

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

January 3, 2001
JU Conference Room
1:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Meet consultants with Camp Dresser & McKee
- II. Meet with Terracon to review preliminary comments on Section 1.1 and 2.0
- III. Preliminary Discussion of proposals for Tasks II, III and IV
- IV. Other Business

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

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Subject: *Notes from meeting of January 24, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.*

Members Present: Jorge Garcia (CLC), Gene Paulk (CLC), Bobby Creel (NMSU), Kris Padilla (DAMDWCA), Gary Esslinger (EBID),

Members Absent: Dona Ana County, Village of Hatch, Town of Mesilla, Anthony Water & Sanitation District

Others Present: Kathy Watson (CDM), Phil King (NMSU)

1. Regional Water Plan – Discussion on additional funding to Consultant

- Per telephone conversation with Mary Hellen Follingstad, potential funding from the ISC is pending a special appropriation before the state legislature session.
- Terracon will not attend technical committee meetings until they have something to present.
- If ISC cannot approve another change order, we will work something out as necessary.
- Gary Esslinger will contact EBID attorneys to follow up on comments due to Terracon.

2. Committee Discussion

- Task I – contract for piezometer monitoring wells will go before the Las Cruces City Council for approval at the February 4, 2002 meeting. The low bid for the monitoring wells was from Anthony Pump & Drilling in the amount of \$196,000.

- Task III – Parsons Engineering is awaiting any comments. Gene Paulk will issue a notice to members requesting all comments within a week.

- Task IV – Molzen-Corbin & Associates is awaiting guidance on purchase rates for surface water rights in their report. They will be given direction to either leave out actual prices or make adjustments per EBID and City of Las Cruces comments.

3. EPA Application

- EPA has the complete application for Phase 2. Kathy Watson is working on budget revisions within the application with Bill Black (EPA).
- New Mexico Clearinghouse approval is complete.
- The Quality Management Plan for the LRGWUO has been approved

4. Other Business

- Task II ASR Report – committee wants to ensure that comments we acknowledged.

5. Schedule Next Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in the City of Las Cruces Utilities Building conference room.

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AGENDA

- I. Update on Regional Water Plan by Terracon
- II. Final comments on Sections 1.1 and 2.0 and Discussion
- III. Schedule next meetings
- IV. Selection of Proposals for Tasks II, III, and IV by Technical Committee
- V. Other Business

LRGWUO
Technical Committee

Subject: *Notes from meeting of January 18, 2001 at 1:30pm*

Members Present: Andrea Mendoza (CLC), Jorge Garcia (CLC), Mariano Martinez (DAMDWCA), Jerry Leyendecker (Dona Ana County), Pat Banegas (Anthony Sanitation District), Michael Riley (EBID)

Members Absent: Village of Hatch, Town of Mesilla, Bobby Creel (NMSU)

Others Present: Mary Wells (Terracon), Eddie Livingston, Fred Small (Terracon), Minerva Rayos (Berino MDWCA)

I. Update on Regional Water Plan by Terracon

They are still working on comments and incorporating the changes into the document.

II. Final comments on Sections 1.1 and 2.0 and Discussion

There was some clarification of comments on section 1.1 from Mr. Small. Discussion was mainly centered around the tables in 2.0. Eddie Livingston handed out pages within 2.0 that he revised. Minerva, Pat, Jerry, Mariano and Mike provided Eddie Livingston with a lot of their knowledge of water users that were not included in some of his tables.

III. Schedule next meetings

The next meeting will be the third Thursday of February (February 15th), 1:30 in the JU Conference Room. We will go over what will be presented to ISC.

The meeting with ISC is scheduled for Friday, February 23, 2001. The agreement states that all participants involved in work tasks under this agreement shall attend. We will discuss more on the 15th.

IV. Selection of Proposals for Tasks II, III, and IV by Technical Committee

The committee decided that since we didn't ask for the Qualification of Team Members that we shouldn't assign points to that item. Therefore, the total point will only be 80. Andrea will tally points on Monday once she receives a majority of the scoresheets.

