

# Summary of Public Meetings Held January – March 2010

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## Upper San Pedro Water District Organizing Board



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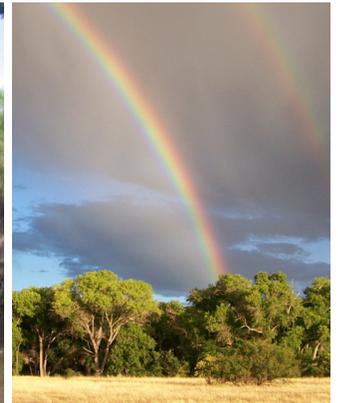


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# Upper San Pedro Water District

## Summary of Public Meetings held January – March 2010

This document contains a summary of information gathered at the first five public meetings held to provide information to the communities within the proposed Upper San Pedro Water District and to receive comments on the District's Draft Plan. This first part of the summary focuses on the process, the second part focuses on the public input received and the Appendix contains copies of the materials.

### ***Public Participation Purpose and Process***

The purpose of the public meetings was to inform the public about the proposed District, Draft Plan, financial plan, background and process; to present information about past and current water conditions in the proposed District area; and to encourage participants to ask questions, express concerns, comment and give additional ideas and recommendations for the Organizing Board to hear, review and consider.

When planning the public participation process, this round of public meetings was designed to fulfill the involve level of public participation, as defined by the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum for public participation. The goal of the involve level is "To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered." The promise of the involve level is "We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision."

The purpose of the first round of public meetings was an exchange of information. To fulfill the promise of involve, it was explained that the second round of meetings would bring back what the team heard from the public in the first round of meetings. Methods employed during the first round of meetings to address the goal of the involve level were diverse and inclusive. Both oral and written exchanges occurred, and discussion groups were employed to allow District representatives to have as much exchange of information with the public as possible.

During the public meeting process, it was referenced that the ultimate level of participation, empower, would be what voters would experience in the planned November ballot measures. The goal of the empower level is "To place final decision-making in the hands of the public," and the promise is "We will implement what you decide."

*(A copy of the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum is included in the Appendix.)*

## ***Public Meetings Notification***

Personalized letters announcing the meetings were sent to local, county, state and federal elected officials and staff members in advance of the meetings. Advertisements were placed in local newspapers to notify the public about the meetings and ran as follows:

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Run Date</b>	<b>Meeting Locations</b>	<b>Meeting Dates</b>
Tombstone News	Fri., Jan 15	Tombstone Sierra Vista Bisbee	Thur., Jan. 28 Tues., Feb. 2 Wed. Feb. 10
Tombstone News	Fri, Jan 22	Tombstone Sierra Vista Bisbee	Thur., Jan. 28 Tues., Feb. 2 Wed. Feb. 10
Sierra Vista Herald/ Bisbee Review	Tues. Jan. 19	Tombstone Sierra Vista Bisbee	Thur., Jan. 28 Tues., Feb. 2 Wed. Feb. 10
Sierra Vista Herald/ Bisbee Review	Tues. Jan, 26	Tombstone Sierra Vista Bisbee	Thur., Jan. 28 Tues., Feb. 2 Wed. Feb. 10
Sierra Vista Herald/ Bisbee Review	Tues. Feb 9	Huachuca City Bisbee (reschedule) Palominas	Tues. Feb. 23 Wed. Feb. 24 Mon. March 1
Sierra Vista Herald/ Bisbee Review	Tues., Feb 23	Huachuca City Bisbee (reschedule) Palominas	Mon. March 1 Wed. Feb. 24 Mon. March 1

In addition to the paid-media announcements, a news release sent to the local media was helpful in garnering news coverage of the meetings. Meetings were also listed on the [www.sanpedrowaterdistrict.org](http://www.sanpedrowaterdistrict.org) Web site.

### Upper San Pedro Water District Public Outreach Meetings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Where</b>
Thursday, Jan. 28	5:30 p.m.	Tombstone	<b>American Legion</b> 225 E. Allen St. Tombstone, AZ 85638
Tuesday, Feb. 2	5:30 p.m.	Sierra Vista	<b>Windemere Hotel Ballroom</b> 2047 South Highway 92 Sierra Vista, AZ
Tuesday, Feb. 23	5:30 p.m.	Huachuca City	<b>Huachuca City Community Center</b> 201 Yuma Street Huachuca City, AZ 85616
Wednesday, Feb. 24	5:30 p.m.	Bisbee	<b>Bisbee Senior Center</b> 300 Collins Rd. Bisbee, AZ 85603
Monday, March 1	5:30 p.m.	Hereford	<b>Hereford/Palominas</b> Palominas Elementary School 10385 E. Highway 92 Hereford, AZ 85615

### ***Public Meetings Format***

Upon arriving, participants were asked to sign in. Each meeting started at approximately 5:15 p.m. and began in an interactive open house format where participants could view fact sheet-based displays and ask questions directly to individual project team members until 5:45 p.m. A 15 to 25 minute PowerPoint presentation followed and was delivered to the attendees at each event by an Organizing Board Member.

Upon arriving, participants were provided with comment forms plus fact sheets focused on the following topics:

- Building on Science
- Economic Implications
- Finding Funding to Get the Job Done
- Our Plans for the Future
- The Vision for a Sustainable Water Future
- What Is It (The District)?

The fact sheets were augmented slightly after the first meeting to address information that the team decided needed clarification after hearing and considering public input at the first meeting. The design of the fact sheets was

also modified slightly to provide more clarity. The fact sheets are included in the Appendix.

Additional information available at each meeting for reference and available in limited quantities for distribution while supplies lasted included:

- The Comprehensive Water Resources Draft Plan
- Copies of House Bill 2300, the legislation allowing for the establishment of a Water District
- The Draft Organizational and Financial Plan
- A hard copy of the PowerPoint presentation

Following the presentation, the attendees were invited to join discussion groups focusing on the topics covered in the fact sheets to voice their concerns and provide input. The discussion groups were divided into three stations at all the meetings, except for the Sierra Vista meeting, which required a fourth station due to the large number of attendees. Each discussion group was led by a member of the Organizing Board or Arizona Department of Water Resources staff and assisted by a member of the public outreach team. Transcripts of the notes taken at each meeting are included in this summary.

### ***Written Public Comments***

At each public meeting, attendees were provided with comment forms soliciting input on the topics defined in the fact sheets, the public process or any other topics or concerns. Attendees could either fill out forms at the meeting and return them before leaving or take forms with them to fill out and return later or to share with other members of the public. In order to accommodate that process, the public comment period ends March 15, two weeks after the last public meeting. A total of 53 comment forms have been received as of March 10 and are included in the Appendix.

### ***Categorization of Public Input Received***

Comments received at the public meetings were from self-selected participants. It is generally recognized that only about 10 percent of a given group may actively respond to an invitation for participation. Those who do respond are not necessarily representative of the entire general population; rather, they are those who are most interested and concerned. These comments are qualitative and should be viewed as such, understanding that the majority of comments are representative of those who have feelings on either end of the spectrum of views. Qualitative data was gathered via public meetings where approximately 315 self-selected participants gave verbal and written comments.

Additional input gathered as part of the public process was quantitative and came from a third-person, statistically valid telephone survey of 303 randomly selected participants. The surveys were designed and conducted in the area of the proposed District with a random selection of geographically balanced, representative citizens to provide statistically valid, quantitative information

meant to offer a comparison of the percentages of people holding different views and levels of concern. The data gathered from the survey was previously submitted as a separate report.

### ***Common Themes***

As is generally anticipated in groups of individuals who are self-selected based on their level of interest and concern, public meeting participants voiced many questions, strong feelings and concerns in the focus groups and in the comment forms. Concerns addressed both the possibility of the District being formed, and the possibility of it not being formed, with the associated impacts and outcomes for the future. Both perspectives generally related the outcomes to sustaining what they value about their lives and the area encompassed in the proposed district. In other words, they took the topics very seriously and their expressions were often very passionate.

Many of the questions asked during the focus group conversations and in the comment forms related to how water use is controlled and how it could be controlled in the future. There was not a consistent understanding of the current roles and responsibilities for controlling or regulating water by organizations or jurisdictions. That compounded the challenge of explaining how the proposed District would fit in and relate to regulation and control of water use. Many of those participating were asking for clarification on those points.

Available funding was another focus of general concern. The current economic climate, with many indications of cutbacks in government spending, was cited as a concern. The complexities of what sources of funding remain and will be available in the future is a source of confusion and concern. Compounding that was some initial misunderstanding of what funding would be necessary at the beginning of the District's formation versus what would need ultimately to be raised by the Board for their future operations. A number of questions regarding the District's ability to impose taxes were posed. Even when the provisions in the current law providing for the District's formation were read, some participants cited past experiences with government bodies as reason for skepticism.

There was general agreement that conservation efforts were important, but much discussion and debate about specific methods to conserve, augment and measure current conditions and results.

In summary, the following major issues, among others, need further clarification:

- Current federal, state, county and city roles and responsibilities for controlling or regulating water and how they differ from the District's.
- Possible sources of funding and a schedule of the District's funding needs.
- District's ability to impose taxes or charges.

Detailed summaries of each meeting are included later in this report in the individual meeting sections.

### Comment Forms

An analysis of the 53 comment forms received through March 10, 2010 revealed the following:

- A large majority (36) stated concern about new development and controlling growth issues.
- A large majority (35) of the commenters were in favor of conservation and sustainability measures to help reduce water consumption or to help the San Pedro River remain viable.
- Nineteen commenters stated support of the District.
- Eighteen commenters were concerned with additional levels of government and bureaucracy.
- Fourteen commenters expressed support for keeping Fort Huachuca in the area.
- Twelve commenters were concerned with either conducting more studies, doing nothing or wasting time.
- Comments were nearly evenly split (11 to 10) on the subject of the levying of new taxes. Some were concerned the District would levy taxes and some wanted taxes as a way to encourage conservation.
- Ten commenters were concerned about establishing some kind of cooperation with Mexico.
- Eight commenters thought that using CAP water or Colorado River water was not a good strategy to consider.

In terms of the comment form input about the public process:

- Seven commenters thought the information and answers provided at the meetings were most helpful.
- Three commenters found nothing helpful.
- Three commenters thought the project should have more meetings and education.
- Two commenters thought the presentation was most helpful.
- Two commenters liked hearing from those involved.
- Two commenters liked the group breakout meetings.
- Two commenters thought the breakout sessions could have been better.
- Two commenters wanted the breakout sessions removed altogether.
- Two commenters wanted a question-and-answer session that everyone would participate in.
- Two commenters thought there could be better explanation of various plan components.
- One commenter liked how the team handled disruptive attendees.
- One commenter requested larger print on the presentation slides.

## Focus Groups

The group conversations showed a strong understanding of the importance of water and its availability to individuals, communities and nature. The group conversations also revealed that the participants had a good understanding of conservation and sustainability measures that are and could be undertaken to support the River. They also made a strong connection between the River and development and population growth.

Transcripts from the notes taken during the focus group conversations revealed a possible lack of understanding or misunderstanding of the following:

- The difference between the role of the District in comparison with that of the state, county and city water agencies.
- The District's role in the acquisition and sale of water rights.
- The District's ability to meter and monitor private wells.
- The ability of the District to levy taxes.
- The role of vegetation in the River's water levels.
- How the District will be managed and funded and details of the operating budget.
- The ability of the District to regulate water use.
- The effect of the mining industry in Mexico and how the District would relate to it.

## Individual Meeting Information

*Note: The flip chart transcriptions are available in the Appendix, combined for all locations and sorted by fact sheet categories.*

### **TOMBSTONE, Meeting No. 1, Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010**

Attendance: 35-40

Comment forms received: 1 (in addition there is one partial form with name only and no comments)

#### Meeting Themes

- Concerns regarding taxes being increased or levied by the District Board.
- Concerns about Sierra Vista having more “say” in the process due to its larger voting population.
- Skepticism about the possible downsizing or closing of Fort Huachuca if water conservation requirements are not met.
- A desire to limit building and growth in the area so that resources are not strained.
- A belief that cottonwood and mesquite trees along the river already sap its resources and need to be managed.
- Questions about the decision-making process – who came up with the Organizing Board, how were boundaries formed, etc.
- Concerns about whether plans or boundaries can be changed after the District is formed.

### **Flip Chart And Comment Form Transcription**

#### Economic Implications / Finding Funding To Get The Job Done

- Taxing concerns.
- Legalities/taxing conservation.
- Anticipated growth.
- Sierra Vista “big” + growth (other communities pay for it?).
- Everyone paying for district in county.
- Bedroom community vs. high rise – where should people moving in live?
- Where did idea start?
- Save water – it’s precious.
- The way information is presented about the Fort is a scare tactic.
- Seems to be saying if District isn’t formed, Fort Huachuca will shut down.
- How much of \$400,000 goes to administration?
- District will manage projects + jurisdictions?
- Who determines when goals of District are met?
- How do you determine how much water is required for 100 years?
- Local control?

- Any control over private water companies?
- Does board, once voted in, have authority to authorize a tax?
- Can tax be rescinded?
- Can Sierra Vista (with its large population) vote in all the commissioners?
- Split up into smaller districts such as Sierra Vista, then you will have representatives from each district?
- We have water – will go through us – to enable their (Sierra Vista's) growth?
- Explain sale of water and water rights.
- How would they acquire rights and for what purpose?
- How would allowing the District to sell water support the mission of the District?
- Could they obtain water rights inside the District?
- Do we have access to Colorado River water?
- Did Organizing Board discuss controlling population? By not building so much?
- If Fort Huachuca concerns/requirements are not met, mission could be impacted. Explain?
- If Fort shuts down, is that one-tenth of the population?

## Building On Science / The Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

- More growth equals more water use.
- What is considered to offset new residents?
- What is actual amount of water available?
- What is the impact on the Post?
- The Post must prove that it is meeting Base Realignment committee specifications on use/recharge.
- Balance of human consumption (Post) versus ecological balance.
- It is about community "health" that depends on the water.
- What about "no growth" in Sierra Vista?
- Cluster development – new concept (UA extension).
- Water over pumping impacts – long term.
- Water quality declines as you reduce the water tables (saline).
- Perennial review recorded in June – drought over the past few years.
- New development – must meet 100-year replenishment records.
- Building permits – selective with water sustainability.
- Wildcat developments – restrict.
- Change in water levels are not equal in every aquifer.
- Agricultural retirement.
- Is recharge and conservation going to be enough?
- Use of gray water by ordinance (City) (County).
- Invasive mesquite along river/grazing (loss of grasses).
  - Must maintain removal (invasive and opportunistic).
- Measurement of efficacy in project.
  - Programs easy to benchmark.

- Measurable (water levels) – monitorizing well levels (including under new development).
- Riparian demand – over \$11,000 annual.
- Evaporation rate – should be taken into account – with climate changes and the mesquite contribution.
- Unplanned development – accelerated runoff because of blading roadways.
- Cottonwoods vs. mesquites – be considered the same as invasive.
- Cottonwoods need management – use more water.
- Salt cedar – same issues.

