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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 at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, **May 29, 2008** in the **Pacific Conference Room**, at the Ventura County Government Center, Courts Building (adjacent to the Main Cafeteria) at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

- A. **Call to Order** – SAG Chairman Hubner called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M.
- B. **Introductions** – None (15 people present)
- C. **Public Comments** – The subject of rising groundwater and declining water quality in the northeast Pleasant Valley Basin was brought up as an example to propose basin-specific sub-management as a more effective means to achieve resource management goals.
- D. **Attending Board Member Comments** – None (only Director Kelley was in attendance)
- E. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from the April 24, 2008 Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting were slated for approval, however the Agenda listed the February 20 minutes instead, so the item was deferred to the next meeting set for June 26, 2008.
- F. **Report from Technical Advisory Group** – Staff provided a quick summary of the May 5, 2008 TAG meeting topics. There were no questions or comments from the SAG members.
- G. **FCGMA Funding Support for VCRC Mobile Lab** – A few SAG members expressed opposition to FCGMA funding the Mobile Irrigation Lab as they did not feel there was enough specific return potential for the Agency from this planned countywide program. Other comments were related to why farmers were not required to pay more for efficiency programs, what amount of money or funding should be given if the FCGMA Board was to consider any sort of donation, etc. No funding for the Mobile Irrigation Lab was recommended at this time.  
  
***Recommended Action:** Wait and see if quantifiable results or specific water savings can be provided by Mobile Irrigation Lab pilot studies and specific farm water use evaluations before deciding on any long-term FCGMA funding.*
- H. **Model Results of the Water TAP (Transfers Across the Plain) Proposal to Increase Conejo Creek Deliveries to Pleasant Valley** – Dr. Steve Bachman showed a series of slides describing several computer modeling scenarios meant to evaluate base case, dry year, and different pumping volumes working in concert with surface creek diversions to enhance water supplies. Calleguas MWD intent is to get several agencies to share costs needed to create a TAP program by Fall of 2008. FCGMA approval of the conceptual idea is one of the first steps. One or more Agency resolutions may be necessary along with some credit transfer agreements.

**Recommended Action:** *Proponents of the TAP will submit approval requests to the FCGMA Board of Directors. Calleguas has started the process by applying for a transfer request under the FCGMA Supplemental Credit Program already sanctioned by the Agency.*

- I. **Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL** – Dr. Bachman showed a series of slides to provide a visual picture of the chloride concerns and probable solutions necessary to meet objectives of the LARWQCB-imposed Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL. A long-term study funded by the L.A. Sanitation District looked at geology, hydrology, water chemistry, and wastewater effluent volumes anticipated for the future river system. Computer modeling helped to simulate flow and transport mechanisms. A brineline to the ocean was considered overly expensive, and would have an excessive impact on the environment. The current TMDL implementation plan is a multi-phased project which will reduce the total number of home water softeners, process some of the wastewater stream through reverse osmosis (RO) membranes, pump groundwater from the eastern portion of the Piru Basin to serve as dilution water for the brine waste to allow direct river discharges at lower salt concentration levels, and other combinations of strategic methods.

**Recommended Action:** *SAG will stay informed and monitor the Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL issues as they might pertain to FCGMA overall Management Plans.*

- J. **Update on Resolution No. 97-02** – Scheduled item would have provided an update on the FCGMA staff effort to revise Resolution No. 97-02, however speaker Gerard Kapuscik was unable to attend.

**Recommended Action:** *Defer the item until the next SAG meeting.*

- K. **Next Strategic Advisory Group Meeting Agenda** – Possible topics for the next SAG meeting scheduled for 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on June 26, 2008 were 1) Description of the Brackish Groundwater Recovery Plant proposed for the northeast Pleasant Valley Basin by Lucia McGovern (City of Camarillo); 2) Reschedule the update on FCGMA Resolution 97-02 by Gerard Kapuscik (WPD staff); 3) Hear an update on the TAP (Transfers Across the Plain) idea from Henry Graumlich (Calleguas); County Groundwater Section Annual Report by Gerhardt Hubner.

- L. **Adjourn Strategic Advisory Group Meeting** at 4:05 P.M.