

## Frenchman Valley Meeting

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## Flip Chart Notes from the May 4, 2005 Frenchman Valley Meeting

### Game and Parks Interest

- Composition of fisheries
  - Chemical renovation
- Future reservoir water supply
- “Quality of Life” – Effects of decreasing population
- Cabin Owner interest
- Higher minimum pool, El. 3089.40 - Approximately 14,000 AF
- Preferred minimum pool, El. 3099.0
- Loss of habitat areas
- Water temps/ algae blooms increase with lower levels
- Fish kill/ human health with lower lake levels
- Capital investments for fisheries/ parks
- Need for creal user surveys (update?)
- Noxious weed problems with lower lake levels
- Off-road vehicle use
- Consistent water levels El. 3090.0? – 5/2002 last time reservoir was at this level
- Boat ramps
- Aesthetics
- Congestion in lake, parks area
  - Boating safety
  - Non-resident use
- Valuation of recreation facilities
- Non-resident economic benefit to local area
- 1968 – last time reservoir filled
- Who pays for benefits?

### NRD Interest

- No “new” restrictions on groundwater pumping
- Third party impacts from “new” restrictions
- Additional controls & regulations
- Who pays for benefits?
- Stay compliant with Compact

### District Objectives/Goals

- Reservoir Water Supply
  - Natural flows cover half the district
  - Water right is 130 cfs. Current supply is 40 cfs.
- Reliability of reservoir supply and natural flow supply
- Financial Reliability of District
- Benefits to non-district area/ beneficiaries pay for benefits

### DNR Interest

- Get most benefit of future water supply
- Compact implications (stay in compliance)
- Solvency of Districts
- Share benefits/ burden
- Improve water levels in lake and intentional ground water recharge (in targeted areas)
- “Streamline” study process
- Examine legal/administrative changes to change use to get greatest benefit

### Existing Compact Groundwater Model

- “Do nothing”
- Evaluate alternatives
- Future water supplies

### Reclamation Interest

- Protect Federal Investment
  - Both irrigation and fish/ recreation benefits
- Existing contracts with the Irrigation Districts
- Solvency of the Districts
- Meet authorized purposes of the project
- Storage and storage use rights are considerably higher than what is available
- Downstream Irrigation Districts Interest
- SOD Evaluation