## What Is It? / Our Plans for the Future

- Water management – development interfering with flow.
- Concern for people outside watershed area.
- Cottonwood trees.
- Where did idea of the Board originate?
- Has the Board come up with requirements to be on the Board?
- Does the Board have the power to limit growth?
- How were the boundaries set up? (Decision-making process.)
- Timeframe for elections?
- If the District is formed, can water still be pumped out of the Water District?
- How far north does the Water District go?
- Are boundaries set in stone?
- What do you mean by infrastructure?
- Would the District need to purchase land for facilities? Funding?
- Pumping impacts.
- Water sharing with Tombstone pipeline would reduce cost.
- Why aren't we looking at thinning out cottonwood trees?
- Beaver brought in to manage cottonwoods.
- Cottonwoods shelter water for solar evaporation.
- Add salt cedar to mesquite.
- What can't be done without the District?
- Concern for restrictions because of Santa Cruz and areas outside boundaries taking water from within District.
- Ability of Mexico to impact our water.
- Concern voters would approve taxation in future.
- How would taxing come about and at what amount?
- Concern of taking water from Colorado River (Not available.)
- Process for election?
- What is the current water deficit?
- What is the process for changing the plan after the Board is elected?
- Would San Pedro Partnership provide resources to the District? (Would be beneficial.)
- What if full Board not voted in?
- Water should not be pumped out of Whetstone area.

- Once District is formed, what is driving force of decision-making? (Political vs. science?)
- Advisory Board has influence over the Board. How is Advisory Board selected?
- Need representatives from community for Advisory Board.
- How do we get rid of the Board if we decide we want to in the future?
- Need project to make recreational draw to the river.

## Discussion Points

- Fort Huachuca statement isn't talking about the river – it's a scare tactic.
- Concerns re: taxes alleviated.
- Cochise County will contribute resources.

## **SIERRA VISTA, Meeting No. 2, Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010**

Attendance: 115-130

Comment Forms received: 26

### **Meeting Themes**

- Concern about estimated \$400,000 budget.
- No dedicated funding source.
- Can the District be disbanded down the road? "Sunset clause."
- What happens if District is formed, but money isn't found?
- How does District differ from current agencies?
- Taxing concerns.
- Colorado River water role.
- Public is interested in specifics on use of detention basins and recharge.
- Effects of Cananea Mine/Mexico.
- Why not provide funding to county or city and let them deal with water issues since they are already in place.

### **Flip Chart And Comment Form Transcription**

#### **Economic Implications / Finding Funding To Get The Job Done**

- Funding is a wish list. No guaranteed funding.
- What is ADWR? (Technical resource to District.)
- What benefit will taxpayer get in next 10 years? (Keep water from being an issue with the Fort.)
- Can someone own water under me? (You don't own water under property, only right to drill. Builders have to demonstrate water supply and that usage will not negatively impact basin.)
- Bella Vista Water Company has depleted water so property owners can't access water. Can District drop a well? (Yes, but goal is to save water and meet demands of community.)
- What is difference of authority between Upper San Pedro Partnership and District? (Partnership has absolutely no authority.)
- What can District do that ADWR and other agencies can't? (Wholesale water.)
- Where will \$400,000 (fully staffed administrative cost) come from? (No finite answer yet.)
- Is this an open checkbook? (Limited by funds District can generate.)
- If there is no funding and District is approved, what happens? (There will be seed money – then more funds need to be generated. Board cannot tax without voter approval.)
- Have you done staff work to point executive director in a direction? (Yes, there are plans.)

- Why wasn't sales tax mentioned in presentation? (Legislation does not/cannot mandate tax. A tax must be voter approved.)
- Where does District get water rights? (a.) Has to purchase land and associated water rights. b.) Colorado River water.)
- With \$1.6 million (projected amount a transaction privilege tax, which would need to be approved by voters, could bring in), county and city could do a lot so form a District? (\$1.6 million was estimate of what things will cost. District can operate everywhere, rather than limits of jurisdictions.)
- Why no funding for conservation, retention and resupply to aquifer? (Detention basins are in the plan.)
- Will there be basins scattered around county? (Yes)
- Make administrative staff volunteer for first four years?
- Since a large part of the District is Fort Huachuca, we should request money from Department of Defense.
- Is there an instrument in place to disband District?
- If transaction privilege tax is exacted, how about well owners? (No bearing on well owners.)
- If voters turn down District, what happens to Partnership? (Nothing, no bearing.)
- Can District put up an initiative that private well owners also have to pay taxes? (No, not without a public vote.)
- Potential board actions can be done by local jurisdictions? (Board has been asked to do 10-year plan and coordinate with jurisdictions regionally.)
- Will District be able to control extensive water use by private well owners? (No.)

## Building On Science / The Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

- Need to review actual average human consumption per day.
- Percolation from mountain to river. What are the averages?
- Urban runoff needs better way into the groundwater.
- How well do we understand the recharge in the aquifer?
- What geological/hydrological model to better understand recharge?
- Is water usage broken down into categories, such as vacant land, residential, agriculture?
- Examples of recharge for better comprehension.
- What can District do to reduce evaporation during recharge, create detention basins/washes that can efficiently handle better recharge?
- Build retention basins (40 locations, earthen dams).
- Use Rio Grande as a model?
- Can you build detention basins on private property?
- How do water districts regions (Whetstone) work together to reduce depletion from the San Pedro?
- Are there multiple District agreements that work together for more efficient allocation?

- How can you have a constant budget when many variations (season, agriculture, vegetation) vary?
- What role will future development play in the plan? Growth rate has been projected by state at 10 percent.
- What protocols will be implemented to monitor the results of the actual effect? Will District be able to react quickly?
- Which agency receives monthly water usage reports from communities?
- How far does ADWR go outside of AZ to find new technology?
- Do desalination facilities work on a national level? California has built a facility.
- Cottonwoods take 10,800 acre-feet of water annually.
- The Board, which knows the region and residents, will make local decisions.
- Buffalo Soldier Trail – AZ Environmental Planning Group sprays water to maintain and reduce dirt. This is wasteful.
- Can you build into the plan a “Sunset or re-vote” clause on efficacy and impact?
- Cananea Mine – Can their usage be controlled?
- Is there a way to work with U.S. on usage or reducing the amount of use?
- Emerging disruptors (pharmaceuticals) in waste.
- Why does the District have no regulatory action?
- The District would coordinate between jurisdictions to work together to ensure “no one” can deplete the groundwater.
- State Route 90 corridor Benson-I-10-Kartchner Caverns – What about their draw on existing San Pedro River basin?
- Cone of depression from excessive draw.
- Colorado River water – District could bring in the water.
- Have effluent and stormwater been estimated into recharge?

## What Is It? / Our Plans for the Future

- No mention made of CAP or Colorado River water. Is it still in the plan?
- How do you know more groundwater is going out vs. coming in?
- How will rainwater harvesting fit in?
- How could revenue bonds be repaid?
- Concern for bird habitat.
- Nothing you have addressed mentions Mexico – Mexico is key.
- What federal support do we have?
- Concern with taxing authority?
- How do I know I will be able to afford the water in the future (aka taxes) even though I will be providing it?
- How do I know I won't be given water restrictions in the future?
- How does the aquifer feed the river?
- What was the purpose of drilling the wells? Who would that serve?
- Is augmentation the main emphasis?
- Where would you drill that would have no impact?
- What is Bureau of Land Management's role with District?

- Have you considered permeable paving as a recharge strategy?
- Where does recharge occur?
- Colorado River allocation issues, not an option or realistic with current demand and future demand.
- How would pumping the water affect us in 20 to 30 years?
- Is the District able to conduct international, cross-border work?
- Did river move underground as a result of the earthquake?
- Will there be water regulation/penalty for landowners?
- Americans need education to understand water issues.
- Will District drill wells, sell to provider, persuade private wells to stop and use utility?
- Will District drill in one place and move water around?
- Does District want to get into wholesale business?
- Goal is aimed more at recharge?
- Southern California has more holding dams for water.
- Are we doing enough detainment or recharge?
- How do you get water back in aquifer?
- Is there bad percolation down to aquifer?
- Potential for quid pro quo exists to persuade water users to save/recharge water.
- Why do we need a Water District?
- How is District different from regulatory agency or water utility?
- Suite of solutions need to be emphasized; Not simply one solution.
- Need to come up with appropriate solutions for the scale of Sierra Vista, unlike California.
- Concern that area doesn't use holding basins.
- What does "provide local control" mean?
- Who is in control now?
- Will District develop new water supply wells?
- How would District collect water? Own land?
- Can you build a detention dam on your own wash/land?
- Why don't they get rid of cottonwood trees?
- Any development going to reinstitute use of gray water?
- Will there be development of re-use in rural areas?
- We need development of more gray water use, especially in rural areas.
- Why were fact sheets modified between Tombstone and Sierra Vista meetings?
- It is a problem that same information was not distributed at Tombstone and Sierra Vista.
- What does eminent domain have to do with District?
- Dry injection well will allow you to put water/recharge back in ground.
- Is there a model city to follow on water sustainability?
- What will happen if not passed?
- Will it keep coming up at elections?
- Only growth control is through county.
- Any thoughts on impact of Mexico/mining?

- Cananea mining effects are serious when mine operates.
- Map doesn't look like same map as subwatershed?

## Discussion Points

- Organizing Board needs to make clear that there may be no funding source and that staffing may be bare bones until stable funding sources are found. The \$400,000 is an estimate of a fully staffed District Office.
- Explain how the District would operate with limited or no funding.
- Explain that elected Board will come up with specifics on detention basins and recharge. Provide possible examples.
- Review/confirm human water consumption statistics.
- Explain differences between a District and current agencies/government bodies.
- Explain whether and how District could be phased out.
- Re-emphasize District, local, state, federal have very limited input on another country's actions.
- Don't change printed materials/fact sheets for rest of Round 1 meetings. Introduction/verbal message can amplify previous points.

## **HUACHUCA CITY, Meeting No. 3, Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010**

Attendance: 18-20

Comment Forms received: 3

### Meeting Themes

- Funding sources.
- Development restrictions.
- Government overlap.

### **Flip Chart And Comment Form Transcription**

#### Economic Implications / Finding Funding To Get The Job Done

- Concern voiced about state and federal funding availability. What are the specific sources?
- What is initial amount needed? Starting near zero.
- Bond sales?
- Would residual funding from current effort/funds be able to go forward? Yes, if it remains.
- Why is District needed in addition to other jurisdiction's controls?
  - Overdraft occurring now.
  - County can't get into "water game" without change in state statutes.
  - Would be a single entity serving as an umbrella for cities.
- Why wasn't Benson included? Hydrologic divide.
- What kind of cooperation can there be with Mexico?
  - Some work ongoing.
  - Little surface water crossing.
  - More below surface.
- Revenue bond sales? Can't happen until there is source of revenue.
- Groundwater rights vs. surface water rights.
- How would current drought ending affect plan? Based on averaging, drought's end would not change much.
- Do recharge basins lose a lot of water through evaporation?

#### Building On Science / The Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

- Study on how many gallons of water does a mesquite take.
- Why focus on mesquite vs. cottonwood?
- Why 20 years to store/restore to aquifer – Would like that shortened.
- What role does county play in the development and restoration?
- Development/developers – Are they evaluated for groundwater usage?
- We are at a deficit, so how can any new development have a 100-year plan? In balance in regulation to actual groundwater.
- Economy based on growth is the problem to conserving water sources.

- Need more education – practice sustainable water practices: building codes revised; runoff cisterns from buildings (harvest); and stormwater harvesting.
- What is the observable impact to river flow with removal of brushy wood on ranch lands?
- Water quality impacts from storm runoff, how do we check the quality?
- BLM monitoring – Can the board collaborate with BLM to be cost effective?
- Will BLM stop monitoring if the District becomes active in monitoring?
- Will federal funding decrease or disappear?
- Maintain public access to data collected by governing entities.

## What Is It? / Our Plans for the Future

- Need clear communication.
- How often would the Board meet?
- What are the Board's term lengths?
- Would District regulate?
- Restrictions on development.
- Will this change procedure for drilling wells?
- What are plans toward agriculture, i.e. horse farms?
- There are irrigation concerns.

## Discussion Points

- The smaller discussion groups were more personal and productive.
- Better define what the County can do and can't do now.
- Is the 10-year program appropriate?
- Clarify that conservation will still be needed 10 to 20 years from now, even with the District.

## **BISBEE, Meeting No. 4, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010 (rescheduled from Feb. 10)**

Attendance: 38-40

Comment Forms received: 11

### Meeting Themes

- Bisbee attendees not as economically focused as other locations.
- Lots of discussion on retention/detention basins.
- Questions on Mexico and CAP.
- Interested in regulation and providing more “teeth” for the proposed District.
- Concerned about development.

### **Flip Chart And Comment Form Transcription**

#### Economic Implications / Finding Funding To Get The Job Done

- How do revenue bonds work? Bonds are sold and then paid back over an extended period of time.
- New subdivisions vs. finite amount of water? Subdivisions have to prove adequate water supply. District has a number of options: District could get water from other location by developing other source.
- Federal government could supplement cost to run Colorado River to Sierra Vista? City cannot prevent or pass ordinance that prevents or prohibits people from drilling wells.
- Is \$400,000 the initial cost? No.
- Where does the money come from? Selling water; grants; water from Colorado River is most “senior” water.
- What has Organizing Board of District spent? \$80,000 on consultants, \$13,000 on administrative/plan help.
- Has there been any thought to assigning District’s potential responsibilities to jurisdictions? No, cannot do that.

Discussion followed on surface water rights, and detention and retention basins.

#### Building On Science / The Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

- How will you control use of water from Mexico?
- When is the drilling of new wells – wells away from the river – planned?
- Would the District fund the drilling of wells?
- How long does it take for water from retention basins to get to aquifer?
- Was there a scientific plan for maintaining the river? Ten- to 20-year time frame.
- If District is approved, would it pre-empt city/county level ordinances? No, I could request discussion, recommend alternatives. Its indirect effect is that the area’s goals would line up with District’s goals.

- Could District sue city? Unlikely.
- Audience member noted that city of Alamogordo, N.M., sued the state over a water issue.
- Is District's big plan to pipe in CAP water? That would cost hundreds of millions to build.
- Will the District approve where growth happens?
- Is there a 100-year supply of water available to subdivisions?
- Is there partnership between U.S. and Mexico?
- Would the reopening of the mines impact the water?
- Consider impact of quality of recharged water on groundwater.
- Where does the water flow?
- Any study done on settling ponds or retention basins?
- Would the riverbed itself be a good place to hold water?
- Clean out drainage ditches that hold water so that water goes farther to valley.
- What happened to the idea of the Charleston Dam?

## What Is It? / Our Plans for the Future

- Mike Foster, who said he is producing a video on the river, offered numerous thoughts:
  - Concern that the focus is on studies, not actions.
  - River is in dire straits, with more dry stretches than before.
  - The area needs to act now on preserving the water. Watering of dirt roads is a waste.
  - Positive reward or recognition should be given when conservation is achieved.
  - Mesquite tree water usage is a minor factor.
  - Focus on developments and stop importation of new business until water level is solved.
  - Xeriscape, water basin retention should be increased.
  - Likes idea of schools, government involvement in conservation.
  - Beaver is like the "canary in coal mine" and should be monitored at the river.
- Jenny Druckman:
  - Xeriscape, water basin retention should be increased.
  - Why is Old Bisbee not in District? Legislature set boundary. Old Bisbee doesn't drain into San Pedro River and is outside watershed line.
  - How would Board interface with other governments? It's independent, a District, and not a regulatory body. It would be a body or infrastructure that could manage projects and bring together money.
  - Disappointed District won't have more teeth.

