



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday – April 1 1998
10:00 A.M.

VofR Issues.

- Up and Running
- Data Requests Letters
- Data Gaps.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall
50 Desert Shores Drive, Desert Shores, California

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Finalization of Agenda
2. Public Comment: *Any member of the public may address and ask questions of the Committee relating to any matter within the Authority's jurisdiction. This time is reserved for matters not already on the Agenda.*
3. Sea Elevation
4. Federal Legislation Update
5. EPA Grant → Work Plan? Assistance? Tom Kirk
6. Proposition 204
7. Work Plan 3.0 Update
8. Science Subcommittee Update
9. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) – Final Preparation
10. Office Space
11. Consent Calendar – Receive and File
 - A. Approval of Minutes: March 4, 1998 (Attachment 1, Pages 1 - 4)
 - B. Financial Report February 1998 (Attachment 2, Page 5)
12. Presentation by Dr. Stuart Hurlbert - Good Partner!
SBSU
13. Member Information / Discussion
14. Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 1998, 10:00 A.M., Location To Be Determined
15. Adjournment

DIRECTIONS:

From North: Take Highway 86 South
Turn Left on Desert Shores Drive

From South: Take Highway 86 North
Turn Right on Desert Shores Drive

Veterans of Foreign Wars building will be on Right side

Any item on the Agenda may result in action by the Technical Advisory Committee.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Salton Sea Authority (SSA) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was called to order by Paul Cunningham, Chair, at 9:07 A.M., Wednesday, March 4, 1998, at the Coachella Valley Water District Training Room, Coachella Valley, California.

TAC Members Present

Paul Cunningham
Owen McCook, Vice Chair
Robyn Nagle
Denise Smith, Proxy

Agency

Imperial Irrigation District
Coachella Valley Water District
Riverside County
Imperial County

TAC Members Absent

Robertta Burns

Imperial County

Ex-Officio Members Present

Glenn Black
David Brown
Scott Lawson
Ray Lukens
Ken Sturm
Dick Zembal

California Department of Fish & Game
State Department Water Resources
Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services

Others Present

Vickie Doyle
David Drury
Brian Farris
Harold Gledhill
Terry Green
Frank Kent
John King
Fred Kisner
Norm Niver
Sam Sato
John L. Scott
Scot Stormo
Mary Thiery
Rich Thiery
John Westermeier

Imperial Irrigation District
General Contract / Public
Parsons Engineering Science
Property Owner
University of California, Riverside
Property Owner
Tetra Tech
Tetra Tech
Salton Sea Authority Citizens Advisory Committee
Senator David Kelley
Metropolitan Water District
Earth Systems Consultant
Riverside County
Coachella Valley Water District
Jones & Stokes Associates

Staff Present

Tom Kirk, Executive Director
Nadine J. Mupas

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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cunningham opened the floor for comments and questions.

Norm Niver addressed the Committee with concerns regarding the Sea: Direction of the removal of water from the Sea, desalination plants on other rivers and how they will affect the Sea, ecosystem concerns – sea, fishery, wildlife and sea bottom exposures. Mr. Cunningham responded by saying environmental studies on these issues will be conducted.

Frank Kent addressed the Committee with the opinion that pump in / out as an alternative should be scratched. He is opposed to diking because of the results and the effects it could have on the Sea, i.e., remove the wave action. He suggested possible pumping out to the Chocolate Mountains. Mr. Kent also offered the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Desert Shores as a meeting place for future meetings. Mr. Kirk responded by saying that the environmental process / scoping will take about 2-3 months and meetings will be held along the Sea during that time.

3. FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Mr. Kirk informed the Committee that a hearing before the House Water & Power subcommittee has been scheduled for next Thursday in Washington, D.C. The Subcommittee staff has asked for recommendations for speakers. It is suggested that members of the Authority and Ex-Officio members be in attendance as representatives. University representatives will be participating in the hearings. Local representation will come from the Authority and the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians; the rest of the speakers will be State and Federal. A suggestion was made to rebalance the list so that the Authority, Local, and State interest are involved. Mr. Kirk will draft testimony for Tellis Codekas and send it to the TAC members for review on Monday, March 9 with request for comments due on March 10, Tuesday.