V. Other Business

None

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

February 15, 2001
JU Conference Room
1:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Discuss presentation of 2nd Quarterly Report to ISC in Santa Fe on February 23
- II. Update on status of EPA-Phase I projects
- III. Other Business

LRGWUO
Technical Committee

Subject: Notes from meeting of February 16, 2001 at 1:30pm

Members Present: Andrea Mendoza (CLC), Jorge Garcia (CLC), Jerry Leyendecker (Dona Ana County), Bobby Creel (NMSU)

Members Absent: Village of Hatch, Town of Mesilla, Mariano Martinez (DAMDWCA), Pat Banegas (Anthony Sanitation District), Michael Riley (EBID)

Others Present: Mary Wells (Terracon), Eddie Martinez (Zia Engineering), Coy Webb (Livingston & Associates)

- I. **Discuss presentation of 2nd Quarterly Report to ISC in Santa Fe on February 23** Coy had some questions with respect to the well files. He obtained some information from the WATERS database and from the NMED. He has had conversation with Mary Helen and she would like us to use data from the hydrographic survey, however they will still not release it to us....We will make a last request at the meeting in Santa Fe. If they still wont allow us to use it then we will proceed with what we have. Also, there are still changes that need to be made to the list of water users that were not incorporated from the last meeting. Coy will be meeting with Jerry to make sure the list is okay, and to get other information.
Those attending the meeting in Santa Fe will be Mary Wells, Eddie Martinez, Roger Perry, a representative from Sites SW, Andrea Mendoza and Michael Riley.
- II. **Update on status of EPA-Phase I projects** - Andrea told the committee that EBID approved the permit for a monitoring well at their site. The other monitoring well is on IBWC property, they have approved it based on concurrence from the Historical Preservation Society, Fish and Wildlife and US Army Corp of Engineers. We are waiting to hear from them.
- III. **Other Business** - The next monthly meeting will be on March 15th, 1:30 at the JU Conference Room

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

AGENDA

Meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

2nd Quarterly Meeting

February 23, 2001
1:30 P.M.

Bataan Memorial Building
407 Galisteo, Room 101
Santa Fe, NM

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- I. Presentation of Lower Rio Grande Regional Water Plan to New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
 - II. Request for Data from the Hydrologic Survey of the Mesilla Basin
 - III. Discussion of supplemental work for Hueco Basin within Otero County
 - IV. Other Business

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

AGENDA

Meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

March 15, 2001
1:30pm

City of Las Cruces
Joint Utilities Building
680 N Motel Blvd

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- I. Report on Quarterly Meeting in Santa Fe
 - II. Status of Regional Water Plan
 - III. Quarterly reports from WRRRI on Task VI, Organizational Review of Transfers of Surface water from Irrigation to Domestic Use and Task VII, Evapotranspiration Study of Doña Ana County
 - IV. Quarterly report sent to EPA for the Lower Rio Grande Regional Sustainable Water Project, Phase I
 - V. Phone conference with Roger Perry on Aquifer Storage and Recovery
 - VI. Other Business

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

City of Las Cruces (Fiscal Agent) – New Mexico Water Resource Research Institute – Doña Ana County –
Elephant Butte Irrigation District – Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association –
Town of Mesilla – Village of Hatch – Anthony Water and Sanitation District

LRGWUO
Technical Committee

Subject: *Notes from meeting of March 15, 2001 at 1:30pm*

Members Present: Andrea Mendoza (CLC), Jorge Garcia (CLC), Jerry Leyendecker (Dona Ana County), Bobby Creel (NMSU), Michael Riley (EBID), Mariano Martinez (DAMDWCA)

Members Absent: Village of Hatch, Town of Mesilla, Pat Banegas (Anthony Sanitation District),

Others Present: Mary Wells (Terracon), Coy Webb (Livingston & Associates)

I. Report on Quarterly Meeting in Santa Fe

Mary Helen was very satisfied with the presentation and work performed to date by the Terracon Team. She was going to check and see if there was any way that Coy could have access to well data from the Hydrographic Survey. Even if just number of wells in each basin. This request was turned down and we are having to estimate type and number of wells through other means. Mary Helen had minor comments on format of the Water Plan and map size. Mary Wells explained that in the final report it would be organized differently and maps would all be 11x17. No other major comments on the plan. She will come to Las Cruces for the next Quarterly meeting, we will plan it for a day when there is also a public participation meeting. The last quarterly meeting will be in Santa Fe to receive acceptance of the plan from ISC.

II. Status of Regional Water Plan

The major work being done right now is in the Water Demand Section where Coy is trying to estimate the number and type of wells in the Water Plan study area. He has looked at NMED data and visited with the LRGWUO entities. Jorge suggested that he look to El Paso Electric to see if they itemize out customer classes to include well pumps and if so we could get a count, we could do the same for Rio Grande Gas data.

III. Quarterly reports from WRRRI on Task VI, Organizational Review of Transfers of Surface water from Irrigation to Domestic Use and Task VII, Evapotranspiration Study of Doña Ana County

Andrea handed out copies of these reports that she received.

IV. Quarterly report sent to EPA for the Lower Rio Grande Regional Sustainable Water Project, Phase I

Andrea also handed out this report that she sent to Bill Black at EPA last week.

