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## **FCGMA TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)** **MEETING MINUTES** of **September 6th, 2007**

Minutes of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) **Technical Advisory Group Meeting** held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 6, 2007 in the Atlantic Conference Room, at the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Administration, Main Plaza Level at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

- A. **Call to Order** – TAG Vice Chair Steve Bachman (UWCD) called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.
- B. **Introductions** – The 11 attendees (including FCGMA Alternate Director McIntyre) introduced themselves.
- C. **Public Comments** – Jay MacPherson (SECOR) suggested a more refined modeling effort and computer run for each management strategy as these plans come closer to being implemented. A short discussion of the advantages and means to do so followed with no definite conclusion.
- D. **Attending Board Member Comments** – Sam McIntyre (FCGMA Small Water Districts Alternate) clarified that the cost of water is higher than was mentioned at the last TAG meeting. He farms in San Diego County and the water fees there are much higher than Ventura County average costs. He also mentioned that imported water is getting more expensive. Rising water costs are likely to affect almost every one of the FCGMA Management Strategies in some way.
- E. **Approval of Minutes** – Dr. Bachman asked if there were any comments or changes to the TAG meeting minutes of August 16, 2007, and hearing none, the minutes were approved.
- F. **Proposed Groundwater Management Strategies** – Dr. Bachman made sure everyone had a handout created by Chris Laber entitled FCGMA GW Management Strategies. He explained this 6-page table was developed because of discussions at the last TAG meeting wherein it was felt a set of evaluation criteria should be created by the TAG to better rank management strategies. The group discussed several ways to alter and improve the draft table by adding a scoring or evaluation methodology based on acre-feet of water gained or cost per acre-foot, etc. The group members agreed that by combining and resorting some of the evaluation criteria columns, they could simplify the organization of ideas and make the table easier to interpret.

Three basic categories were created to group evaluation criteria; costs, time, and benefits. Curtis Hopkins (consultant) volunteered to compile a worksheet that would provide a list of the criteria or questions needed for adequate TAG strategy evaluation and study. Dr. Bachman agreed to shorten and edit the main categories within the table for easier evaluation and criteria review. The group collectively agreed that if Dr. Bachman could separate the various strategies into main goal

groupings of supply, quality, or regulation they could more easily quantify the benefits of each idea or plan within the matrix.

**G. Next Technical Advisory Group Meeting** - The next TAG meeting was scheduled for October 11, 2007 at 2:00 PM. FCGMA Staff indicated they would book a meeting location at the County offices and confirm the time and location to all participants.

**H. Adjourn Technical Advisory Group Meeting**  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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**Electronic Information and Updates:** Additional meeting minutes and general information can be found at: [www.foxcanyongma.org](http://www.foxcanyongma.org) or <http://publicworks.countyofventura.org/fcgma>. Online information includes: Board meeting and special meeting schedules, special and general announcements, a list of the Board members and staff, weather station data, general information, and various Agency forms. If you need further information, please contact Christian Laber, the Staff Geologist at (805) 650-4083, or Sheila Lopez, the FCGMA Engineering Technician at (805) 645-1372.