

## CONTACT MEMO

Date: October 9, 1996  
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Setting: Lunch Meeting in Chico

1. Richvale participated in the 1991 and 1994 water bank. The district does not own wells; water bank participants were private pumpers. An AB3030 plan was prepared in-house, but has not been finalized yet.
2. Landowners pumped into canal system and the water was redistributed by the district; water was therefore left in Oroville for DWR to put in bank.
3. Shortage of water in northern Butte County. If surface water is supplied to the north county through a conjunctive use program, it would be of great benefit.
4. Money will be necessary to fund conjunctive use programs.
5. Richvale is interested in implementing a CALFED conjunctive use program.
6. The main obstacle will be to overcome the politics of conjunctive use.
7. Four districts have storage water rights in Oroville (555,000 acre-feet annually).
8. Less than 4% of water use in the district is groundwater.
9. 34,000 acres in district. 27,000 acres of rice. 5,000 acres of habitat at Grey Lodge.
10. Richvale overlies an isolated basin, and they were not named in any lawsuit.
11. It is estimated that 30,000 to 70,000 acre feet of groundwater is available for conjunctive use, but the wells would have to be constructed.
12. CALFED could provide the infrastructure as incentive to implement a conjunctive use program.
13. CALFED needs to convert skeptics, including the City of Chico, environmentalists, general public by emphasizing that conjunctive use is an environmental benefit for the Delta.
14. A pilot project would also be helpful to help address concerns

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