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## FCGMA TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2009

A meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) **Technical Advisory Group (TAG)** was held at 9:45 A.M. on Monday, May 11, 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** – Acting Chair Rick Viergutz called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. (Dr. Bachman could not attend, and David Panaro had a sore throat and could not speak very well.)
- B. **Public Comments** – (14 people present) Farmer Ron DeBoni distributed some graphs he had made comparing Eto data between State CIMIS stations and FCGMA–contracted weather stations. He wanted to point out a decrease in allowed water on the FCGMA station numbers compared to the CIMIS numbers. Some discussion followed regarding the accuracy of both weather information collection systems and the possible explanations for the differences.
- C. **Attending Board Member Comments** – None
- D. **Approval of Minutes** – The April 13, 2009 TAG minutes were approved.
- E. **Summary from last SAG Meeting** – The last SAG meeting held on April 23, 2009 was briefly summarized. There were no comments or questions.
- F. **Brief Update on Meter Calibration** – FCGMA Staff Geologist David Panaro provided a brief verbal report on progress to date. He mentioned that 42 more wells had been accounted for since mid April, leaving 127 well numbers still unreported.
- G. **Brief Update on FCGMA Database** – A computer programmer in the County Internal Systems Division has been retained to redesign the FCGMA database. The main goal is to get the Ordinance requirements into SQL language based on flowcharts depicting internal processes.
- H. **Las Posas Basin Management Plan Update** – FCGMA/UWCD Hydrologist Bryan Bondy provided handouts summarizing the technical issues and goals for the Las Posas Basin.
- I. **General Discussion Regarding Irrigation Efficiency** – Dr. Ben Faber led a discussion of the present I.E. system and the use of weather stations to schedule irrigation cycles. He mentioned that the biggest problem he sees with tree crops is overwatering; once per week is usually fine. Efficiency in simple terms was defined as water required vs. water applied, which led to the topic

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of a Water Index. The group generally agreed that weather station information can be a useful tool if used and if the information is applied in a practical way to improve irrigation.

- J. 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, June 8, 2009 from **9:45 to 11:45 A.M. in the Pacific Conference Room** (adjacent to Hall of Justice Cafeteria).

- K. Adjourn Technical Advisory Group Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.