. Schuster said that the conceptual proposal will include preliminary data on three different levels of pumping as well as the other elements that would be part of

the proposed solution. Chairman Fairly asked that this commitment to distribute the conceptual proposal be specifically documented and distributed as soon as possible so that everyone involved will know what to expect.

4. Policy Direction to Technical Committees Regarding Study Plan

This item was discussed as a part of Item 3.

5. Other Business None

6. Public Comment None

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Policy Committees would meet again at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 1995 in Lompoc.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Steve Mack	City of Santa Barbara
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Chuck EVANS	Montecito W/D
WILLIAM ABEL	CITIZEN
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Darcy Aston	SBS Co Water Agency
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