V. Phone conference with Roger Perry on Aquifer Storage and Recovery

We called Roger to discuss some of the questions that he had. He was wondering where the extra water that we would be using for ASR was going to come from. We explained that our concern was more on the amount of storage available at the targeted locations and that we weren't considering where the water would come

from at this point. Thoughts and ideas were expressed from all entities, however the final consensus was that the scope of the project should only focus on available storage.

VI. Other Business

Next meeting was scheduled for April 19th, 1:30 in the JU Conference Room

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

AGENDA

Meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

April 25th, 2001
1:30pm

City of Las Cruces
Joint Utilities Building
680 N Motel Blvd

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- I. Status report of Regional Water Plan
 - II. Discussion of comments received from ISC on Regional Water Plan.
 - III. Status of supplemental monies from ISC for completion of the Regional Water Plan (Hueco)
 - IV. Discussion of EPA, Phase II matching funds
 - V. Schedule next meeting
 - VI. Other Business

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

City of Las Cruces (Fiscal Agent) – New Mexico Water Resource Research Institute – Doña Ana County –
Elephant Butte Irrigation District – Doña Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association –
Town of Mesilla – Village of Hatch – Anthony Water and Sanitation District

LRGWUO
Technical Committee

Subject: *Notes from meeting of April 25, 2001 at 1:30pm*

Members Present: Andrea Mendoza (CLC), Jorge Garcia (CLC), Bobby Creel (NMSU),

Members Absent: Village of Hatch, Town of Mesilla, Pat Banegas (Anthony Sanitation District), Jerry Leyendecker (Dona Ana County), Mariano Martinez (DAMDWCA), Michael Riley (EBID),

Others Present: Mary Wells (Terracon), Coy Webb (Livingston & Associates), Eddie Martinez (Zia Engineering), Len Stokes

I. Status report of Regional Water Plan

Coy needs Ag well locations from Michael Riley. There was discussion on the Demand section of the plan that basically revolved around the need to obtain more data and information from more water users in the area. Consultants may need to make personal visits to some of the users to obtain this data.

II. Discussion of comments received from ISC on Regional Water Plan.

The Terracon Team handed out responses to technical comments from ISC. Mary Wells, Eddie Martinez, Bobby Creel and Andrea Mendoza will go to Albuquerque on the 18th to meet with ISC to discuss the comments and see which fall under the scope of work.

III. Status of supplemental monies from ISC for completion of the Regional Water Plan (Hueco)

A contract from ISC for additional monies to complete the Hueco was sent to Andrea. She passed out the contract for review. This will be on the Agenda for the meeting in Albuquerque on the 18th.

IV. Discussion of EPA, Phase II matching funds

We were hoping that all the entities would talk to their legislators and ask for support of matching funds for the EPA monies that we are scheduled to receive. Unfortunately, it was not a priority on any other entities' list except for the City, and no matching funds were allocated to the LRGWUO NM Regional Sustainable Water Project. Therefore, if any entities wish to have specific projects done for their areas, they will need to provide the matching funds for their projects.

V. Schedule next meeting

Meeting scheduled for May 17th at 1:30 in the JU Conference Room

VI. Other Business

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Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

AGENDA

Meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

May 17, 2001
1:30pm

City of Las Cruces
Joint Utilities Building
680 N Motel Blvd

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- I. Preparation for Friday meeting with NMISC in Albuquerque
 - II. Other Business
 - III. Schedule next meeting

LRGWUO
Technical Committee

Subject: *Notes from meeting of May 17, 2001 at 1:30pm*

Members Present: Andrea Mendoza (CLC), Jorge Garcia (CLC), Bobby Creel (NMSU), Mariano Martinez (DAMDWCA), Michael Riley (EBID),

Members Absent: Village of Hatch, Town of Mesilla, Pat Banegas (Anthony Sanitation District), Jerry Leyendecker (Dona Ana County)

Others Present: Mary Wells (Terracon), Dr. John Hernandez

I. Preparation for Friday meeting with NMISC in Albuquerque

Reviewed comments from ISC and the responses to comments from the Terracon Team. There was consensus from the Technical Committee on the responses to the comments and the strategy for the meeting. Attendees to the meeting are: Bobby Creel, Andrea Mendoza, Mary Wells and Eddie Martinez

II. Other Business

Dr. John Hernandez revised the Draft Water Demand section and we reviewed it with him. He will be providing Eddie Livingston a copy for his review and we will all have an opportunity to review and critique it after Eddie L. has made his comments.

III. Schedule next meeting

Next meeting will be scheduled for **June 21, 2001 at 1:30 in the JU Conference Room**. Mary Helen suggested at the Friday (5/18/01) meeting that we make this the 3rd quarterly meeting and that she would drive down for it.