Discussion ensued regarding content of the testimony to be given by Mr. Codekas. A suggestion was made to incorporate comments of the legislation made during the February 19, TAC and Board of Director's meetings. The testimony should include:

- A short history of the Authority, who makes up the Authority, and what the Authority has done
- Highlight the record of the Authority and the plan currently in progress
- Focus on the legislation and not on solutions
- Recognize other basin states' concerns regarding the surplus use of Colorado River water and use of the language "surplus" use
- Include language recognizing both the NEPA / CEQA process
- Be direct about the involvement of the university consortium. Raise questions of conflict of interest and how the Universities may not move as quickly as the subcommittee wants to move. Raise questions of responsibility when the universities are involved. The universities should not be involved driving the process because they will be doing the research and receiving the money. A suggestion is that Supervisor Wilson and others should meet with Chancellor Orbach.
- Underline efforts that have been made with the Secretary of the Interior to date.

Mr. Cunningham reported that Senator Feinstein will be introducing a bill and another bill from

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Senator Boxer may possibly be introduced in the Senate. The Authority has been contacted by Senator Feinstein's office and suggestions were given. The TAC suggests that an offer to tour the Sea be made to Senator Boxer.

4. WORK PLAN 3.0 UPDATE

Mr. Kirk reported that he met with the Bureau of Reclamation. The Department of the Interior has been more engaged in the work effort and has made the Bureau cautious, they are moving slowly and deliberately. It was originally scheduled to have the Work Plan revisions completed by the end of January, but it is taking much longer. Mr. Kirk also met with the Environmental Compliance staff responsible for developing work orders so that consultants can come on board for the environmental and engineering process; there are four (4) consultants contracted with the Bureau: CH2M Hill, Bookman Edmonson, Woodward-Clyde and Tetra Tech.

Discussion ensued regarding consultants who already have an existing relationship with the Bureau. TAC members would like to see an open RFP / RFQ to ensure the Authority is getting the best for whatever projects are decided upon. In addition, this maximizes the role of the Authority and gives the Authority equal ascendancy with the Bureau and consultants.

Bob Johnson is recruiting for the Study Leader position and has involved Mr. Kirk in that process. The goal is to have someone on board within thirty (30) days.

5. PROPOSITION 204 UPDATE

Mr. Kirk informed the Committee that the contract has been formally approved, and that it may be signed by the end of the month. Reimbursement for expenses may be received as early as April 1, but will not include retroactive reimbursement. Sam Sato informed the Committee that Senator Kelley has written a letter to Governor Wilson asking that 50 million dollars be set aside for the Salton Sea in the proposed bond measure. Mr. Sato said there are problems with the bill and that more will be known shortly, the Authority offered its assistance.

6. 1998 / 1999 BUDGET

Mr. Kirk informed the Committee that March 16th is the deadline to submit to Riverside County a draft budget for the Authority. Mr. Cunningham requested that for professional services an explanation be annotated as to what is included. Mr. Kirk will place the budget on the May TAC and Board of Director's meeting if there are any changes. Ms. Nagle requested final action be completed by the Board of Director's by June 18. It was recommended to approve the draft budget. There were no objections.

A motion was made by Ms. Nagle and seconded by Owen McCook to approve the 1998 / 1999 budget. Motion Carried.

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7. **ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA)**

Mr. Cunningham informed the Committee that Eric Yoder and Mr. Kirk have been working with ACWA on their upcoming Salton Sea Inspection Tour scheduled for April 2 and 3, 1998. April 2 will include the following presentations: Introduction to the Sea and Science of the Sea; Senator David Kelley will be the keynote speaker in the evening. A tour of the Sea is scheduled for the following day. Mr. Cunningham informed the Committee that there might be a possibility that ACWA will introduce a resolution in support of the Salton Sea Authority.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR – RECEIVE AND FILE**

A. **Approval of Minutes**

January 7, 1998, February 4, 1998 and February 19, 1998

It was approved to receive and file the minutes of January 7, February 4, and February 19, 1998, meetings. There were no objections.

A motion was made by Ms. Nagle and seconded by Rich Thiery to receive and file the January 7, February 4, and February 19, 1998 meeting minutes. Motion Carried.