- Developers should be required to use conservation methods. District effect will be limited.
- More education needed, attitudes need to be changed.
- Can Board lobby on ordinances? District could lobby but not enforce or enact regulatory ordinances.
- Example given of District's indirect impact: A contractor could, for development approval, be required to install storm drains that route water to retention basins.
- Revenue bonds may not occur till second 10 years of existence.
- What about permits for development? Building jurisdiction would decide.
- District would give recommendations to jurisdictions on development plans.
- District could bring outside water into area.
- Why did mesquite removal get so high on list? Study listed mesquite higher because acreage of mesquite is large. Mesquite near river use more water and would be most likely targets.
- Can Legislature impose active management area if District not formed? No.
- If this fails, what happens? What we have today.
- If we get funds, will we help/work with Mexico? We will attempt cooperation.
- New San Pedro binational commission begun in Mexico to develop dialogue.
- Beaver dams were down last year, but activity is up recently. Floods affected last year.
- Who originated the idea of the District? Local government, businesses, agriculture and statewide water advisory group organized the idea.
- Who pushed it through in Legislature? Fifty-two different interests pushed it through.
- Can environmental restrictions on Fort Huachuca be removed? No, they have to abide by Endangered Species Act.
- Give an example of a District project: Effluent. District finds money, goes to developer or agency to work on using effluent in exchange for more lots.

## Discussion Points

- The focus groups were too close together and it was very difficult to hear. It was suggested that next round we find locations that may have separate rooms available for discussions or that we use movable panels or some type of sound barriers between groups.
- For next round we should focus on clarifying taxes can't be imposed without voter approval and clarify what kind of tax we are talking about.
- There is a person handing out information at meetings – need to differentiate what are official materials generated by our public outreach effort and what are not.

## **HEREFORD/PALOMINAS, Meeting No. 5, Monday, March 1, 2010**

Attendance: 80-85

Comment Forms received: 12

### **Meeting Themes**

- Skepticism.
- Sierra Vista controlling everything.
- Proof of problem.
- Just another tax.
- More bureaucracy.
- Stay away from wells.
- Regulatory authority.
- Dams and reservoirs needed.
- Why does District want to work in what is the County's jurisdiction?

### **Flip Chart And Comment Form Transcription**

#### **Economic Implications / Finding Funding To Get The Job Done**

- Are people trying to meter wells? District is specifically prohibited by state for no well metering.
- Will Sierra Vista have more control of Board? Board members are elected at large from entire District. Goal of elected members must be to provide for all in District.
- We moved out here to get away from control. Inlying areas will control outlying areas.
- District doesn't control.
- What about development? Regulation in place for all new subdivisions. They must prove 100-year water supply.
- Why is District needed? \$400,000, with more bureaucracy?
- Same water supply for all. County cannot regulate but can zone. Vision is to go across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Partnership has no authority. They came to study river.
- Since its existence, the river has become the most well-known.
- District can build on a regional solution.
- Have laws on the books (permits).
- Why can't existing bureaucracy take care of issues?
- What makes this attractive is it is not a bureaucracy.
- How will \$400,000 be raised?
- At the start, District may just look for funding.
- Coming out of County's taxes.
- There is private funding available.
- Where would water rights water come from? No one has groundwater rights, only surface water rights.

- Where do you get water? Surface water attached to land, not wells.
- How will you control Mexico's activities?
- What are chances of Water District getting CAP water or Colorado River water?
- Who has Colorado River water?
- If I own well shares, would I be regulated like a developer?
- Why don't we just take care of rules on the books? Current rules don't/can't go cross-jurisdictional.
- What about Tribe lawsuit? It has been settled except for building dam. Adjudication ongoing. Trying to define what is surface and what is groundwater.
- Is there a conflict between making money and conserving?
- Where is money/revenue going? Operations, development of future water sources; District views groundwater as short-term fix so stormwater capture is an example.
- What would be harm – create conservation opportunities and buy for residents. One of the parts of District plans.
- Reclamation already available through federal grants. Not enough (one-third) and tied up in bureaucracy.
- Issue is river will go dry long before wells go dry. If river goes dry it could impact Fort operations.
- No interbasins groundwater transfers are allowed in Arizona.
- Discussion on Mexico pollution.

## Building On Science / The Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

- How will you achieve recharge when the water will continue flowing north and you cannot block it?
- Charleston Dam for Tucson ACOE/Cannot find a reason to build a dam.
- Effect from the mines in Cananea? Has that been studied?
- What has the cone created?
- What about a reservoir, storage, retainment, still supplies to aquifer?
- [www.azwater.gov](http://www.azwater.gov) for more information.
- Tombstone pulling water from this area.
- No meters on wells, no water company.
- Not enough information on water property rights – buying off shore rights.
- Protection of water rights should be part of the reason for the Board.
- Why doesn't Tombstone drill locally and quit diverting this watershed?
- Reopening the mines in Tombstone – drain the water.
- Would golf course continue to use regular groundwater instead of effluent? About 15 years away.
- USPWD cannot accept funds to implement projects. USPWD could procure funds and implement projects.
- How much (3,000-under) flows from Mexico side?
- Unmonitored agricultural in Mexico using water.
- How much drug/pharmaceutical in water?

- Daylighting is occurring. How does it function?
- How effective is Sierra Vista recharge facility?
- Board should find funding sources before developing board/election.
- Annual five-year oversight or review/audit to determine if this is effective.
- Is stormwater recharge going to the aquifer?
- Is there a “mean” well level to find average water levels in the San Pedro Valley?

## What Is It? / Our Plans for the Future

- What is sacred/untouchable regarding water? Is growth?
- What is feasible regarding water?
- What is the role of the San Pedro Partnership?
- Is this like an Intergovernmental Agreement?
- Colorado River not an adequate source.
- What is the impact on private wells?
- Something needs to be done to conserve water. Do not want meter on wells.
- Where does initial funding come from? Who is on Organizing Board?
- How do they get appointed?
- Who will run the election?
- Concern about money to fund this, against the Board.
- Residents are currently trying to conserve water.
- What is the function of the Board/ Why was this established?
- No meters on well.
- How would you store water in the 20-year goal?
- Will there be an international committee to regulate water?
- Will Board members be able to serve on additional boards outside this one?
- When is the election?
- Who will pay for the ongoing District?
- Will the District be able to regulate private wells?
- Will well shares be handled differently?
- Residents are water-conservative. Can we be left alone if we conserve?
- Will this District be similar to Yuma? Permanent?
- Detention basin? What kinds of intrajurisdictional projects?
- How is there a shortage?
- What if we conserve and Mexico will not?
- What will happen to the project if we end the 20-year drought?
- How will things be changed without regulatory authority?
- Is this an idealistic organization (no action)?
- How will funding be raised?
- How is this different from the Upper San Pedro Partnership?
- Would the city work with the District?
- How would developer wells affect private wells?
- What can Board change from what is being presented? What can't they change?
- What hydrologist report do you use?

- How did this get started?
- What about the other counties?
- What is the relationship with the state ADWR?
- What would be the purpose of water supply wells?
- No mechanism to deny permission for well?

### Discussion Points

- Include cone of depression in final presentation.
- Distrust in outlying areas.
- Residents not understanding that District would not meter or regulate wells.

# APPENDIX

# Fact Sheets

# UPPER SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT

## What Is It?



### The First Step to More Local Control and Planned Water Management

In 2007, the Arizona Legislature enacted House Bill 2300, which allows for the establishment of the Upper San Pedro Water District, if approved by local voters. The goal of the Water District would be to maintain the conditions needed to sustain the Upper San Pedro River and to help meet the water supply needs and water conservation requirements for Fort Huachuca and the communities within the District.

The Legislature acted in recognition of community concerns related to the environmental, economic and health concerns of the area connected to the viability of the San Pedro River and its aquifer.

The District boundaries were set in the legislation (HB 2300) authorizing the District formation and were based on an Arizona Department of Water Resources map.

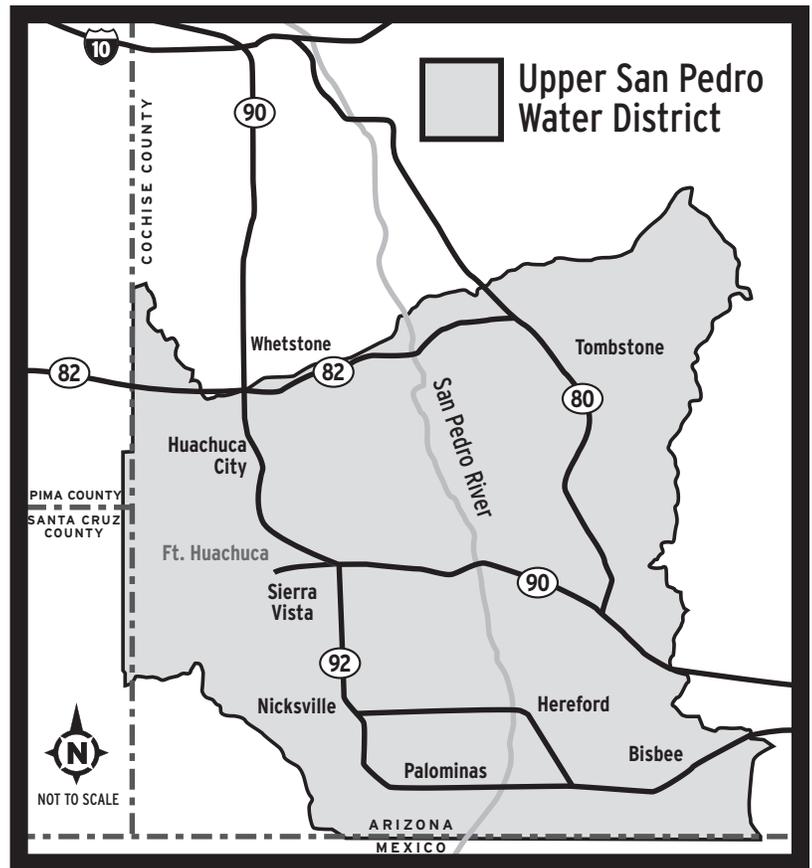
### District Voters Will Decide

Registered voters within the proposed District will need to approve the formation of the District, a measure scheduled to be on the November 2010 ballot.

If the District is approved, a local seven-member Board of Directors selected by voters in the same election will manage the District. Prospective candidates can come from anywhere in the District and must have 200 qualified signatures to be eligible for the ballot.

### The Area and Population Affected

The Sierra Vista Subwatershed, which is roughly the same area as the proposed Upper San Pedro Water



District, including the San Pedro River, supports a human population of about 78,970 (Water Management 2007 Report to Congress). The Subwatershed includes Fort Huachuca, unincorporated rural areas, and the cities of Sierra Vista, Huachuca City and Tombstone, and part of Bisbee.

### What the District WOULD do:

- Provide local control over water management decisions.
- Take a leadership role in coordinating and assisting in water conservation projects with individuals, businesses, industries, and public and private entities in the District.

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## What Is It?

- Assist communities in setting up programs for recharging and/or reusing wastewater, effluent and stormwater runoff.
- Actively pursue project funding from federal, state and private sources.
- Develop enhanced water conservation programs for public facilities, schools and industries.
- Review new major development and subdivision plans to address whether adequate water supply exists for the proposed development.
- Develop new water supply wells in locations that would not as directly impact the San Pedro River.

### **What the District SHALL NOT do, by law:**

- Levy a tax unless approved by voters.
- Engage in the retail sale of water to customers.
- Require the use of a water-measuring device for any well, except as a condition in a contract agreed to by both parties.
- Impose mandatory conservation requirements on persons in the District.
- Regulate the acquisition, use or disposal of water or rights within the District.
- Exercise any right of eminent domain (property acquisition).

### **The public has a voice**

The temporary Organizing Board has drafted plans for how to get the Water District up and running as well as what projects they would pursue that they need public input on. These plans are not final without public input. The Organizing Board is presenting the plans during public meetings in January, February and March 2010 with a second round of public meetings scheduled in April and May 2010. Feedback and information from those meetings will be used to modify the plans as needed.

### **Questions:**

- Do you support the conservation, reuse, recharge and augmentation projects in these draft plans?
- What other projects would you prefer?
- What is the best way to finance these projects?

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The Organizing Board represents a cross-section of the community: Chairman Mike Rutherford, president of Rutherford Industries (business); Vice Chairman Holly Richter, Upper San Pedro Program Director for The Nature Conservancy, based out of Palominas (conservation); Treasurer Rick Coffman (water utility); Secretary Steve Pauken, Bisbee city manager (city population below 35,000); Mike Boardman (retired military personnel or military support group); Carl Robie, director of Water Policy for Cochise County (Cochise County); John Ladd (agriculture and ranching); Mary Ann Black, Supervisor, Education Center Director Hereford Natural Resources Conservation District, (Natural Resources Conservation District); James Herrewig, Community Development Director for Sierra Vista (city population above 35,000).

# UPPER SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT

## Our Plans for the Future

### Plans That Would Guide The District Board

A set of draft plans for the District have been prepared by the Organizing Board, based on existing information. The plans recognize that many entities have already taken steps to conserve, reuse and recharge water in the area, but more needs to be done.

Altogether there are four plans: a water resources plan, a financial plan, an organizational plan and an election plan.

The public will review these plans during a series of outreach meetings during 2010. The projects within the plans are intended to support the goal of the District, as it was defined by the Arizona Legislature:

The District's goal is to maintain the aquifer and base flow of the Upper San Pedro River at current levels (or better) while meeting the water supply needs of the District's communities and Fort Huachuca.

### The Water Resources Plan

The Water Resources Plan focuses on "water conservation, reuse activities, water recharge programs and water augmentation concepts that can be implemented or enhanced" within the 10-year timeframe. The draft plan demonstrates how the District might assist communities located within its boundaries in "recharging, reusing and obtaining water supplies to protect the aquifer and base flow of the river."

### No action option

The plan looks at the consequences of "no action" or maintaining current policies as well as possible actions to meet current and future water management challenges.

### Projects the District would focus on first

Over the first 10 years, the four priorities for the District would include:

- Water conservation practices that reduce domestic, commercial and industrial uses.
- Vegetation management: reducing invasive mesquite that uses more groundwater than other species.
- Enhancing stormwater recharge: construction of detention basins to increase recharge.
- Rainwater harvesting: incentives to use rainwater for irrigation instead of pumping groundwater.



### District projects over the long term

Over the long term, in addition to the projects listed above, District plans also include:

- Reuse programs that encourage the use of gray water, rain harvesting and other reuse activities in cities, towns and the county.

