

## CONTACT MEMO

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Setting: Meeting in Chico

1. Need to have a definition of conjunctive use.
  - A. Surface water is transferred and groundwater is pumped in substitution.
2. N. Chico area has some recharge problems - check with Bob Hannigan.
3. Butte County would want many assurances about being made whole, especially those who were impacted. The County would want recognition that groundwater is a resource that could be used for benefit of community. Butte County does not have a lot of money.
4. A conjunctive use program should be designed to provide financial incentives to the community
5. Butte County's appealing resource is water, and if outsiders need water for benefit of state, there should be recognition of that.
6. Need to ensure recharge is not damaged.
7. May also need to consider increasing supply (off-stream storage)
8. Obstacles
  - A. Time, because it will take a long time to get people involved
  - B. Essential for CALFED to come to Butte County and discuss their plans via public workshops with City Council, Board of Supervisors to elicit their concerns.
  - C. Who will pay for water supply? CALFED needs to have a plan for compensation on an acre-feet basis.
  - D. There is a great potential for litigation and lobbying; this can be mitigated by public outreach.
  - E. Need to provide data and evidence that no damage will be done to the resource.
  - F. County was in process of reviewing a draft ordinance that was tabled due to recent Measures F and G; if one of the Measures passes, the County draft ordinance will not likely be revisited.
  - G. Program has to have financial reward for community.

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