

Water Issues Committee
of the
JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
January 8, 2008
MINUTES

This Water Issues Committee meeting was called to order at the Juniper Hills Community Center, 31401 106th St East, Juniper Hills, CA 93543 on **December 20, 2007, 7:04 P.M.** by the President, Mr. Pomeroy. This Committee meeting was a development of the Special Meeting held on December 20, 2007.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Pomeroy.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE

There were approximately 24 residents of the Hill, in addition to 3 members to the Town Council in attendance.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to determine the broad issues regarding water for Juniper Hills in order to compare with those of the Antelope Valley Groundwater Agreement Association (AGWA) to determine if it is appropriate to seek joining that group in the Antelope Valley Groundwater Cases (lawsuit).

ISSUES

The suggested draft issues were:

- Reserve existing individual water pumping (and surface) rights
- Seek a settlement of the case through a stipulated judgment -- yes
- Seek clarification of rights for pumpers within water district boundaries (LACoWW Dist 40, LCID, PWD [including Inclusion 82]) in favor of underlying rights -- yes

Added issues:

- riparian rights (surface water)
- underlying rights vs. adjudicated rights
- who hauls how much water per year?

What are the "broad issues" and do they "twin-up" with AGWA?

Will it be a perfect match vs. differences of being with AGWA

There are various ways of "joining up" with AGWA:

- as one group (all of Juniper Hills)
- individually
- all within Juniper Hills who want to be in the group, and the others take whatever happens

This means: Get everyone involved!

It was decided that there are three groups (classifications)
pumpers (the majority of the persons who attended the meeting)
non-pumpers (notably, those who own presently-vacant land)
mutual water groups

ADMINISTRATION

In the event of joining the lawsuit, what will the payment calculation be?

What will be the collection method?

It was decided that we need to negotiate with AGWA, then send out a letter to all landowners, asking "What is your choice?" In the letter we need to elucidate the choices.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on January 22nd, at the Community Center, at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Pierce - acting Secretary