

Upper Rio Grande Basin Water Operations Review Executive Committee meeting, June 6, 2002

Bureau of Reclamation, 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Colonel Midkiff, Corps

Gail Stockton, Corps

Colonel Hurst, Corps

Steve Kolk, BOR

Rhea Graham, NMISC

Dick Kreiner, Corps

Steve Hansen, BOR

Norm Gaume, ISC

- The Executive Committee approved the meeting notes for the December 4, 2001 meeting held at the Corps of Engineers. These notes will be posted on the project website.
- A request was made to review the Planning Aid Letter at a future Executive Committee Meeting.
- The City of Albuquerque's involvement was discussed. The City has not made a firm commitment yet.
- The Executive Committee was updated on the recently completed public meetings. A question was raised regarding recent diversion improvements on the Rio Chama. It was suggested that a release be made at the current safe channel capacity to emphasize what can be expected by the adjacent landowners.
- The project schedule was discussed. A question was asked if the recent Parker decision will effect any changes in scope, and could those changes throw off the current schedule. Steve Hansen replied that any scope changes will be considered after the appeals process, and that the second part of the question would be addressed if and when a change is made.
- The Steering Committee agenda for the June 27, 2002 meeting was discussed.
- A question was raised regarding depletions due to the proposed alternatives, and greater emphasis on this issue was requested. This issue will be addressed using the URGWOM planning and other models, although some reservations were expressed regarding reliability of the models. Limitations will be discussed in the EIS as well as in model documentation.
- A similar question was raised from the perspective of overall water supply. The changes in depletions among alternatives will be addressed in Water Operations Team meetings, by the Project Managers, and at the next Executive Committee meeting.

- A question was raised regarding possible integration of the URGWOPS and Middle Rio Grande Collaborative Program efforts. An update was given on the status of potential funding for both projects.
- The next Executive Committee meeting has been scheduled for November 13 at the Corps.

Approved by the Executive Committee at the November 13, 2002 meeting.