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FCGMA TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) MEETING MINUTES April 13, 2009

A meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)** was held at 9:45 A.M. on Monday, April 13, 2009 in the Pacific Conference Room at the Ventura County Government Center, Courts Bldg. (inside main cafeteria) at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California.

- A. **Call to Order** – Chair Steve Bachman called the meeting to order at 9:55 A.M.
- B. **Public Comments** – None (14 people present)
- C. **Attending Board Member Comments** – None (Director Kelley and Alternate McIntyre attending)
- D. **Approval of Minutes** – The March 9, 2009 TAG Minutes were approved as presented with no changes, however there was a request to make minutes available to TAG members as soon as possible following from now on.
- E. **Summary from last SAG Meeting** – The last SAG meeting held on March 26, 2009 was briefly summarized by David Panaro. There were no comments or questions.
- F. **Brief Update on Meter Calibration** – FCGMA Hydrologist David Panaro showed slides summarizing the progress-to-date and statistics gleaned from the meter calibration program. Comments from the group included a suggestion for staff to answer more questions after re-sorting the data with a basin and/or aquifer specific impact examination in mind.
- G. **Credit Issues** – Bryan Bondy shared slides depicting the status of FCGMA credits, and described how credits are earned, how they were distributed between operators, how many had been used by year, etc. Group discussion led to a request for geographic distribution pattern mapping and further investigation on how credits are used and manipulated. Some suggestions on how to alter or improve the whole credit system were offered by the group.
- H. **Brief Update on Irrigation Efficiency Review**– Rick Viergutz summarized correspondence with County Farm Advisor and CIMIS expert Dr. Ben Faber concerning a review of the FCGMA irrigation efficiency formula. He asked for possible follow-up questions to Dr. Faber, but received suggestions on how I.E. reporting forms could be improved, how public outreach or well operator/owner training might help improve reporting accuracy. Scrapping of the entire I.E. system or allowance or focusing only on best cost/benefit cases were also suggested.

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- I. **Brief Update on FCGMA Database Update** – Postponed for lack of sufficient discussion time.
- J. **Las Posas Basin Management Plan Update** – Although Bryan Bondy provided a short briefing of topic discussions at the initial kickoff meeting, it was agreed this topic should be postponed for lack of sufficient discussion time.
- K. **Future Technical Advisory Group Meeting Agenda Items** – Suggested topics for future meetings; postponed items, briefing on LAFCO's role and how that affects FCGMA.

The next TAG meeting is scheduled for Monday May 11, 2009 from **9:45 to 11:45 A.M. in the Pacific Conference Room** (adjacent to Hall of Justice Cafeteria).

- L. **Adjourn Technical Advisory Group Meeting**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.