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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, March 26, 2009 at the Ventura County Government Center, Atlantic Conference Room at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

- A. **Call to Order** – SAG Chair Gerhardt Hubner called the meeting to order at 1:12 P.M.
- B. **Introductions** – Attendees introduced themselves (11 people present)
- C. **Public Comments** – Mike Solomon, UWCD General Manager, updated the group regarding the ongoing negotiations between UWCD and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Feedback is that NMFS wants FCGMA participation in the Santa Clara River discussions, which will be scheduled over the next 3 to 5 years (mainly to discuss the HCP).

Tony Emmert, City of Oxnard Water Dept. Superintendant, announced that the City's GREAT Program has made progress on getting Federal Title 16 funds. If the City gets the required application in by April 16th, they may have a good chance of qualifying for approximately \$20 million, mainly for recycled water distribution (through former wastewater pipes and other means). Chair Hubner offered a letter of support from the SAG to help with the funding request if needed.
- D. **Attending Board Member Comments** – None (Alternate Board Member Sam McIntyre and Director Kelley were in attendance)
- E. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from the January 29, 2009 Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting were approved without comment.
- F. **Follow-up to Prior FCGMA Board Meeting** – Chair Hubner invited comments regarding the last FCGMA Board meeting on March 25, 2009. Questions were asked regarding whether the FCGMA should send letters by certified mail, and comments or suggestions to leave specific names out of future staff reports were added.
- G. **Report from Technical Advisory Group** – Rick Viergutz related that Dr. Ben Faber of the U.C. Farms Advisor's Office had given a very informative presentation on strawberry field water use practices and applications. Dr. Faber also added how drip tape could be used to achieve significant water savings, and that led to further discussion about the Irrigation Efficiency process.
- H. **Strategy Evaluation Matrix** – Since matrix lead author Dr. Steve Bachman was not present to answer detailed questions, this item was postponed until the next SAG meeting.

- I. **Next Strategic Advisory Group Meeting Agenda** – The next SAG meeting has been scheduled for 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. on May 28, 2009 in the Pacific Conference Room, Courts Building, off the main cafeteria.
- J. **Adjourn Strategic Advisory Group Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 P.M. with the following future agenda items suggested;
- Susan Rundgren, City of Ventura suggested the SAG meet at the City's wastewater treatment plant.
 - Other SAG members felt a tiered surcharge schedule was needed to drive home the importance of not wasting water. Financial penalties coincident with any pumping over the allowed allocation at 5%, 10%, 20%, and so on could be developed to support or add to the existing \$950 per acre-foot single-fee surcharge.