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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 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at the Ventura County Government Center, Pacific Conference Room (Courts Bldg.) at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

- A. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by acting Chair Gerhardt Hubner (15 people attending).
- B. **Introductions** – (not covered).
- C. **Public Comments** – None.
- D. **Attending Board Member Comments** – None (Director Borchard in attendance).
- E. **Approval of Minutes** – The Minutes from September 24, 2009 were approved without comment.
- F. **Follow-up to Prior FCGMA Board Meeting** – (no comments).
- G. **Expansion of Groundwater Use** – UWCD-FCGMA Hydrogeologist Bryan Bondy recapped the prior SAG meeting during which the expansion of groundwater use topic was first introduced. Mr. Bondy and others also recapped the two meetings of the special Ad-Hoc Committee that was created to draft language for a proposed Emergency Ordinance “E”, as decided at the previous SAG meeting. In summary, the Ad-Hoc committee recommended a temporary prohibition on baseline allocations and irrigation of previously un-irrigated land, a 4 acre-feet per acre cap on all allocations, suspension of the next 5% historical allocation reduction for M&I operators, and no change to the credits policy. Despite these recommendations, most of the Ad-Hoc Committee members reported that they were unclear on the goals of a moratorium and were questioning the need for one.

Much discussion followed and almost everyone attending provided input. After substantial discussion, the group reached a consensus that the threat of expanding groundwater use is not significant enough to justify the type of moratorium that the group previously believed was necessary. Some members felt that the efforts of SAG and others should be focused on the permanent changes to the Agency Ordinance Code that will more completely address the expansion of groundwater use over the long-term. The group decided to stop work on Emergency Ordinance E and develop a list of recommendations for the Board at the next SAG meeting.
- H. **Las Posas Basin Management Plan Update** – Postponed to a future date due to time limitations.

- I. **Groundwater Basin Boundaries Discussion** – Postponed to a future date due to time limitations.
- J. **Strategy Evaluation Matrix** – Postponed to a future date due to time limitations.
- K. **Model for Incorporating Basin-Specific Planning into the FCGMA** – Postponed to a future date due to time limitations.
- L. **FCGMA Credits Evaluation and Review** – Postponed to a future date due to time limitations.
- M. **Next Strategic Advisory Group Meeting Agenda** – To be determined based on uncovered items and results of the next OPUG and LPUG meetings.
- N. **Adjourn Strategic Advisory Group Meeting** – Acting Chair Hubner called the meeting to a close at 3:15 PM.

The next Oxnard Plain Users Group (OPUG) meeting has been tentatively scheduled for December 10, 2009 at a Camarillo City area meeting room.