

## CONTACT MEMO

Date: June 23, 1997  
Contact: United Water Conservation District  
Setting: Meeting at UWCD

I met with Dana Wisheart, Fred Gientke, Steve Bachman of United Water Conservation District to discuss their conjunctive use project, potential opportunities for additional projects, and CALFED's conjunctive use program. The following is a summary of our conversation.

- 1) I gave a brief presentation of the status of CALFED's conjunctive use program and answered questions regarding work accomplished to date and anticipated future development of the program.
- 2) Fred and Steve discussed United's groundwater projects, including the aquifer recharge program that diverts Santa Clara River water at the Freeman Diversion to canals that take the water to spreading basins. In five years, this program has reversed a 90-year trend of overdraft and seawater intrusion in the Oxnard Plain.
- 3) United has issues with MWD, that need to be resolved prior to participating in joint conjunctive use programs. The issue of most concern is MWD's wheeling charge of \$245 per acre-foot. United would like to know if MWD would be willing to reduce or drop this fee for storage projects that are structured to benefit all participants.
- 4) United sees CALFED as being able to facilitate conjunctive use projects by helping to resolve these types of issues
- 5) United would be interested in future meetings with CALFED and MWD to help resolve these issues and develop opportunities for additional conjunctive use and groundwater banking projects.