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

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Meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

June 21, 2001
10:00 am

City of Las Cruces
Joint Utilities Building
680 N Motel Blvd

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- I. 3rd Quarterly Report Presentation of Doña Ana County Regional Water Plan to ISC by Terracon Team
 - II. Amendments to the Doña Ana County Regional Water Plan Agreement (Amendment No. 1, to the to extend the time and Amendment No. 2, to include all of the Hueco Bolson.)
 - III. Status of projects under the EPA Phase I, LRGWUO Regional Sustainable Water Project by Andrea Mendoza

LRGWUO
Technical Committee

Subject: *Notes from meeting of June 21, 2001 at 10:00am*

Members Present: Andrea Mendoza (CLC), Jorge Garcia (CLC), Bobby Creel (NMSU), Mariano Martinez (DAMDWCA), Michael Riley (EBID), Pat Banegas (Anthony Sanitation District), Jerry Leyendecker (Dona Ana County)

Members Absent: Village of Hatch, Town of Mesilla,

Others Present: Mary Wells (Terracon), Eddie Martinez (Zia Engineering), Coy Webb (Livingston & Associates), Dr. John Hernandez, Len Stokes

I. 3rd Quarterly Report Presentation of Doña Ana County Regional Water Plan to ISC by Terracon Team

Terracon presented the current status of the Regional Water Plan and provided hard copies of their power point presentation to the committee (Andrea has extra copies for anyone who would like one). Nabil Shafike from NMISC was patched in via telephone during discussion of the Demand Section. The Terracon team will be meeting with Nabil on Monday July 9th for further clarification.

II. Amendments to the Doña Ana County Regional Water Plan Agreement (Amendment No. 1, to the to extend the time and Amendment No. 2, to include all of the Hueco Bolson.)

Amendment No. 1 is being processed through DFA. This amendment is to extend the expiration date of the contract with ISC to December 31, 2001. Amendment No. 2 is for the supplemental work on the Hueco in Otero County. This amends the contract for an extra \$25,000 and will need to go to the LRGWUO for approval. Bobby will work with Terracon to change the boundaries on all the maps to reflect Amendment No. 2. A meeting of the LRGWUO will need to be called in order to finalize this amendment.

III. Status of projects under the EPA Phase I, LRGWUO Regional Sustainable Water Project by Andrea Mendoza

Andrea provided summary updates on the Evapotranspiration Study of Doña Ana County, Organizational Review of Transfers of Surface water from Irrigation to Domestic Use and Aquifer Storage and recovery.

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

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Meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

July 19, 2001
1:30 am

City of Las Cruces
Joint Utilities Building
680 N Motel Blvd

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- I. Discussion of Regional Water Plan Alternatives
 - II. Other Business
 - III. Schedule Next Meeting

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

Meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee

November 15, 2001

1:30 pm

City of Las Cruces
Utilities Center, Room 213
680 N. Motel Blvd.

AGENDA

1. Status Report on Regional Water Plan
2. Comment on Draft Reports
 - Task I – Gene Paulk, City of Las Cruces
 - Task V – Gary Esslinger, EBID
 - Task VI & VII – Bobby Creel, WRI
3. EPA Funding – Final Submittal
4. Other Business
5. Schedule Next Meeting

(NOTE: Mary Helen Follingstad, ISC, will be present. Please plan on attending.)

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Elephant Butte Irrigation District – Dona Ana Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association –
Town of Mesilla – Village of Hatch – Anthony Water and Sanitation District

Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization

Technical Committee

November 15, 2001

Opening :

The regular meeting of the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization Technical Committee was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on November 15, 2001 in the Utilities Administration Building Conference Room by Jorge Garcia.

Present :

Bobby Creel

Gene Paulk

Jorge Garcia

Kathy Watson

Eddie Martinez

Mary Wells

Mariano Martinez

1. Status Report on Regional Water Plan

Mary Wells called Mary Helen Follingstad who was put on speakerphone. Contract needs to be extended another year.

2. Task I -

Opened bid and only 2 submittals were received. Lowest bid was \$179,540 by Anthony Pump & Drilling. The size changed so it more expensive. Need to revise budget.

Task V -

Need letter of commitment from county. Add \$10,00 to next funding.

Task VI & VII -

Task VI does not have status report. It needs to be completed by deadline or money will be assigned to someone else for the job. Bobby Creel should have an answer by this week. Task VII is done. All that is needed is an invoice.

3. EPA Funding – Final Submittal

Kathy Watson was asked if EPA will fund one more. Mail third week in December.

4. Other Business

Extend contracts for Mary Helen Follingstad and Mary Wells. Need letters ASAP for submittals

5. Schedule Next Meeting

Notice for next meeting will be via e-mail.