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- Recharge: to encourage and expand the ability of cities, Fort Huachuca, and other entities to treat and recharge effluent.
- Augmentation: to investigate additional capture of urban runoff and stormwater runoff and to offset impacts from new development near the River.
- Creation of an Augmentation Fund that would require all new subdivisions within the District to contribute to the formation of an investment fund for long-term planning, design and construction of projects.
- Groundwater and surface water monitoring programs and to monitor the effectiveness and water savings of conservation activities.



PHOTO:Holly Richter

### Questions:

- What other projects should the District prioritize?
- What projects don't make sense? Why?

# UPPER SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT Building on Science



Water is a very limited resource in Arizona, and the San Pedro River is one of the last rivers in the state that continually flows in many stretches all year long. While balancing the needs of both nature and people can be difficult, we know more about ways to do this today than we ever have before.

## More pumped out than nature can replenish

Currently more water is taken from the underground aquifer in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed each year than nature can recharge or replenish with rainwater and snow melt, resulting in a water deficit or overdraft. Overdrafting groundwater reduces the amount of water that is available for residents and the San Pedro River, and the lush habitats it supports for wildlife. As our municipal and domestic water demands increase over time, balancing human and natural water needs becomes increasingly important.

## Species habitat and vegetation would be lost

Scientific studies have shown that if the groundwater levels within the Subwatershed continue to decline, the flow of the San Pedro River will be disrupted and vegetation near the river will be lost. The result from the loss of vegetation would be severe erosion and loss of habitat for hundreds of species of plants, fish and wildlife, including effects on endangered species.

## Diverse nature area

According to The U.S. Bureau of Land Management, “more than 80 species of mammals, 40 species of reptiles and amphibians, 100 species of butterflies, 20 species of bats, and 350 species of birds live or migrate along the San Pedro riverbanks.”

In Arizona, most of the once common streamside habitats along our rivers have dried up due to over-pumping of groundwater or the diversion of water for agricultural or urban uses. However, much of the San Pedro River still continues to flow in the U.S. and Mexico today.

## Current science and our understanding of water issues

Many state and federal agencies, universities and scientific institutions have studied the San Pedro River and surrounding areas over the past few decades. Complex computer models are able to predict how the river and groundwater will change according to how we manage water. Where water is pumped or recharged can be as important to river flows over the next decade as how much we pump. We also know how much water is required to keep the river system healthy, and we can estimate our total human water uses within the region, and how they



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## Building on Science

are changing over time. Improved monitoring systems tell us how much water is in the river, how climate varies from year to year, and what the benefits are from the water management projects that have already been implemented.

### **How wet is the San Pedro River now? What are we specifically trying to protect?**

A recent study by the U.S. Geological Survey concluded that at least 43 percent of the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area within the Sierra Vista Subwatershed had water all year long with stable groundwater levels near the ground surface throughout the floodplain. The remaining reaches of the Conservation Area within the Sierra Vista Subwatershed had water in the river at least 50 percent of the time, with groundwater only slightly deeper. Projects supported by a future District would be designed to maintain those streamflow and groundwater conditions, protecting streamside habitats as a result.

#### **Question:**

- What additional information do you think is important for decision-making that the District could explore?

# UPPER SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT

## Finding Funding to Get the Job Done



The proposed District will need adequate funding to implement the water management projects needed.

The District could raise funds from several revenue sources authorized by law, including:

- Federal funding sources: for example, the \$289,000 appropriated this year for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation appraisal study of water management alternatives in our area.
- State funding sources: the Arizona Department of Water Resources has already provided \$250,000 for the initial operating and outreach expenses of the District's Organizing Board.
- Local municipalities within the District: including Sierra Vista, Huachuca City, Bisbee, Tombstone and Cochise County, which can work together with the District to coordinate regional water management projects that cross jurisdictional boundaries.
- The sale of water or water rights that may be owned by the District in the future (wholesale only to retail purveyors). Surface water rights may be acquired through the purchase of lands that already have a surface water right attached to them. The District can also purchase rights to Colorado River water.
- Private foundations, gifts, grants and donations.
- User fees for services provided by the District that are agreed to by those users.
- The District board may sell revenue bonds.

### Questions:

- How should the District be funded?
- What alternatives to the above ideas do you see for funding?

The District could develop and operate a water system that provides water at wholesale to a municipality, private water company or an industry that is not served by a municipal water provider. The District could use revenue from such a sale. The District could not retail water. An example of a District project could include: The District drills and operates wells away from the San Pedro River to delay potential groundwater overdrafts on the River. The water withdrawn from the wells would be sold to water providers in exchange for the reduction or elimination of withdrawals near the River.

### Potential Fees for New Users

The Comprehensive Water Resources Draft Plan states "any projects or programs the District undertakes specifically to address water use by new users should be paid for by those users. In particular, large scale augmentation programs that require major investments need to be financed by those who benefit the most." In other words, the costs for additional water management projects needed as a result of new development should be the responsibility of the new residents, not existing residents.

### Operating costs

The estimated annual operating expenses for the District will be \$400,000 for the Executive Director, administrative and technical staff, and other operating expenses. This annual cost would require funding, along with actual project expenses. Part of the responsibility of the Executive Director would be to ensure that these expenses are met.

# UPPER SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT

## The Vision for a Sustainable Water Future



### Current conservation efforts

Many actions to conserve, reuse and recharge water in our area have already been taken by local, state, and federal agencies, as well as by local residents. However, all of these projects are still not enough to sustain the San Pedro River and the water needs of local communities and Fort Huachuca over the long term. What are reasonable goals for meeting all of our needs in the future?



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### In the next 10 years...

The District would select projects to ensure that the San Pedro River keeps flowing over the coming decade approximately as it does today.

The groundwater that moves underground toward the river to keep it flowing during dry periods would also be maintained at approximately current levels to help sustain the river. Projects in close proximity to the river would be most important to meet this short-term goal.

### In the next 20 years...

The District would expand its efforts to balance water needs throughout the larger Sierra Vista Subwatershed, by finding new ways to balance our total water demands (of both the river and people) with our available water supplies. This regional effort to reach long-term sustainability will be difficult to accomplish, and will likely require innovative technology, new projects and policies.

### 2030 and beyond...

After 20 years, the District would actually begin to store additional water back in our underground aquifer, and to build new reserves for the future of our valley.



PHOTO: Dave Bly

### Questions:

- Do you support these goals?
- How would you change them?
- What else needs to be accomplished by the District?





# UPPER SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT Economic Implications



## The Fort Is Our Main Economic Engine

The economy of the Sierra Vista Subwatershed is heavily dependent on Fort Huachuca, headquarters for the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, NETCOM, the Electronic Proving Ground and other Department of Defense operations. Fort Huachuca is Southern Arizona's largest employer.

- A recent economic impact analysis of Arizona's military installations estimates Fort Huachuca's impact as more than \$2.5 billion statewide, the highest of all of the State's six installations (Maguire Study 2008 based on 2005 fiscal year data).
- The Maguire Study 2008 also found:
  - Fort Huachuca directly contributes \$24 million in local and state sales, property and income taxes.
  - When indirect contributions, from vendors and suppliers to the military operation are added, the number increases to more than \$95 million.
  - Sierra Vista-based contracts for building and construction in connection with the Fort were \$39.7 million and \$127.2 million total.
  - The Fort has an annual payroll of \$513.1 million. Retirees within a 50-mile radius of the base add more than \$100 million to that total. This is money that is spent at local businesses and on local goods.

## Effective Water Management Is Critical for Both Fort Huachuca and Our Economy

The Defense Authorization Act of 2004 directs the way in which the Endangered Species Act applies to Fort Huachuca. The Act requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare reports to Congress on steps to be taken to reduce the overdraft and restore and maintain the regional groundwater aquifer in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed by and after Sept. 30, 2011. If these requirements are not adequately addressed by the Fort and all of the communities within the Sierra Vista Subwatershed, unacceptable impacts to the San Pedro River will occur, which could result in the mission of Fort Huachuca being impacted.

To avoid the possibility of affecting the Fort's mission and our regional economy, protection of the San Pedro River is critical. The District would provide essential assistance to the Fort in meeting its water conservation requirements. One of the nine Organizing Board members was specifically recruited to represent Fort Huachuca's water interests and to ensure that its needs are addressed by the draft plans that the Board has prepared.

### Questions:

- How would reduced missions at Fort Huachuca affect your personal budget?
- How much would you be willing to pay to support water conservation programs that protected the Fort?

# Public Information Meeting Advertisements

Jan. 15 and 22 Tombstone News

## UPPER SAN PEDRO WATER DISTRICT Public Information Meetings

*Please Participate - Your Input Is Needed!*

**GET INVOLVED IN FUTURE WATER MANAGEMENT DECISIONS THAT MAY AFFECT YOU**



### Learn about:

- water resource challenges
- funding opportunities
- the consequences of "no action"

Be a part of helping protect local water availability and local control. Attend any of these meetings for information and to provide your input.

All meetings will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a brief presentation at 5:45 p.m.

### Thursday, Jan. 28

American Legion  
225 E. Allen St., Tombstone, AZ 85638  
520-457-2273

### Tuesday, Feb. 2

Cochise County Foothills Complex  
4001 E. Foothills Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
520-432-9732

### Wednesday, Feb. 10

Bisbee Senior Center  
300 Collins Rd., Bisbee, AZ 85603  
520-432-2167

The Upper San Pedro Water District (USPWD) Organizing Board invites you to participate in public meetings to learn about the USPWD, review the Comprehensive Water Resources Draft Plan (Plan) and provide input about the types of "action elements" that are allowed under the law that created the Board. The Plan includes goals and objectives for a ten-year action plan. Elements of the Plan include conservation, recharge, augmentation, reuse, monitoring and funding opportunities. Public input regarding the acceptability of different programs and projects will be considered and incorporated into the final plan.

The importance of the San Pedro River to national, state, local and international interests has been an ongoing concern for many years. In recognition of the area community concerns, the Arizona Legislature authorized the local communities to form a District to protect the river, the environment and the economies that are dependent on it. The District,

if permanently created by voter approval in November 2010, is intended to have a significant component of local control over water management decisions. The Draft Plan would be a guiding document for the District.

A second round of public meetings will be held in April and May 2010 to discuss the Board's recommendations and to report back to the public on input received, how it has been considered and incorporated into the planning process, and to provide an update on the process itself.

Additional information can be viewed after January 28, 2010, at [www.sanpedrowaterdistrict.org](http://www.sanpedrowaterdistrict.org). To submit comments in writing, please contact Melissa Benton, 2540 N. Tucson Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716; phone 520-327-6077; fax 520-327-4687; or e-mail [melissa@gordleydesign.com](mailto:melissa@gordleydesign.com). Written comments are requested by March 15, 2010.

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**Monday, March 1**  
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Hereford, AZ 85615  
520-366-6204  
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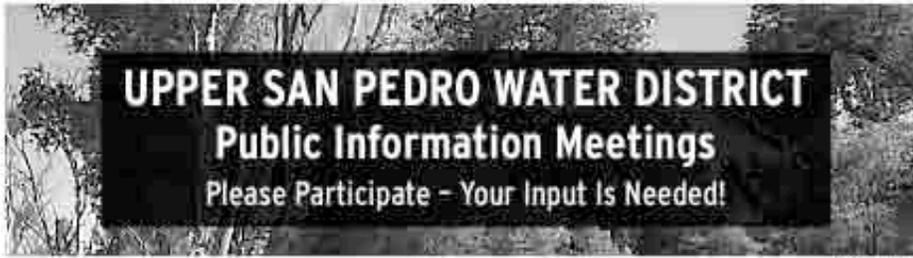
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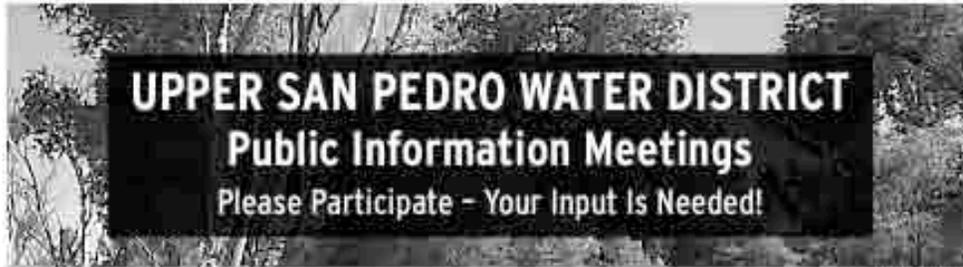


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For Immediate Release  
Jan. 27, 2010  
Contact: Melissa Benton  
Phone: 520-327-6077

### **Organizers Seek Public Input For New Water District**

COCHISE COUNTY – The Organizing Board of the proposed Upper San Pedro Water District will hold a series of public meetings beginning Jan. 28 in Tombstone. The meetings are an opportunity to discuss the preliminary plans for the District describing their proposed goals and projects, funding sources, economic implications, and comparison to a “no action” alternative. The District would retain local control over water management actions in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed, and serve to protect the Upper San Pedro River, and protect the area’s water supply for its dependent communities and economies.

The formation of the District and the seven-member board of directors are planned to be on the November 2010 election ballot.

The importance of the San Pedro River’s water supply to the region’s residents, environment and economy – in particular Fort Huachuca – has been an ongoing concern. Local communities were authorized by the Legislature in 2007 to form a Water District to preserve the river and the environment and the people and economies that depend on it.

Five meetings are scheduled in communities within the proposed District boundaries. Residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposed District and to ask questions and provide feedback on the set of draft plans that have been prepared by the Organizing Board based on existing information. The set of draft plans include a water resources plan, financial plan, organizational plan, and an election plan.

The first public meeting is scheduled Jan. 28 in Tombstone, followed by Sierra Vista on Feb. 2; Bisbee on Feb. 10; Huachuca City on Feb. 23; and Hereford/Palominas on March 1. All meetings are scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a brief presentation at 5:45 p.m.

The District was proposed as a public body to own and operate infrastructure that supports the Upper San Pedro River and its underlying aquifer. The legislation established the District’s goal as “to maintain the aquifer and base flow conditions needed to sustain the Upper San Pedro River and to assist in meeting the water supply needs and water conservation requirements for Fort Huachuca and the communities within the District.”

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings and learn about the District’s proposed plans for the future, as well as the consequences of taking “no action.”

The meetings also will be a chance for residents to comment on the types of “action elements” the District board would pursue.

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For Immediate Release:  
Jan. 29, 2010  
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**Organizers Decide to Change Site of Water District Public Meeting  
To Larger Venue for Expected Crowd in Sierra Vista**

COCHISE COUNTY – The Organizing Board of the proposed Upper San Pedro Water District will move the Tuesday, Feb. 2, meeting in Sierra Vista to a larger venue after a big turnout in Tombstone to discuss the formation of the District.

The Sierra Vista public meeting now is scheduled for Tuesday at the Windemere Hotel ballroom from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a brief presentation at 5:45 p.m. The Windemere is at 2047 S. Highway 92 in Sierra Vista and the telephone number is 520-459-5900. The meeting originally was to be held at the Cochise County Foothills Complex.

Staff members will redirect people who show up at the Cochise County Foothills Complex Tuesday to the Windemere Hotel.

The decision to change the site was made after a large turnout of interested citizens at the initial public meeting Thursday, Jan. 28, in Tombstone, during which engaging discussions took place.

