

## Water Policy Task Force

### Parking Lot Issues

#### New Additions

Providing an ending date by which a basin must achieve a balance between water supply and water use

Rules for usage of water trust funds

Regulation and allocation of water use based on first date of irrigation

Provide mechanisms for funding and administering intentional ground water recharge projects

#### Issues added to Parking Lot at the November 30, 2004 Water Policy Task Force meeting.

#### Interrelated Water Review Board

- Make-up and how members are chosen
- Procedures to be used by the Interrelated Water Review Board *must be statutes because the board does not exist except until there is a problem. Or let the board craft their own procedures.*
- Can a private group ask for a review by the Interrelated Water Review Board?

#### \*Funding

- Funding incentive programs - clarify the authority to assess fees and or taxes
- Seeking a dedicated funding source

\*Providing authority to treat land differently based on the date the land was developed rather than the date a well was drilled

#### Definition of a constructed well

- Jim Cook, Dave Cookson and Ann Diers will take a look at the question. Lloyd Neller will forward wording to Jim Cook to put before Executive Committee.

Dealing with the lag effect - needs further discussion

Definition of sustainability

Transfers involving use of other persons facilities

Instream flow laws - criteria we use to grant or regulate or how they come into play in defining a fully appropriated basin.

Timely Method of Providing Water for New Growth

- Is providing water for new commercial and industrial growth in a timely manner a legislative matter or a matter better left to the integrated management planning process (see below)? *Discussed as part of municipal issue*

Change the wording of 46-??

#### Parking Lot Issues As of November 30, 2004

Parking lot issues are issues that were raised, deemed to be important, but were not discussed and or acted upon by the Task Force previous to their 2003 Task Force Report to the legislature.

Definition of beneficial consumptive use

Providing preference status to:

- Municipalities
- Fish and wildlife
- Recreation
- Water quality

Transfer of a surface water right to a ground water permit

Treatment of sandpits

Treatment of wells within 50 feet of a stream

In addition, the original charge to the Task Force from the legislature in 2002 included examining the usefulness of developing a water banking system that would facilitate the temporary or permanent transfer of water uses. In its 2003 report to the legislature, "the Task Force determined that a proposal on the development of a banking system for surface water and groundwater uses was not necessary at this time. The development of a banking process should occur if and when there appears to be a need for such a system in the future."

Other issues that have been raised since LB 962 was passed include:

Regulation of replacement wells

Is providing water for new commercial and industrial growth in a timely manner a legislative matter or a matter better left to the integrated management planning process?