

## Watershed Council, Interim Executive Committee Meeting January 12,2001

### Results of discussion -

I. Bylaws.. Discussed the by-laws to clarify final questions. (specific language captured in by-laws draft, which will be circulated separately.

a. How is membership formalized?

Memorandum of Agreement? Group decided that a better approach is to ask each organization or individual to send a letter of interest to the Council, and if appropriate designate one individual as the organization's representative.

b. Executive Committee composition - discussed various options 1) 5 agencies (federal/state), 5 local gov't, 5 NGO/academic, include Mexican representation.

2) Interest-based - including representation from a defined broad range of stakeholders.

3) Open voluntary. - See who wants to participate and let membership of Council vote from there. Group discussed the three options. Decided that the initial Committee should be open to those who express interest. with some effort made to balance interests, but without assigned "slots." It was also agreed that there needed to be balanced representation from the U.S. and Mexico.

c. Terms - the group decided that terms should be at least a year, with eventual staggering of elections. (?)

d. Decision making - the group discussed the method of decision making (voting, consensus, etc.) and whether or not that language needed to be in the by-laws. Decided that the committees can grapple with this question once they are formed.

e. Quorum - Group decided that the quorum language pertained to the Executive committee, and inserted language that defined quorum as more than 50% of those present. For by-laws changes, a 2/3? Majority was needed (Precise language will appear in updated by-laws.

f. Authority - the group added a sentence that helped to clarify the larger scope of the project, beyond the EP/NM Sustainable Water Project.

g. Coordinator - Discussed budget and scope of work for the coordinator position. Suggestions for changes to scope should be sent to Jim S. Jim also identified some possible funding sources for the position.

### II. Outcomes/agenda

Outcomes/Agenda for initial meeting:  
(Tentative date, March 29, 7- 8:30 pm)

Introductions:

- Overview/history of project
- The Council's purpose and goals -including examples of enhancement projects and description of possible projects.
- Nominations for ExCom.
- Public Input

Possible locations: Chamizal, NW Callipus/ EPCC - Mike Landis will check.

Information packets: Include both the by-laws and resolution.

Invitations: John will draft a letter and circulate it to everyone for comments. He will also generate the invitation list and send out the mailing. Suggestions for mailing list should be sent to him.