The series of meetings are an opportunity to discuss preliminary plans for the District and to hear details about the District's proposed goals and projects, funding sources, economic implications, and comparison to a "no action" alternative.

The District would serve to protect the area's water supply for its dependent communities and economies. The District also would retain local control over water management actions in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed and serve to protect the Upper San Pedro River.

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A total of five meetings, the first of which was in Tombstone, are scheduled in communities within the proposed District boundaries. Residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposed District and to ask questions and provide feedback on the set of draft plans the Organizing Board has prepared. The set of draft plans include a water resources plan, financial plan, organizational plan, and an election plan.

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**EDITORS: REVISED TO CORRECT FEB. 23 HUACHUCA CITY MEETING  
ADDRESS**

**Winter Storm Warning Prompts Organizers To Postpone  
Water District Public Meeting in Bisbee**

COCHISE COUNTY – A winter snowstorm forecast to hit the Bisbee area this afternoon and potential hazardous driving conditions have prompted the Organizing Board of the proposed Upper San Pedro Water District to postpone the Wednesday, Feb. 10, meeting in Bisbee to discuss the formation of the District.

The new date for the Bisbee meeting has not been determined.

Safety concerns for motorists traveling to and from the meeting prompted the postponement. Icy roads and blowing snow are forecast for the area. The National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Warning that goes into effect from 3 p.m. today until 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 11.

The chance of snow in Bisbee on Wednesday, Feb. 10, was forecast to be 50 percent during the day and increasing to 100 percent in the evening. The weather service forecast calls for one to four inches of snow at 4,000 feet. Winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts up to 35 mph are expected in the area.

The weather could also diminish turnout for the meeting, and the Organizing Board wants as many citizens as possible to participate in the discussion of the Water District information.

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For Immediate Release:  
Feb. 12, 2010  
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**Bisbee Public Meeting on Proposed Water District  
Rescheduled for Feb. 24**

COCHISE COUNTY – The Bisbee public meeting to discuss the proposed formation of the Upper San Pedro Water District is now scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The meeting originally was scheduled for Feb. 10 but safety concerns in response to a winter storm warning for the area prompted the Organizing Board to postpone the meeting. The Bisbee Senior Center meeting venue remains the same, and the time of the meeting is still 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a brief presentation at 5:45 p.m.

The series of meetings are an opportunity to discuss preliminary plans for the District and to hear details about the District's proposed goals and projects, funding sources, economic implications and comparison to a "no action" alternative. Members of the Organizing Board are present to answer questions.

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In addition to Bisbee, the meeting schedule is Huachuca City on Feb. 23 and Hereford/Palominas on March 1. All meetings are scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., with a brief presentation at 5:45 p.m.

Residents are strongly encouraged to attend and learn about the District's proposed plans.

A second round of public meetings is planned for April and May to report back to the public on input received, how the input has been considered, how the input will be incorporated into the planning process and to discuss the Organizing Board's recommendations.

The Comprehensive Water Resources Draft Plan and other information about the proposed District can be viewed at [www.sanpedrowaterdistrict.org](http://www.sanpedrowaterdistrict.org). To submit comments in writing, please contact Melissa

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# Comment Forms

Comment Form  
**Upper San Pedro Water District**  
Public Meeting – Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010  
Bisbee, Ariz.

The Upper San Pedro Water District Organizing Board is very interested in your opinions and comments regarding the formation of a local water district. Based on the information you received tonight, please tell us about your support or concerns on the draft plans and the implementation of a local water district.

**1. The District**

What do you support?

*Supporting The Fort*

What are you concerned about?

*How can the District help with no money*

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

*No Colorado River Water - That's ridiculous*  
*Impact of mesquite is minimal*

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

*Have you started LOOKING for funding?*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions**

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Name (optional):	Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-mail:			

We would appreciate receiving your written comments regarding the Upper San Pedro Water District formation and draft plan. You can leave your comments with us tonight or send them by Monday, Mar. 15, 2010 in care of:

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1. The District

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

Coordination with Mexico - It IS possible!

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2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

invasive species - Salt Cedar - crayfish - bullfrogs

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3. Building on Science

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Tax the user  
↑ use pays for District ~~Fee~~ \$

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What are you concerned about?

greed over-riding the needs of the River & people

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**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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Can ~~the~~ it really be done ~~in~~ '??'. - suspect

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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Good & opp. to talk w/ ~~the~~ specialists

What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions**

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Thank you for doing this!

Name (optional)



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What do you support?

The concept of water district

What are you concerned about?

Its lack of regulatory ability

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

stated plans

What are you concerned about?

Getting funding

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

science supporting water conservation

What are you concerned about?

Governmental bodies regulatory bodies  
& cities ignoring science

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

STRONG plans

What are you concerned about?

FINDING FUNDING

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

GOOD presentation

What could be done better?

NOT MUCH

**General comments and suggestions** \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. The District**

What do you support?

*we are not in district*

What are you concerned about?

*whether we were in or out of the district.*

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

*no taxes! ever!*

What are you concerned about?

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**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

*over population*  
*contaminants reaching aquifer*

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions**

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What are you concerned about?

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**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

*The distinction between impact fees (great idea) and fees to existing users - fees to existing users not even discussed.*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions** *Thought there could have been better explanation of SV Subwatershed + area it incorporates, also - that old Bisbee gets water from sub watershed*

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What do you support?

the goal of protecting the fort and the river

What are you concerned about?

lack of authority to do much of anything

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

new development not adding to the deficit problem

What are you concerned about?

no district authority, so how good are the chances the city and county officials will really get serious

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

balancing the water budget ASAP  
recharging near the river to keep it healthy & flowing

What are you concerned about?

the overdraft will continue  
the river getting drier in the next decade

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

a tax on water, revenue bonds

What are you concerned about?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

solving the sustainability ourselves, through conservation, reuse, rainwater harvesting, etc.

What are you concerned about?

thinking that Colorado River water will be available, will be affordable, and will 'solve' the problem

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

protecting the fort

What are you concerned about?

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

hearing a variety of comments and concerns

What could be done better?

various group breakouts be less topic specific, so each group could cover everything (more or less)

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What do you support?

*I generally support the District.*

What are you concerned about?

*I'm concerned the District won't be able to adequately influence the municipalities and developers.*

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

*The Health of the River and the community*

What are you concerned about?

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

*a consistent source of funding as a base supplemented by grants, etc.*

What are you concerned about?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What are you concerned about?

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**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

*retention*

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What are you concerned about?

*growth*

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**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

*too many regulations in the way*

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**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

*every level of govt is out of money*

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**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Large water harvesting projects. Little water barrels won't be enough.*

What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*reverse billing for low water use*

What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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1. The District

What do you support?

*Yes! I do support formation of the district.*

What are you concerned about?

*Too much mis-information in letters to the editor. Can someone from board answer?*

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

*Education at all levels - schools also - K - college*

What are you concerned about?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

*More information on how!*

What are you concerned about?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*Power point was great!*

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What could be done better?

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What are you concerned about?

*CITY OF SIERRA VISTA on a big growth spurt*

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**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

*NO TAXES*

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What are you concerned about?

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**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*CANYONS AND PITFALLS collection  
water for recharge*

What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*Moratorium on building in Sierra Vista*

What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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What do you support?

Volunteer organizations are doing great - We don't need a bunch of Burocrats telling us what to do -

What are you concerned about?

where does all the money come from - to hire a bunch of people - secretaries & staff

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

more effort to recruit volunteers to help.

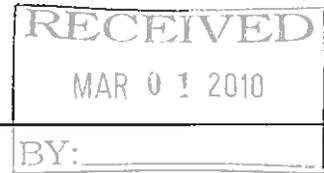
What are you concerned about?

another burocracy.

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

not a water District



What are you concerned about?

the people who want to run the show -

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Like the man said - someone to donate money for the volunteers -

What are you concerned about?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*Water Districts cost money a lot*

What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*Nothing - all canned talk*

What could be done better?

*Drop the issue of a Water Board*

**General comments and suggestions**

*small room - couldn't hear the Experts talk to answer questions - Was Canned talk not answering questions - see around*

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What do you support?

conservation efforts that are not mandatory retention basins in existing washes

What are you concerned about?

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

not the district -

What are you concerned about?

electing the board at large - unequal representation

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

daming the river @ Escapule + creating a recreation area - just like what was done in

What are you concerned about?

whitewater draw in Sulphur Springs valley

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

There is no solid funding source for the district except Fed'l earmarks

5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

What do you support?

Damming the river, check dams in wastes retention basins in subdivisions

What are you concerned about?

Grey water - the County doesn't have a clue about advising the public to set up systems -

6. Economic Implications

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

Threats to the Fort which will adversely affect S.V. It is our major source of income. Don't like the tone of USPP over Fort.

7. Public Involvement Process

What was most helpful?

Hearing from the people who have been involved w/ the process

What could be done better?

The current economic conditions make this totally unfeasible - This should be scrapped

General comments and suggestions

The Feds need to revisit requirements on the Forts recharge requirements - totally unrealistic - Don't threaten the Fort or you threaten this City

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Very little - it looks like the District would spend \$400,000/yr on overhead with exceedingly suspect funding sources.

What are you concerned about?

District unable to require low water landscaping, metering of private wells, or other effective conservation measures.

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Retention dams, beaver protection, more monitoring wells, possibly deep well recharge away from faults.

What are you concerned about?

Population growth outstripping any conservation measures. If, by a miracle, a CAP pipeline is built, were more likely to be asked

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

More monitoring wells, clustered housing with required open space and native vegetation in new developments, no CAP, deep well recharge

What are you concerned about?

Legal structures will not allow <sup>effective</sup> conservation measures - Tiered water rates based on uses, required xeriscaping, required metering with limits

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Nothing to support. Do not see any solid funding suggestions

What are you concerned about?

Cost with no real authority. One more begging local government layer

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*I haven't seen anything yet that would give us a sustainable future given the current rate of population growth.*

What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*Do as much as you can to delay the death of the river and the concomitant loss of the Fort.*

What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*Group meetings although some groups too large to hear properly*

What could be done better?

*Larger print on the slides so the presenter doesn't*

**General comments and suggestions**

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I support the formation of a <sup>SV</sup> subwatershed wide water District as long as it is adequately authorized to take meaningful steps + funding for it is available.

What are you concerned about?

Focus on big dollar low probability solution like CAP rather than on local solutions. Need to work on funding now if you wish to see a permanent WD approved by voters

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

RWH, reuse, vegetation removal (when appropriate), stormwater capture/detention basins, graywater use,

What are you concerned about?

Too much focus on CAP solution takes focus off local people coming up with local solutions

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

Science based projects

What are you concerned about?

We talk around the truth which is that the river is currently in decline - it is not simply a possible future event

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

The WD has little chance of voter approval if funding sources for the permanent board staff + proposed projects are not ~~being~~ being sought out today.

What are you concerned about?

Waiting till a permanent board is established to fund funding will be too late.

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Goals seemed reasonable even laudable*

What are you concerned about?

*CAP is a long range solution*

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*I agree with linking the Port's future to the health of the river*

What are you concerned about?

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*Excellent idea*

What could be done better?

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*I have no idea*

What are you concerned about?

*money - disinformation*

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

*information, publicity, START WITH NURBERRY SCHOOL and CONTINUE INTO OLD AGE!*

What are you concerned about?

*Bureaucracy*

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

*groundwater, water harvesting, permeable paving STREETS, PARKING LOTS, ETC.*

What are you concerned about?

*GROWTH, RUNOFF DAILY SHAMPOOS, sprinklers*

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

*I have no idea*

What are you concerned about?

*boondoggle*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*not sure yet*

What are you concerned about?

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*I'm sceptical*

What are you concerned about?

*a lot of money spent for little progress*

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*information*

What could be done better?

*at LEAST weekly info, report, publicity, education about water usage  
& METHODS OF CONSERVATION IN THE NEWSPAPER - in the schools -*

**General comments and suggestions** *I'm looking forward to future meetings  
involve the children!!*

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1. The District

What do you support?

> Support the rises and we need to manage our water

What are you concerned about?

People will not vote for it because they don't care and will only worry about their pocket book

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Water harvesting, penalties for excess water use meters on private wells

What are you concerned about?

It is not going to happen

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

We should be understanding and except being taxed

What are you concerned about?

It is not going to happen

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

No more new subdivisions, population control

What are you concerned about?

It is not going to happen

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

Look toward Denmark, the people there accepted higher taxes to cope with the declining environment

What are you concerned about?

Not going to happen

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

The public needs to be educated more

They need to understand that we have to change our way

**General comments and suggestions**

All I could see is that people are just concerned that it might cost something

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What do you support?

I believe the County & the Municipalities should be able to reach agreements without a WD

What are you concerned about?

Too many "government" entities interfering in the lives of the Region's citizens. (unnecessarily)

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Water conservation & recharge Now

What are you concerned about?

Money being spent on salaries & infrastructure instead of conservation projects

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

Conservation & water recharge

What are you concerned about?

What happens if Mexico uses all the water BEFORE it gets to the Region. What happens if the drought gets worse?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Volunteers, grants, etc. NO TAXATION

What are you concerned about?

"Empire building" Once established, how do we dismantle the WD if we no longer need it?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Conservation & Recharge.*

What are you concerned about?

*Drought, unforeseen circumstances & consequences, draining the river water in MEX.*

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*The continued presence of Ft. Huachuca*

What are you concerned about?

*These measures will not meet the goal in time for the next BPAE*

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*Good to know what is being proposed.*

What could be done better?

*What's in it for the general public?  
What difference will it make Regional citizens in 10 yrs?*

**General comments and suggestions**

*You need to approach this issue from the citizen's point of view. They won't care what you want to do until you show how much you care about them*

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What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

lack of any regulatory authority

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

becoming self-sufficient through rainwater and stormwater use and extreme efficiencies

What are you concerned about?

any concept of relying on Colorado River water

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

taxing water

What are you concerned about?

no local support for paying more for water

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

becoming self-reliant on water we have and that falls from the sky

What are you concerned about?

continued over pumping of the regional aquifer

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

protecting the river and the environment does protect the fact

What are you concerned about?

unending growth, even at a low rate, will ultimately destroy everything

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions**

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What do you support?

*Creating the district*

What are you concerned about?

*Funding*

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

*Drying up the river*

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

*Not sure if there will be funding for \$4,000,000  
let alone projects*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Keep ground water level from dropping.*

What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

*How much water new subdivisions will use.*

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions**

*Being able to make new subdivisions show they would not lower the water table would be the greatest value or accomplishment*

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What do you support?

I SUPPORT FORMATION  
OF THE WATER DISTRICT

What are you concerned about?

~~SIERRA VISTA~~ LOW RIGID USING OPPOSITION  
VOTER TURNOUT. LETHARGY

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

LONG TERM PRESERVATION OF GROUND  
WATER & SAN PEDRO RIVER.  
CONSERVATION. RECHARGE. WATER FRIENDLY ZONING.  
TIGHT REGULATION OF NEW DEVELOPMENT.

What are you concerned about?

