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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, June 25, 2009 at the Ventura County Government Center, Pacific Conference Room (Courts Bldg.) at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

- A. **Call to Order** – SAG Chair Gerhardt Hubner called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.
- B. **Introductions** – Chair acknowledged any new attendees (15 people present)
- C. **Public Comments** – None
- D. **Attending Board Member Comments** – None (Director Kelley was in attendance)
- E. **Approval of Minutes** - Minutes from the April 23, 2009 Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting were approved without comment.
- F. **UCSB Modeling of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise on the Oxnard Plain and Implications to Groundwater** — Mr. Thomas Pingel (UCSB Grad Student) provided a follow-up presentation (from October 2008) detailing UCSB research on sea level changes and subsequent seawater intrusion modeling beneath the Oxnard Plain. His advisor Dr. Hugo Loagiciaga added that grant funding expenditures to date were approximately \$30,000, which went mostly to labor costs to populate and develop the model. The grant funding ends on June 30, 2009. Detailed cross sections near Mugu Lagoon were the main focus of late. Approximately \$20,000 more will be needed to complete the work.
- G. **Follow-up to Prior FCGMA Board Meeting** – Comments were voiced regarding map changes and/or boundary issues. Recordation of maps or lines could be quite problematic if city, water district, property, or groundwater basin boundaries were all taken into context.
- H. **Report from Technical Advisory Group** – The group was briefed on the main topics of TAG discussion as being Meter Calibration, Well Registration, Las Posas Users Group Progress, and Credit Updates.
- I. **Las Posas Basin Management Plan Update** – A timeline or schedule was dispersed along with two discussion papers and a Las Posas Basin Polices explanation sheet. Henry Graumlich of Calleguas MWD mentioned the FCGMA would likely need to change some policies to make necessary management strategies effective.
- J. **Pleasant Valley/Oxnard Plain Specific Plan Development** – John Mathews (PVCWD), said the two largest growers or water users in the area had attended the first meeting held late last month,

but more outreach is needed. Attendees agreed there are problems to be solved and stakeholders should be the ones to develop solutions. A neutral facilitator is being sought to keep the momentum going. FCGMA has added seed money (\$25,000) to help get this new group up and running as soon as possible. FCGMA will act as administrative, logistical, fiscal, and regulatory authority. UWCD will serve as the technical arm, and PVCWD will be the lead. A question was asked whether farmers might accept recycled water, and it was generally agreed that although there is resistance at this time, farmers might be more receptive to additional water supplies as costs increase and other supplies become scarcer.

- K. Strategy Evaluation Matrix** – Dr. Steve Bachman explained his development of the point ranking system, admitted it was subjective, and added he will re-evaluate rankings based on today's discussion. Belief was expressed by some SAG members that the top five or six strategies be the focus for GMA into the near future.
- L. FCGMA Credits Evaluation and Review** – Because of time constraints, Bryan Bondy was unable to make his presentation on this item, so it was postponed until the next meeting.
- M. Next Strategic Advisory Group Meeting Agenda - July 23, 2009**
  - 1. Strategy Matrix adoption (Dr. Bachman)
  - 2. Credits Evaluation (Bryan Bondy)
  - 3. FCGMA Boundary issues (general discussion)
- N. Adjourn Strategic Advisory Group Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.