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## FCGMA TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2008

A meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)** was held at 9:30 A.M. on Monday, April 7, 2008 in the Atlantic Conference Room at the Ventura County Government Center, Administration Bldg. at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

- A. **Call to Order** – Vice Chair David Panaro called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.
- B. **Public Comments** – None (15 people present).
- C. **Attending Board Member Comments** – None (Alternate Director McIntyre present)
- D. **Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Panaro asked if there were any comments or changes needed to the March 10, 2008 TAG Minutes, and hearing no objections they were approved without change.
- E. **Summary from last SAG Meeting** – The March 27 SAG meeting was cancelled.
- F. **Model Results of the TAP (Transfers Across the Plain) Concept** – Dr. Bachman presented results on computer simulations run under four assumed conditions; 1) No Conejo Creek diversions; 2) A 9,000 AFY long-term average water availability under the assumptions there would be an 11,000 AF pumpback volume and an 80,000 AF cutoff limitation in Forebay Basin annual extractions; 3) same assumptions as run number two, but with the City of Oxnard using credits up to the 80,000 AF cutoff limit; and; 4) same assumptions as run number two, but with a ramp down during dry years in the available water volume (something less than the average 9,000 AFY).

Dr. Bachman mentioned he was pleasantly surprised when the model runs showed very little difference in key water levels, although the best management plan (BMP) target ranges would not be met (let alone exceeded 20% of the time as desired). A request to have this topic and presentation on the next SAG agenda was made, and Dr. Bachman agreed he could do that. Dr. Bachman then asked if everyone around the room could provide their thoughts, questions, or comments in turn regarding the TAP plans. The general consensus was approval and a belief that such a plan could definitely help water issues and enhance water management. Both direct and indirect benefits should result either way, so even non-participants will enjoy some of the TAP advantages. The TAG members agreed however that a single, comprehensive presentation or documentation would be needed to present the plan to both the GMA Board and stakeholders.

**Action Item:** *TAP participants to assist Dr. Bachman in a presentation and detailed description of the plan to be unveiled at the next SAG meeting scheduled for April 24, 2008.*

- G. Salts/TMDL issues and how the FCGMA can help achieve RWQCB mandates** – Henry Graumlich began the discussion by mentioning how everyone should be cognizant of the relationship between the FCGMA Management Plan goals as they relate or integrate with the salt buildup in the county watersheds. Salts TMDL issues are central to any operational or management strategies, and must be taken into account in any decision making process.

Renewal of the Moorpark, Simi, and Camarillo wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) permits was mentioned, and the response was that TMDL limits on loading for sensitive plants, habitat, etc. had already been imposed or incorporated into the operational parameters of each WWTP, so each has different discharge limits and upper short-term limits. Rain events only dilute the salts concentration in surface waters and groundwater for a scant few weeks at best, so salts are continuing to increase, thus a managed approach is clearly needed.

**Action Item:** *A request was made to put the Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL on the next SAG agenda since any changes or impacts to water volumes or overall quality may affect the FCGMA Management plan ideas or strategies.*

- H. Forebay Basin Water Management and Resource Preservation Priorities** – No discussion needed as the TAP Item covered this topic fairly well.

- I. Refinement of a Strategy Evaluation Matrix** – Of all the possible considerations and strategies, only the City of Camarillo has submitted a more detailed description of their project, so the TAG members agreed to make the Strategy Evaluation Matrix and Evaluation Process the top item of discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Panaro was directed to send out the latest version of the matrix spreadsheet to all TAG members ASAP to allow everyone as much time as possible to examine and formulate comments prior to the next TAG meeting set for May 5, 2008.

**Action Item:** *Finalize the ranking and evaluation system for all listed FCGMA Water Management Plan strategies and prepare a suitable presentation for the next SAG meeting scheduled for May 24, 2008 with the goal of using the same presentation at the next available FCGMA Board meeting (SAG comments and changes if any to be incorporated).*

- F. Next Technical Advisory Group Meeting Agenda** – Topics suggested for the next meeting;
- a. Refinement of the GMP strategy evaluation matrix.
  - b. Chloride TMDL issues in the Santa Clara River (if time permits).

The next TAG meeting was scheduled for May 5, 2008 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

- G. Adjourn Technical Advisory Group Meeting**  
The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 P.M.