LEGISLATORS TOO CARESS FEARS  
PUBLIC APATHY. SHORT SIGHTED DEVELOPERS

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

APPLY EXISTING TECHNOLOGY FOR  
DEEP DRILL RECHARGE.

What are you concerned about?

STUDYING OVER & OVER IN  
LIEU OF ACTING

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

FEDERAL GRANTS. WHOLESALE OF WATER.  
PERMIT FEES THAT COVER COSTS -

What are you concerned about?

NEW DEVELOPERS MUST PAY FOR  
LITTLE  
SPENDING MONEY & POLITICAL CAPITAL  
TO GET COLORADO RIVER WATER.

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

CONSERVATION. OPTIONS & RESEARCH OF  
RIVER PARTNERSHIPS - PUBLIC/PRIVATE, CITY &  
COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING SOUTH WATER

What are you concerned about?

MUNICIPAL WATER PR SV.  
1) WASTING TIME & MONEY/2. POLITICS

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

1) Sale of water to water companies  
2) Managed growth through development water requirements

What are you concerned about?

The State Legislature undoing  
HB 2300

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

The process.

What could be done better?

Encourage supporters to get  
out the vote, including specific dates

**General comments and suggestions**

Keep up the good work  
GET OUT THE VOTE!

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What do you support?

Protection of positive river flow  
Protection of the missions of Fort Huachuca

What are you concerned about?

Lose of quality drinking water in my household tap.

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Stymie the continual ~~additional~~ development of residential communities

What are you concerned about?

Lose of quality in my drinking water.

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

100% rainwater landscaping only,

What are you concerned about?

Quality of water for my children

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

Only limiting the number of people drawing from  
the realm of the district

What are you concerned about?

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

That water will cost more than the poor can afford  
to maintain a healthy life style

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

Tonight is good - keep it going

What could be done better?

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What do you support?

*The community. We have an opportunity to make important changes that will effect our community.*

What are you concerned about?

*that the city/county will leave things as is - Our water will run out*

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

*I support responsibility - We can't just use and abuse w/o regard for future*

What are you concerned about?

*no water*

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

*Innovation - My husband + I are building a house off the grid w/ a cistern instead of a well -*

What are you concerned about?

*science sometimes is about making money and not about what is the best or right thing to do.*

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

*a tax on water usage - I think households should be allowed an amount per person*

What are you concerned about?

*+ the charges more for more again doing what's "right" often times cost \$*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

New codes for builders to have to have gutters, water collection, grey water plumbing

What are you concerned about?

Again people who make laws often do not do what's right

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

Not doing what's right will cost LOTS! of money.

What are you concerned about?

Not having a say in the future because there is less of us + more who don't care.

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

People who care - have good input

What could be done better?

Thinking about what's best + not easiest

**General comments and suggestions**

lets implement w/ Tucson is doing!

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What do you support?

If all of the water shed is covered.

What are you concerned about?

Water shed out side of the District - Santa Cruz county + Mexico

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Look at all water coming into the USPWD.

What are you concerned about?

Leaving out Major factor like sources + users

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

Removal of <sup>Invasive</sup> vegetation that takes large quantities of H<sub>2</sub>O

What are you concerned about?

The Ground water that flooded the Tombstone mines - where is it.

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Why money? shouldn't need much - (low overhead)

What are you concerned about?

New Taxes must include all who use H<sub>2</sub>O in the District?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

Better water Re charging  
of water table

What are you concerned about?

Not including "Dry Well" technology.

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

Low Over Head.

What are you concerned about?

A New Large Governmental  
Unity -

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

\$400,000 a year operating  
expense - Good to Let us know

What could be done better?

Lower cost more efficient  
to tie existing Government cost in.

**General comments and suggestions**

All the H2O sources  
including Mexico, Santa Cruz County be  
used in the figuring.

Use existing Government to help.

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What do you support?

Efficient use of existing resources

What are you concerned about?

Non accountable water district power

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Increasing reclamation

What are you concerned about?

Govt mandated ideas/programs

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

~~NSGS~~ NSGS

What are you concerned about?

Politicians getting involved

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

- 1) Arbitrary fee structure to pay politicians
- 2) Another layer of government

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

Increase water reclamation/capture

What are you concerned about?

Lip service

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions**

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What do you support?

Maintaining the conditions needed to supply sufficient & reliable amounts of water for the ~~the~~ greater SV area. Securing funding from state, & ntl (federal) sources

What are you concerned about?

The growth in this area that will require massive amounts of water to be utilized. I don't think city planners & newcomers realize real case that there MAY NOT BE ENOUGH WATER to support all this growth. this is a high desert!

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

I support all four ideas presented as priorities in next 10 yrs. for the District. I also support the long term projects. All excellent!

What are you concerned about?

Will these all be achieved, enacted, constructed, etc. Will the naysayers block these efforts? There has to be cooperation with Mexico concurrent with working on conserving water flow in U.S.

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

As a naturalist by nature, a birder, & volunteer at ~~Ramsay~~ Canyon Nat. Preserve I support and agree with all you presented on the Bldg Science paper.

What are you concerned about?

I know many people who say growth is more imp't, develop resources in ground, and they don't care about nature. Enough of THEIR voices could block many efforts to "save the earth," resources, water, etc.

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Using Federal available money & state, revenues bonds, taxing the NEW residents & companies rather than existing residents.

What are you concerned about?

Purchasing rights to Colorado River water - too many areas are already seeking that river dry. A team of people who are adept at getting donations from organizations, people, & areas - this would be a good idea, I think.

5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

What do you support?

encourage  
continuing to educate, & further illuminate ways to save water

What are you concerned about?

Too many of us waste water - I do it myself at times. We are so used to FREEDOM to DO in the U.S. & resent restrictions. The time has come to realize we must CONSERVE.

6. Economic Implications

What do you support?

Slowing growth in the area - taxing NEW residents & businesses I think SV tried to do this a year or two ago. I felt it got blocked by big businesses.

What are you concerned about?

That growth & subsequent <sup>inflation</sup> coming into SV area will be more imp than conserving & gaurd  
That all of this will come to naught. being usable, potable water for existing resident

7. Public Involvement Process

What was most helpful?

It gave some of us a chance to be heard & our concerns to be aired. Will this help us

What could be done better?

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General comments and suggestions

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What do you support?

Establishment of water district

What are you concerned about?

Scientific validity of developers' studies to validate sustainability of their construction. Possibility of limiting new developments

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

Reducing domestic, commercial & industrial H<sub>2</sub>O use

What are you concerned about?

Getting recharge H<sub>2</sub>O to over aquifer – so far EOP water comes out at Murray Springs

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

at current rate of growth (human pop.) in area, is it realistic to expect to have more H<sub>2</sub>O entering aquifer in 20 yrs than does now?

What are you concerned about?

Do we really know how much water is required to keep river healthy? Amount of rainfall? Recharge rate?

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

How would new residents be tapped for water costs? Records kept?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

Limiting growth of human pop. in USPR watersheds

What are you concerned about?

Sierra Vista "city fathers" seem oriented to "growth at any cost!"

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

I'm willing to pay higher taxes to help preserve the river.

What are you concerned about?

When will cities get to the point the Ft. has in being water-conservative?

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

Break-out groups to encourage exchange of ideas + data!

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions**

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What do you support?

COMMON SENSE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE SHORTAGE OF WATER, EDUCATE TO NOT WASTE WATER RESOURCES

What are you concerned about?

IN PARTICULAR THE METERING OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL WELLS AND SHARED WELLS AND POSSIBLE TAXES OR OTHER CHARGES ON WATER

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

NEW DEVELOPMENT AREAS SHOULD BE LOW DENSITY, LOTS BEING NO SMALLER THEN 4 ACRES / RESTRICT GROWTH OF SIERRA VISTA THAT IS EXPANSION OF THEIR INCORPORATED AREA.

What are you concerned about?

THE PROLIFERATION OF HIGH DENSITY AREAS.

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

ECONOMICAL METHODS OF WATER RECYCLE, POSSIBLE MANDATES ON NEW CONSTRUCTION TO UTILIZE WATER SAVING METHODS.

What are you concerned about?

FORCING RETROFIT ON EXISTING PROPERTY

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

THAT'S THE GRAND QUESTION!

What are you concerned about?

NEW METHODS OF TAXING TO FUND / CREATION OF NEW TAXING DISTRICTS / "MORE" GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions** *A ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE DISCUSSION PORTION OF THE MEETING*

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What do you support?

I support the water district to influence water use in the short term and long term to save

What are you concerned about?

Fort Huachuca & the San Pedro  
Losing the river - The residents voting the District River  
down due to fear of losing freedom & being taxed.

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

I support the eventual acquisition of privately owned water companies so some entity can

What are you concerned about?

Continued resistance to water control & growth control  
fine water abusers & charge a respectable amount of money for H<sub>2</sub>O.  
It is way too expensive

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

Doing everything ourselves before we consider CAP water. That is a cap out & the water will

What are you concerned about?

Probably not be available due to CA & Phoenix Hogs.

Not educating enough people of the benefits outweighing the bad impacts of water district.

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

Anything that takes advantage of any sources of funds, grants, etc

What are you concerned about?

Fear in our geographic district of giving up control, freedoms

Lots of very independent thinkers & individuals.

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

recharge, gray water, storm water capture, all of ground water saving measures - new homes must comply.

What are you concerned about?

No river; Big Sierra Vista - everyone washing their cars on the road every weekend like they do now

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

Controlled growth to allow us to implement enough water measures to keep up with use.

What are you concerned about?

Wild cat growth like that which occurred from about 2001 - 2007

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

Understanding that Water District can be eligible to receive state + federal funds as well as donation of land/money etc.

What could be done better?

More emphasis on funding - No taxes - people are mostly afraid - fixed income retirees

**General comments and suggestions**

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I couldn't find Comment Form for downloading at the link shown at the bottom of the Comment Form provided at last night's USPWD Outreach forum in Sierra Vista, so I have provided my comments as follows:

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**1. The District**

**What do you support?** I support establishment of the district, and unbiased permanent Board members.

**What are you concerned about?** I would be concerned if the Water District Board included persons who were more concerned with endangered species and their habitat than with the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Section 321 mandate to eliminate deficit pumping in the Sierra Vista Sub-Watershed (SVSW) in order to restore and maintain a Sustainable Yield from the aquifer by and after 30 Sep 2011. I believe the future of the Fort and the economy of the area, through efforts directed towards elimination of deficit pumping, should be the focus of the Water District and all candidates. Saving the river and endangered species and maintaining the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area (SPRNCA) should be viewed as beneficiaries of eliminating deficit pumping, not the focus of the Water District.

**2. Plans for the future**

**What do you support?** Ensuring the candidates and future Board Members commit to practical effective solutions to mitigating deficit pumping.

**What are you concerned about?** Continuing with the Upper San Pedro Partnership (USPP) penchant for high cost grandiose and risky solutions such as importing Central Arizona Project (CAP) water and desalination water from Mexico.

**3. Building on Science**

**What do you support?** Employing the science that has evolved over the past 12 years under the USPP to prioritize where recharge and/or ephemeral stream enhanced infiltration should be implemented.

**What are you concerned about?** I am concerned that environmentalists might be more concerned with facilitating maximizing river flood stage bank infiltration

to enhance the SPRNCA than with ephemeral channel enhanced infiltration as a deficit pumping mitigation, and thus be opposed to Detention Basins.

#### **4. Finding the Funding**

**What do you support?** Water Board seeking Federal, State and private grants. Water board cultivating relationships with developers and contractors to encourage pro bono support to build detention basins during periods when resources are available, to earn credits for mitigating deficits attributable to full build out of their developments and past developments. And because we have such a large cumulative pumping deficit (probably over 36,000 acre feet/17.4 Billion gallons accumulated from 2004 through 2011), I believe the District will need to consider working in cooperation with the county and cities to assess developers, as part of the development approval process, to build or fund building detention basins where ever they are needed (not necessarily on their development property) that would mitigate two to three times the deficit attributable to their developments and pass the cost on to new residents.

**What are you concerned about?** There will be reluctance to do anything to add cost to new homes.

#### **5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

**What do you support?** Building detention basins to reduce and eventually eliminate the current annual pumping deficit, and eventually beginning to accrete the aquifer to eliminate the cumulative deficit.

**What are you concerned about?** Potential reluctance by environmentalists to agree to employ detention basins, and in particular be adamantly opposed to including detention basins on BLM land.

#### **6. Economic Implications**

**What do you support?** Building detention basins as the most practical means for complying with the 2004 NDAA mandate to eliminate deficit pumping in the SVSW in order to restore and maintain a sustainable yield from the aquifer by and after 30 Sep 2011.

**What are you concerned about?** The potential impact by elements that are adamantly opposed to more building in the sub-watershed.

#### **7. Public Involvement Process**

**What was most helpful?** Providing the forum to inform the public.

**What could be done better?** More emphasis on the economic impact of failing to approve establishment of the Water District, and a consensus of the organizing board that eliminating deficit pumping by constructing detention basins on both sides of the river is the most practical and economical means to achieve a sustainable yield as mandated by the 2004 NDAA. Some emphasis on what the Fort and cities have done to date, and on options that have been looked at and what the pit falls are with some of them.

**General comments and suggestions:** I refer you to the attached summaries of

what I believe the Water District issues are and some background information on what is driving the issues, as well as a brief summary of what has been done or is being done by the Fort and cities to reduce the deficit, and mitigation options that have been explored by the USPP to date. The larger font colored version might be suitable for use in summarizing the issues before political action groups who want or need to be brought up to speed on the pending Water District ballot issue.

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## Upper San Pedro Water District Issues

Important to focus on the basic issue driving the need for a Water District

Need to move beyond the strictly environmental aspect of this issue.

### **The future of the Fort and eliminating deficit pumping are the issues.**

And what is deficit pumping some may ask? It's the difference between what is pumped from the aquifer annually by all of the wells in the sub-watershed (commercial and private) (16,900af in 06), and what is returned to the aquifer annually by a combination of man induced (-8200af in 06) and natural means (-3500af in 06). And that equates to a 5200af deficit in 06.

And while water conservation reduces deficit pumping, it alone cannot eliminate deficit pumping!

So what are the underlying issues that got us to this point?

### **In 1999 the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity filed suit against Fort Huachuca to Quote: "Stop Harm to the San Pedro River".**

The suit alleged that the existence of the Fort "adversely affects the southwestern willow flycatcher and the Huachuca water umbel".

### **The Lawsuit eventually led to insertion of Section 321 in the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act. That in essence mandated elimination of deficit pumping in the Sierra Vista Sub-watershed in order to restore and maintain a Sustainable Yield of the Aquifer by and after 30 Sep 2011.**

Future Federal agency action at Fort Huachuca (referenced in Section 321), if a Sustainable Yield is not achieved, is the bottom line concern.

Future BRAC actions will take progress towards achieving a Sustainable Yield into consideration in their decisions.