9. **MEMBER INFORMATION / DISCUSSION**

Ms. Nagle informed the Committee that the Board of Supervisors approved the appointment of Mary Thiery as an Alternate to Ms. Nagle, representing the Riverside County, on the TAC.

Mr. Cunningham informed the Committee that representation on the Salton Sea Science Subcommittee (SSSS) for Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District and for the Salton Sea Authority will be Rich Thiery, Mike Remington and the Chair of the TAC, respectively. Riverside County will be submitting the name of their representative; Imperial County has not made an announcement.

Mr. Kirk informed the Committee that the first SSSS meeting is scheduled to be held on March 24 and 25. According to Dr. Friend, quite a few of the agencies have yet to make their appointments. Since the first meeting may not take place a suggestion was to reschedule the meeting around the time of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Inspection Trip will be in April.

10. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next scheduled Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be April 1, 1998, 10:00 A.M. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, Desert Shores.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Cunningham adjourned the meeting at 10:45 A.M.

RUN DATE: 02/28/98
 RUN TIME: 052700

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
 SUMMARY TRIAL BALANCE BY FUND
 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998
 MONTH OF FEBRUARY

REPORT PAGE: 41
 REPORT ID: A614
 SYSTEM: GFS

FUND NAME: SALTON SEA AUTHORITY

FUND	ACCT TYPE	B.S. ACCOUNT	OBJ/REV SOURCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	TOTAL DEBITS	TOTAL CREDITS	ENDING BALANCE
A42	01	1111 CASH		144,847.00	5,057.04	28,128.31	121,775.73
A42	01	1231 INTEREST REC		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			01 ACCT TYPE TOTAL	144,847.00	5,057.04	28,128.31	121,775.73
A42	02	2111 ACCOUNTS PAY		0.00	21,919.26	21,919.26	0.00
			02 ACCT TYPE TOTAL	0.00	21,919.26	21,919.26	0.00
A42	03	3211 URES FND BAL		156,653.14-	0.00	0.00	156,653.14-
			03 ACCT TYPE TOTAL	156,653.14-	0.00	0.00	156,653.14-
A42	22	10101 REG SALARIES		16,816.80	3,597.60	0.00	20,414.40
A42	22	21101 RET-MISC		1,280.24	0.00	0.00	1,280.24
A42	22	21201 SOC-SEC		1,047.29	238.63	0.00	1,285.92
A42	22	21303 MEDICARE TAX		244.92	55.81	0.00	300.73
A42	22	22103 FLEX PLAN		0.00	956.25	0.00	956.25
A42	22	22201 RET-HLTH INS		34.91	0.00	0.00	34.91
A42	22	22501 LIFE INS		11.00	55.00	0.00	66.00
A42	22	22504 OPTICAL INS		10.24	30.72	0.00	40.96
A42	22	23101 HRKS CMP INS		87.86	23.76	0.00	111.62
A42	22	24102 MGMT & CONF.		75.00	15.00	0.00	90.00
A42	22	32101 COMMNCNTS		408.98	0.00	0.00	408.93
A42	22	42101 OFFICE EXPEN		2,759.38	1,470.99	10.64	4,219.73
A42	22	42106 POSTAGE/MAIL		162.77	42.81	0.00	205.58
A42	22	43101 PROF/SPEC SV		9,086.18	20,000.00	0.00	28,086.18
A42	22	50203 PRIV MILEAGE		300.00	655.45	0.00	955.45
A42	22	50209 OTH TRVL EXP		657.07	869.89	0.00	1,526.96
A42	22	82101 EQUIPMENT		14,550.56	110.00	0.00	14,660.56
			22 ACCT TYPE TOTAL	46,533.20	28,121.91	10.64	74,644.47
A42	31	1613 INT-INV FUND		3,322.99-	0.00	0.00	3,322.99-
A42	31	8274 SEMINAR FEE		0.00	0.00	5,040.00	5,040.00-
A42	31	9999 OTH/ADD-BACK		31,404.07-	0.00	0.00	31,404.07-
			31 ACCT TYPE TOTAL	34,727.06-	0.00	5,040.00	39,767.06-
			A42 FUND TOTAL	0.00	55,098.21	55,098.21	0.00

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