

CONTACT MEMO

Date: February 19, 1997
Contact: Keith DeVore, Sacramento County Public Works
Setting: Meeting at Public Works

I met with Keith DeVore and Toccoy Dudley to discuss the American Basin Conjunctive Use study and other conjunctive use opportunities. The following is a summary of our conversation:

- 1) Toccoy provided a background for Keith on the American Basin Conjunctive Use Study, and discussed the project and related issues. In essence, the project would be tied to the Sacramento River index, and would involve recharge, storage, and extraction. Toccoy pointed out that the American Basin project is to provide dry-year supply to the SWP, and is not a CALFED project. Additionally, DWR would not be buying water, but rather renting storage space in the aquifer. DWR would provide the infrastructure; the estimated cost of water would be \$113 per acre-foot.
- 2) Keith discussed the status of the Water Forum negotiations, and pointed out that Sacramento County looks to the Forum for groundwater management issues.
- 3) Eighty-six percent (86%) of the groundwater pumped between the American and Cosumnes Rivers is for agricultural use, not municipal and industrial as many people believe.
- 4) The County buys treated water from the City of Sacramento at a rate of \$133 per acre foot.
- 5) We then discussed the opportunity to design a conjunctive use project around the pumping depression in the south part of the County, near Elk Grove. We agreed to meet again to pursue that issue.