While the Defense Authorization Act doesn't define Sustainable Yield per se, the explicit criteria makes it clear that Sustainable Yield is the taking of what is needed from the aquifer to sustain social economic needs of the region, mitigated by what is returned to the aquifer by various deficit pumping mitigation efforts, without lowering the water table to the point that it would affect the river to the extent that it would QUOTE: (from the 2004 NDAA) "jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or modification of designated critical habitat"

And Deficit Pumping must eventually be completely eliminated, because one of the criteria for a Sustainable Yield is to eventually begin to Accrete (or add to) the aquifer to mitigate and eventually eliminate the Cumulative Deficit.

### **The Deficit was:**

**3500 acre feet in 2004, 4500af in 2005, 5200af in 2006, ~5300af in 2007 and ~4300af in 2008; and a deficit of ~4400 acre feet is projected for 2011**

Cumulatively, that's a deficit of 22,800af (7.4 Billion gallons) over just the 5 years from 2004 thru 2008. And it will be accumulating every year until some accountable agency is able to do something about it. (Probably >36,000af & >11.7B gal by 2011)

And the annual deficit isn't expected to improve significantly without innovative man made intervention.

**Now there are those scientists who will tell you that there is enough water in the ground water system beneath the watershed to last the current residents some 1600 years.**

**So let's review what the problem is?**

In layman terms, the water table in the area is allegedly at a level where the river is potentially in danger of ceasing to flow and thus destroy the habitat of the Huachuca Water Umbel.

Whether you have any concern for the water umbel or not, the fact remains that in accordance with the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act mandate regarding the Fort, loss of the Water Umbel habitat could result in closure of the Fort under BRAC or other action.

**Potential closure of the Fort, and the resulting economic disaster for the area, is the Bottom Line Issue regarding establishment of the district!**

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**There are several things the Fort and cities have done or are doing to help mitigate Deficit Pumping:**

Upgrade of the City EOP was completed several years ago – However, it's now near capacity, processing about 4000afa and recharging about 2000afa, for about 50% efficiency -

The TRIBUTE Package Plant is planned to produce treated effluent efficiently, for initial use on the PDS Golf Course, and take some 500afa load off the EOP

A similar Package Plant for the Sierra Vista ball parks is in the planning stage, and will also take some load off the EOP.

Conversion of Mountain View Golf Course to use of treated effluent was done by the Fort several years ago.

Conversion of the Turquoise Valley Golf Course to use treated effluent from the new Bisbee sewage treatment plant is nearing completion

Pumping Huachuca City Sewage to the Fort sewage plant for processing and use or recharge on the Fort is nearing reality

**And there are several options that have or could be looked at by the USPP and the USPWD Organizing Board to mitigate deficit pumping:**

Recharge with water from the Tombstone Mines would need purification

Recharge with Copper Queen Mine Water ~1000 afa – expensive and would need purification (and is opposed by owners)

Storm Water Sewer System for Sierra Vista ~1800 afa - expensive and would require treatment before recharge

Central Arizona Project (CAP) Water expensive and future availability is in question. per Randy Glassman Tucson City Council

Desalinated Water from Mexico an expensive international issue

Retention Basins - would involve damming washes to retain water until it infiltrates to the aquifer or evaporates – would require a dam crest that would let excess storm water spill over the dam and flow down the wash to the river. Not likely to happen - Gila River vested water rights issues.

**Detention Basins – should be the primary option of choice.** It involves damming washes with pipes installed in the base of the dams to let water out of the basin at a predetermined rate to maximize infiltration behind the dam but not create a mosquito hazard - no approval required if dams are 6 feet or less in height – would also require a dam crest that would let excess storm water spill over the dam and flow down the wash to the river.

40 locations Identified west of the river ~1500 afa Stantec Report  
Cochise County Flood Control/Urban Runoff Recharge Plan, dtd April 2006  
Dozen or so completed on the Fort and in Sierra Vista

Similar potentials exist in the washes east of river

Sequential upstream and/or downstream locations could at least double and triple the mitigation

Potentials for funding Detention Basin Dams:

Federal and State Grants  
Private Grants; e.g., Walton Family Grant?  
Pro-bono dam construction by subdivision developers during periods when work is slow.  
Assess developers. For construction of dams

## **Permanent Board Member Election Candidate Issues:**

**Future of the Fort - Should be primary focus of any viable candidate!**

Save the River & Endangered Species – that's a benefit, not the focus

Maintain/Expand the SPRNCA – that's another benefit, not the focus

Stop Growth Not going to happen

**The most Viable Mitigation Option is Detention Basins** - Others are extremely costly or risky.

Grants and pay as you go, and catch up, potentially through pro-bono efforts and/or by developer assessment through P&Z- pass on all or part of the cost to new homeowners

Need to hold candidates' feet to the fire on this mitigation option!!!!

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1. The District

What do you support?

I do not support the water district at all

What are you concerned about?

More government intrusion into our lives, redundancy of efforts  
high cost.

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

We want wildlife and birds - look at the eco system at  
Elephant Butte in N.M. a bigger flyway - and much more

What are you concerned about?

wildlife -

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

As we have seen in the recent time science has been used  
to make false predictions (ie: globe warming) it is only

What are you concerned about?

use to push a cause - if we want true recharge put in the  
Charleston Dam and unground the river off - this would give us plenty  
of water.

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

There is no funding for this district and there can only be funding  
by raising taxes or fees, even if it is funded by grants from other

What are you concerned about?

government agencies that still tax money. There is no need for these  
increase of cost to people.

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

We already have agencies making plans for the future and much of the storm drain harvest etc. is already being done with

What are you concerned about?

more in the future - again duplication of effort and waste of money.

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

The same tactic of the Fort closing has been used to much to try and get things passed by the voter. - the main economic

What are you concerned about?

impact will be greater cost the public will have to bear, with just more government intrusion.

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

We have spent \$250,000 already with nothing to show except a program that will cost millions more - with government control

What could be done better?

that is redundant.

**General comments and suggestions**

The worst part about this is once the district is formed it can not be eliminated even if it turns out to be a failure.

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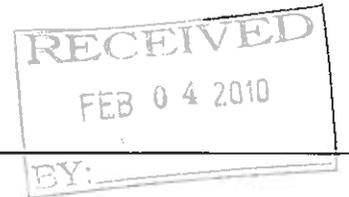
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What do you support?

*I am not sure*



What are you concerned about?

*That once established to district will either languish without funds or concentrate on the ethereal vision of unavailable CFP water to the detriment of real, concrete, local, incremental helpful projects adding to a solution.*

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

*Local incremental action adding up to a solution*

What are you concerned about?

*Concentrating on a mirage of CFP water to be delivered with unavailable Federal funds. Nonsense! Insanity*

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

*Continued & expanded monitoring and quantification of yearly and total water use & deficit*

What are you concerned about?

*Doing nothing.*

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

*Don't know yet*

What are you concerned about?

*Vagaries*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*NEED A sustainable future that balances human (not necessarily wants) environmental & economic necessities*

What are you concerned about?

*That we will not act and continue to dither*

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*Almost anything local*

What are you concerned about?

*CAP illusion*

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*Break-out sessions*

What could be done better?

*NOT give different information to different segments of the population. "Updating" info may only serve to create suspicion.*

General comments and suggestions

*Turn out at the first 2 meetings was good but the skepticism was huge*

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What do you support?

I support the basic concept, as there is a need to push voluntary water conservation measures in the county, get grants that will help address the district's goals, and push the concept of drilling wells in locations that will mitigate the impact on the San Pedro then providing the water (through water companies) to customers with wells that stop using them or don't drill them to begin with.

What are you concerned about?

I support the basic concept as long as the district can work in conjunction with other governmental agencies in the district's area to the point of requesting them to do things the district cannot. Will the district have an agreement with other governmental agencies to not drop their responsibilities and say they are the district's problem - especially if the district cannot address them? Why am I concerned about this? Although pushing the measures I listed above and other voluntary measures are needed, but I don't think they will have enough of an impact. If you look at the areas that have a water surplus going into the San Pedro on the West side of the river, one has water injection, etc. (Sierra Vista) and the other had a major drop in agricultural well watering in conjunction with not as much population growth as nearer Sierra Vista (Palominos area). The Sierra Vista model won't work, as it's doubtful another city with sewage collection will be created, and the Palominos area will become a water deficit area like the area nearer Sierra Vista as more wells are drilled/water pumped. Unless the well users South of Sierra Vista are strongly encouraged (made?) to get off their individual wells and use a water system which charges for water, so usage habits can be documented and adjusted downward by the pricing structure, I don't see how the deficit can be overcome, (Note: I don't see CAP or other types of imported water as a solution.)

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

See answer to first comment topic.

What are you concerned about?

See answer to first comment topic.

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

No comment.

What are you concerned about?

Some times it seems the San Pedro Partnership has made decisions to conduct another study, as opposed to making a decision and proceeding with a plan to meet the 2012 San Pedro sustainability deadline. Please excuse me if the date/names are off; but the point is, I am concerned the district doesn't wait for better science to move forward – better being the enemy of good enough.

#### 4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

I certainly support grants and taxes if my concerns in the first comment topic are adequately addressed.

What are you concerned about?

Inadequate funding because of lack of support for actions that have a reasonable chance of addressing the problem, so half measures will be taken that only lead to failure.

#### 5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

What do you support?

See "The District" topic's comments.

What are you concerned about?

See "The District" topic's comments.

#### 6. Economic Implications

What do you support?

People impacting the San Pedro (especially agricultural and individual/small group well users) need to understand and accept that their actions directly impact the continued viability of Ft Huachuca and certain types of tourism in the area.

What are you concerned about?

I don't see how my immediately preceding comment will happen – educational events/actions just won't do enough.

#### 7. Public Involvement Process

What was most helpful?

Chance to break into small groups and talk, and then provide comments later.

What could be done better?

Indicate where to get soft copy of the comment form, so it could be emailed later.

**General comments and suggestions:** None.

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What do you support?

I support the formation of a District with specific purposes allowed by Arizona law.

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What are you concerned about?

All of us who live in the geographical area of the Water District have to be most concerned about the correct interface of the District and Fort Huachuca. If the Fort goes away so will many of the residents in the various communities. Many businesses will also leave. Insuring the survival of the San Pedro River and the Fort are a common objective. The challenge is that many who live in the Hereford/Palominos/Whetstone areas do not believe this will ever happen. I have worked with BRAC and people never believe it will happen until it does.

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

I support a planning and education process that will insure future water use for both residents and some reasonable amount of agriculture. Also included should be a number that reflects future development even though I think both Castle and Cooke and some city officials may not want to see this happen.

What are you concerned about?

Large development that does not include the capture of surface waters that can be used to maintain flow in the San Pedro.

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

If necessary a reasonable addition to property tax.

What are you concerned about?

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**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

MANAGED future development and agricultural use of water.

What are you concerned about?

Large developments and a no capture of runoff to feed back into the San Pedro River

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

Whatever it takes to insure the sustainability of Fort Huachuca!

What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions**

How to get public involvement so that those who live here understand the challenges? With five meetings and say you had 500 attend with a population base of 79,000 that doesn't even represent one half of a percent. Americans do not realize that in the next 50 years water will be a HUGE issue in so many areas of the US. Look at Las Vegas and Atlanta. Managing growth and water in this area is a must for the future. And how do you educate the locals on how to do that? Good luck!

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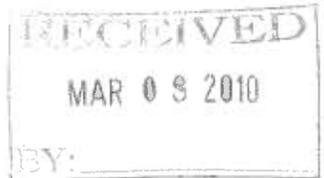
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A PERMANENT WATER DISTRICT

What are you concerned about?

NO MANDATES TO CONSERVE WATER

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

METERING ALL WELLS, HARVESTING RAIN WATER FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND THE FORT, NOT JUST PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

What are you concerned about?

TOO MANY PEOPLE !!

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

SCIENTIFIC FACTS!

What are you concerned about?

BOGUS ASSUMPTIONS (LIKE CUTTING DOWN COTTONWOODS!)

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

EXTRA FEES ON WATER PIGS – THE MORE ONE USES THE MORE THEY SHOULD PAY

What are you concerned about?

PEOPLE REJECTING THE WATER DISTRICT BASED SOLELY ON A TAX

5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

What do you support?

LIMITING GROWTH; MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES; RAINWATER HARVESTING; MORE WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION FOR YOUNGEST

What are you concerned about?

PEOPLE NOT CARING!

6. Economic Implications

What do you support?

FEEES, WATER RATE HIKES, EVEN TAX INCREASES, TO ASSURE THE SURVIVAL OF A HEALTHY SAN PEDRO RIVER!

What are you concerned about?

THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF BIRDING AND TOURISM AND HOW THE DEATH OF THE RIVER WOULD AFFECT IT!

7. Public Involvement Process

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

EXPLAINING THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE SURVIVAL OF THE RIVER AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE FORT.

General comments and suggestions

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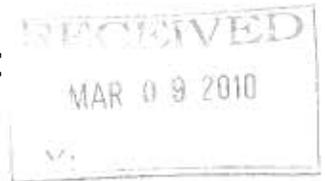
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1. The District

What do you support?

Continued conservation projects & oversight of water use already in place. Use of sliding scale for water rates - the more you use,

What are you concerned about? <sup>the higher, the rate;</sup>  
Cost to taxpayers!

The redundancy and overlapping of government and regulatory agencies; lack of control over the Mexican part of the S. Pedro River.

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Stormwater recharge; detention basins; check dams on washes running into rivers; use of gray H<sub>2</sub>O; rain harvesting; reuse

What are you concerned about? Cost to Taxpayers for little results!!!

Unchecked pumping by new private wells. Concerned about board setting their own budget and the monetary wastes.

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

Recharge, rain harvesting; continued monitoring by organizations already doing it.

What are you concerned about?

Unchecked ecological hysteria (global warming) <sup>politics</sup> pushing aside legitimate scientific studies.

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Fund existing agencies working on water issues.

What are you concerned about?

Another tier of government and depletion of taxpayers' (especially home (property) owners' resources. The body could tell me where the revenue stream was coming from and how much would be needed.

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

Education (water wise); recharge effluent; capture runoff; partner w/cattlemen to build ponds, catchments.

What are you concerned about?

Another tier of government involved and increases to homeowners & water companies and the backlash that might follow when the taxpayers' wells "dry up."

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

No water district; no administrator; no board expenses; no vehicles or equipment, or surpluses for a new redundant district.

What are you concerned about?

Unchecked costs to homeowners and thus renters.

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

Public meetings very enlightening.

What could be done better?

Be able to tell exactly where funding is coming from.

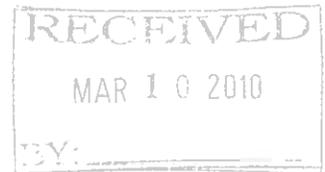
**General comments and suggestions:**

I love hiking & birding on the San Pedro, but do not feel the water district will save it. Having lived in area many years I've seen some areas of rivers that have more water now & other areas that have less water than say in the 60s. I took this form home after your first meeting in order to give it plenty of thought and research. No Water District.

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1. The District

What do you support?

No special new district - go with what's already in place.

What are you concerned about?

No control over Mexican portion of river. Board has no authority to enforce recommendations.

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Continue education & monitoring activities already happening. Push gray water use, reuse of effluent, recharge, capturing storm water.

What are you concerned about?

Backlash from taxpayers undoing the good that has been done.

