

CONTACT MEMO

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Setting: Meeting at County Counsel Office

Jim, Bill, Pat and I discussed CALFED's role in conjunctive use. The following is a summary of the points made during our discussion.

- 1) CALFED should look at the water supply as a whole, not just at Sacramento Valley to solve all the problems.
- 2) It is important to consider developing new water, such as Sites and Colusa reservoirs
- 3) Currently there are no formal conjunctive use projects in Shasta County
- 4) The county is undergoing a "needs analysis" to determine water supply needs for the next 35 years. The study is being conducted by CH2MHill and should be completed by April of 1997.
- 5) The county does not know much about their groundwater conditions. They would like to develop a computer model for the basin and prepare an AB3030 plan. However, agreement of the entities and agencies overlying the basin (over a dozen water purveyors) will be necessary.
- 6) Jim, Bill and Pat discussed the following obstacles to developing a conjunctive use program in Shasta County:
 - a. There is not enough data regarding the groundwater basin
 - b. The County does not yet know its long-term water needs, although the study is currently being completed
 - c. The County needs to better understand the potential impacts of a conjunctive use program
 - d. There is considerable fear and distrust of CALFED in Shasta County
 - e. The 1991 drought hit the County hard and the Bureau of Reclamation ignored area of origin protections in the past
 - f. CALFED will have to provide assurances that people are confident will be met into the future
- 7) The five County process (Shasta, Tehama, Glen, Colusa, Butte, Yuba) has shown that all counties agree that additional storage should be an important component of CALFED's program.
- 8) Shasta County is very open to a CALFED conjunctive use workshop. They would like CALFED to discuss how conjunctive use ties into what is being proposed and how impacts to the County might be addressed. The Redding Area Water Council, including Clair Hill, Joe Patten, and managers of local water districts would likely attend the workshop.