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FCGMA STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) **Strategic Advisory Group (SAG)** was held beginning at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Ventura County Government Center, Pacific Conference Room (adjacent to the Main Cafeteria) at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

- A. **Call to Order** – SAG Vice Chair Tony Emmert called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M. (Chair Hubner arrived a minute or two later)
- B. **Introductions** – Attendees introduced themselves (11 people present)
- C. **Public Comments** – None
- D. **Attending Board Member Comments** – None (Alternate Board Member Sam McIntyre was in attendance)
- E. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from the December 4, 2008 Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meetings were approved.
- F. **Follow-up to Prior FCGMA Board Meeting** – Chair Hubner invited comments and encouraged people to speak freely. Mike Solomon, UWCD General Manager felt the FCGMA Irrigation Efficiency calculation may need to be revised. FCGMA staff agreed, citing academic professionals suggesting it isn't properly calculated. There was some discussion that since irrigation efficiency extraction allocations are not linked to basin safe yield, they may work against achieving further reductions in groundwater extractions. Mr. Solomon suggested basin-specific management should be implemented. He suggested the Transfers Across the Plain concept be added into the Groundwater Management Plan as a strategy. Some members felt a drought plan might help as a formal action and a focus on scheduled cutbacks for all pumpers should be considered. The TAG should be directed to focus on the details of the irrigation efficiency calculations. Some SAG members suggested that the FCGMA should focus more on education, conservation, and more strict measures like a "new" well moratorium. Funding for this could be raised by increasing the groundwater extraction fee.
- G. **2009 Priorities** – The 2009 priority list of groundwater management strategies that Chair Hubner presented (originally developed at the July 26, 2007 SAG meeting) was discussed and modified to reflect the following:

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES (GMS)
2009 PRIORITY LIST
(per SAG January 29, 2009 Meeting)**

- **Irrigation Efficiency (I.E.) Formula**
- **Recycled Water**
- **Separate Management of Groundwater Basins**
 - Las Posas Basins
 - Pleasant Valley Basin
- **Supply Projects**
 - Camarillo Desalter project
 - Oxnard GREAT Program
 - WaterTAP
 - Regional Desalter(s)
 - City of Ventura project
- **Controlling Demand**
 - Extraction/Cap on I.E.
 - New well permits
 - FCGMA Credits

FCGMA Internal Staff Priorities

- **Ordinance Changes**
 - **Database Upgrade**
 - **Compliance/Enforcement**
- H. Report from Technical Advisory Group** – Rick Viergutz reported he had given a presentation on Ag water use that spurred enough discussion on the topic such that the TAG members asked for a future follow-up and more detailed information.
- I. Strategy Evaluation Matrix** – Dr. Bachman was not present to answer detailed questions. This item was postponed until Dr. Bachman could be present.
- J. Next Strategic Advisory Group Meeting Agenda** – The next SAG meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on February 26, 2009 in the Atlantic Conference Room, Hall of Administration (off the main lobby).
- K. Adjourn Strategic Advisory Group Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M. with no discussion of future agenda items other than those previously discussed.