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

Catchment dams similar to those built by CCC in 1930s. Volunteers monitoring & the wonderful work now in place for monitoring & protecting the river.

What are you concerned about?

Overlapping of resources & services. Will it (District) provide a feeding frenzy for lawyers?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Going with community, USGS, Dept of Ag., Fish & Game Dept. support now in place. We're getting lots of info & great education programs (Water Wise).

What are you concerned about?

taxes taxes taxes - Even if we get \$\$ from federal, state or revenue bonds, it ultimately comes from taxpayers & we are mowed out!

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

Encouragement to capture runoff. One good rain fills my barrels off a small portion of my house.

What are you concerned about?

Unchecked drilling of wells - water waste.

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

Keep river healthy for tourist \$\$s.

What are you concerned about?

Adding more govt. agencies to protect the river when the Dist doesn't even have any "teeth" to achieve success.

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

Discussions at meetings.

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions**

I don't think the district is the answer to saving the river. It will employ bureaucrats & lawyers & the river won't benefit that much.

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1. The District

What do you support?

*No*

What are you concerned about?

*Taking my water and putting a meter on my well*

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

*Build a reservoir*

What are you concerned about?

*Too much government*

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

*Yes support science - recharge the aquifer.*

What are you concerned about?

*Sierra Vista taking our water*

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

*Federal and State Build a Reservoir*

What are you concerned about?

*Rising my taxes and putting a meter on my well and lower my water table.*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Build a reservoir*

What are you concerned about?

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*Let developers buy from me*

What are you concerned about?

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions** *see above*

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1. The District

What do you support?

Nothing

What are you concerned about?

Sierra Vista having more power than we do.  
Drilling wells and selling our water

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Building a dam on the San Pedro (as was planned in the 70's) and creating a reservoir/lake

What are you concerned about?

A board drilling wells and selling our H<sub>2</sub>O

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

I think we should look back into the San Pedro lake between Sierra Vista and Tombstone

What are you concerned about?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Prop it and no funding needed

What are you concerned about?

Bureaucracy. Another board telling us to pay more and we get to do

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Build a reservoir.*

What are you concerned about?

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*I feel Sierra Vista will have a larger voice than smaller communities*

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions**

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1. The District

What do you support?

Preserving the river

What are you concerned about?

That the proposed district really can't do anything, can't limit wells or use, can't do anything existing entities can't do.

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Cap overall water use w/in the District at or below avg annual recharge. Buying up wells/water rights. Pushing for regional AMA, including northward of Dist boundary

What are you concerned about?

Shared wells/put residential wells are exempt. Dist plans to build ~~big~~ big water transport/import project?

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

see #1

What are you concerned about?

Residents hiding their heads in the sand, insisting that the earth is flat, & or that it is someone else's problem (Mexico), & we shouldn't be leaders

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

taxing/fee on all wells or gallons used for residential, industrial, agricultural purposes (excluding grazing, which was probably done 80 years ago & has very limited impact)

What are you concerned about?

"local control" will insist on somebody else paying

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

retaining all wells, including private residential/shared wells, & taxing the usage

What are you concerned about?

Big developments, & small, will still come in, using "private" shared wells  
Are developments that have the permits but are not built, and subj to the recharge requirements

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

Preserving retirement & tourism

What are you concerned about?

Ft Huachuca exporting its water use to the pvt sector (all the housing hotels going up in SV)

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions**

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1. The District

What do you support?

No District! Your poor presentation did NOT show I need

What are you concerned about?

AND you used SCARE tactics about LOOSING FT Huachuca

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

ADAM on the RIVER

What are you concerned about?

You Buying property and selling our WATER

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

A truthful study showing true statistics and facts

What are you concerned about?

That I can think of questions you did NOT have answers for. Although,

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

I believe you have answers & chose NOT to share. Replenishing the Aquifer if it is shown necessary!

What are you concerned about?

Lies and sculdgeary

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

The truth backed up with facts

What are you concerned about?

Lies

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

No new taxes

What are you concerned about?

New taxes + well metering

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

Nothing here

What could be done better?

Tell the truth

**General comments and suggestions**

What about Mexico  
Why don't you have a representative  
from Mexico

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**1. The District**

What do you support?

*Saving water*

What are you concerned about?

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

*Local solutions for local problems*

What are you concerned about?

*Idiotic dependence on out of basin "solutions"*

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

*Begging everywhere*

What are you concerned about?

*Funding any realistic amounts of \$*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Sustainability*

What are you concerned about?

*How we can get there*

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*"Save The Fort" at least contribute to its viability*

What are you concerned about?

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions**

*NO! C.A.P.*

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**1. The District**

What do you support?

I SUPPORT The CURRENT groups OF VOLUNTEERS  
who ARE doing Basically what This DISTRICT WANTS TO do

What are you concerned about?

THE POWER BROKERS who WANT TO RUN This show,

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

NO WATER DISTRICT,

What are you concerned about?

The Power guys WANT TO Keep This going Forever,

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

THE STATE is Broke - The county is Broke -  
The City is Broke.



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What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

*term limits for every elected official*

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**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*We mostly agree in not wasting water & conservation*

What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions** *The Dept of Transportation for work on the 92 bridge are pulling DAILY thousands of gallons of water from well at Valley View. Some of pouring it on the dirt. This needs stopped. They should truck it in from elsewhere- not take it from our neighbor. This is outrageous!!! STOP This madness!!!*

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What do you support?

NOT THE DISTRICT!

What are you concerned about?

EXCESSIVE BUREAUCRACY

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

DAMING THE RIVER

Will give us 12000 AC FT. of recharge

What are you concerned about?

ANOTHER USELESS BOARD

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

Charles Ton DAM.

What are you concerned about?

STABILITY

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Recharge by the DAM.

What are you concerned about?

ANOTHER STUDY

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

CUTTING down half the Cotton woods  
SAVING 8000 AC. FT.

What are you concerned about?

EVAPORATION from Trees.

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

Charleston Dam part of the CAP.

What are you concerned about?

BUREAUCRACY

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

Nothing

What could be done better?

THINK Recharge - DAM

**General comments and suggestions**

Less study more action -  
Find the Charleston Dam - is Grandfathered as part of the CAP.

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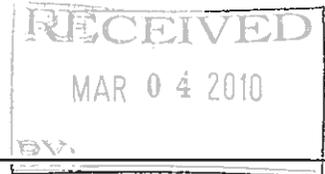
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1. The District

What do you support?

WATER DISTRICT



What are you concerned about?

WHO RUNS IT

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Sustainability

What are you concerned about?

Sustainability impossible without GROWTH CONTROL

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

LESS STUDY / MORE ACTION

What are you concerned about?

STUDIES W/O ACTION

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

A MODERATE TAX

What are you concerned about?

LACK OF FUNDING

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

ANYTHING BUT CAP; (LAW CHANGES, CONSERVATION, DEVELOPMENT CONTROL.)

What are you concerned about?

ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT WILL USE MORE WATER AND WILL DEFEAT MEASURES TO CONSERVE.

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

MODERATE TAX & GUARANTEED FUNDING BEFORE STARTING A PROJECT

What are you concerned about?

WHERE FUNDING COMES FROM

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

EXPLANATION OF CAP FUNDING

What could be done better?

NO BREAKOUT GROUPS; OPEN QUESTION & ANSWER -- LIMIT QUESTIONS ~~TO 2~~ TO 2; IMPOSE 3 MIN TIME RESTRICTION PER QUESTION.

**General comments and suggestions**

NEGATIVE PEOPLE SPEAK MORE & LOUDER. MANY PEOPLE JUST WANT ANSWERS AND ARE STILL UNDECIDED. MEETING WAS VERY HELPFUL.

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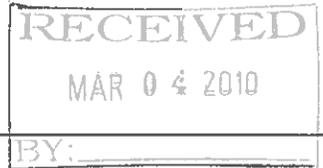
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What do you support?

*Permanent district*



What are you concerned about?

*Too much emphasis on water importation (CAP) to solve our local water problems. Need to ID potential funding sources now + not wait till Nov 2010.*

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

*Local solutions to a locally generated problem. Use a "wedge" approach to solve this problem thru multiple projects*

What are you concerned about?

*CAP is unlikely to be a viable option & its appearance as a "silver bullet" solution detracts from <sup>pursuing</sup> other *local* solutions*

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

*Seek donors, grants, Federal + state funds now*

What are you concerned about?

*Waiting till a permanent WD board is seated before seeking funding places that board at a significant disadvantage*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Start with projects that reduce the annual deficit then work on filling in the "hole" - cumulative deficit*

What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

*Make certain that the linkage between the health of the river & the future of Ft Huachuca is made clear.*

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*Good idea!*

What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions**

*The public needs to understand that a "no" vote in the district does not make these issues go away it simply takes the solution out of our local hands & places them into the Federal govt - other hands*

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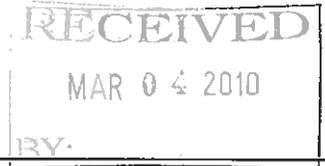
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1. The District

What do you support?

the goal to protect the aquifer

What are you concerned about?

lack of pretty much any authority

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

rainwater harvesting for all new homes, retrofit for rainwater on existing, recharge stormwater through dry wells or injection wells, not detention basins

What are you concerned about?

counting on Colorado River water

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

ASAP going for recharge areas near the river to keep it healthy

What are you concerned about?

elected officials have convinced themselves that the current overpumping has not affected the river

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

tax on water

What are you concerned about?

inequity in funding because private wells are so untouchable

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

way more requirements (policies) and projects to reduce total water use but particularly groundwater use

What are you concerned about?

thinking we might get (and could afford) Colorado River water

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

heading towards economic stability (protecting Fort Huachuca) rather than thinking we can grow forever

What are you concerned about?

a belief that endless growth is possible

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions**

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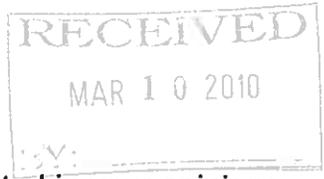
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1. The District

What do you support?

*I am in favor of forming the Water District*

What are you concerned about?

*The San Pedro drying up*

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

*Limiting growth*

What are you concerned about?

*we can't rely on water from the Colorado river*

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

*can we rely on taxes in this county to fund the Water District*

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*capturing as much rain water as possible & working with Mexico to share the S P River*

What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

*The lack of an angry response to some really disruptive people. - good answers -*

What could be done better?

*Try to not let one or two people interrupt with questions after question*

**General comments and suggestions** *I was happy to see you had addressed the concerns of the people who have their own well or shared well.*

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**Public Meeting – Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010**  
**Town of Huachuca City, Ariz.**

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**1. The District**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

HOW WILL THIS DISTRICT IMPACT COMMUNITIES DOWN-STREAM?

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

POPULATION & BUILDING GROWTH

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

CITY REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE NOT WATER CONSERVATION AND RECHARGE FRIENDLY, IE STREET DESIGN REQUIREMENT

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

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**General comments and suggestions** ALL OF THIS IS WELL AND GOOD BUT BECOMES A MOOT POINT IF MEXICO STARTS CONSUMING MORE OF THE WATER

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**1. The District**

What do you support?

*Alliance with neighbor county (Santa Cruz) to protect Babocomari River Valley (a Tributaries) recharge*

What are you concerned about?

*zones  
District will not collaborate*

**2. Plans for the Future**

What do you support?

*Smarter use of water - use harvested & reclaimed*

What are you concerned about?

*ignorance of the science of aquifers & recharge*

**3. Building on Science**

What do you support?

*listen listen to scientists - recommendations*

What are you concerned about?

**4. Finding the Funding**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

use of alternative sources (harvesting, reconditioned) for landscape, etc rather than potable ground water

What are you concerned about?

Continued use of potable water (drinking water) for anything besides drinking

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

That "progress" (development) take precedence over healthy aquifers

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

**General comments and suggestions**

Change City + County zoning to allow "mini Recharge" zones around each residence + business, use center of streets as recharge zones which will enable vegetation + more Recharge

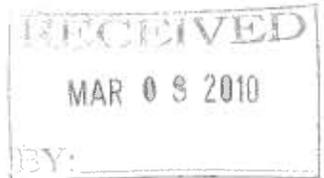
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1. The District

What do you support?

A PERMANENT WATER DISTRICT

What are you concerned about?

NO MANDATES TO CONSERVE WATER

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

METERING ALL WELLS, HARVESTING RAIN WATER FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND THE FORT, NOT JUST PRIVATE LANDOWNERS

What are you concerned about?

TOO MANY PEOPLE !!

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

SCIENTIFIC FACTS!

What are you concerned about?

BOGUS ASSUMPTIONS (LIKE CUTTING DOWN COTTONWOODS!)

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

EXTRA FEES ON WATER PIGS – THE MORE ONE USES THE MORE THEY SHOULD PAY

What are you concerned about?

PEOPLE REJECTING THE WATER DISTRICT BASED SOLELY ON A TAX

5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future

What do you support?

LIMITING GROWTH; MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES; RAINWATER HARVESTING; MORE WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION FOR YOUNGEST

What are you concerned about?

PEOPLE NOT CARING!

6. Economic Implications

What do you support?

FEEES, WATER RATE HIKES, EVEN TAX INCREASES, TO ASSURE THE SURVIVAL OF A HEALTHY SAN PEDRO RIVER!

What are you concerned about?

THE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF BIRDING AND TOURISM AND HOW THE DEATH OF THE RIVER WOULD AFFECT IT!

7. Public Involvement Process

What was most helpful?

What could be done better?

EXPLAINING THE CORRELATION BETWEEN THE SURVIVAL OF THE RIVER AND THE SURVIVAL OF THE FORT.

General comments and suggestions

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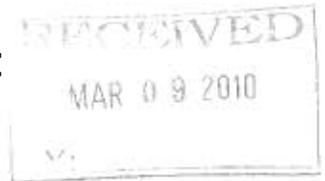
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1. The District

What do you support?

Continued conservation projects & oversight of water use already in place. Use of sliding scale for water rates - the more you use,

What are you concerned about? <sup>the higher, the rate;</sup>  
Cost to taxpayers!

The redundancy and overlapping of government and regulatory agencies; lack of control over the Mexican part of the S. Pedro River.

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

Stormwater recharge; detention basins; check dams on washes running into rivers; use of gray H<sub>2</sub>O; rain harvesting; reuse

What are you concerned about? Cost to Taxpayers for little results!!!

Unchecked pumping by new private wells. Concerned about board setting their own budget and the monetary wastes.

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

Recharge, rain harvesting; continued monitoring by organizations already doing it.

What are you concerned about?

Unchecked ecological hysteria (global warming) <sup>politics</sup> pushing aside legitimate scientific studies.

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

Fund existing agencies working on water issues.

What are you concerned about?

Another tier of government and depletion of taxpayers' (especially home (property) owners' resources. The body could tell me where the revenue stream was coming from and how much would be needed.

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

Education (water wise); recharge effluent; capture runoff; partner w/cattlemen to build ponds, catchments.

What are you concerned about?

Another tier of government involved and increases to homeowners & water companies and the backlash that might follow when the taxpayers' wells "dry up."

**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

No water district; no administrator; no board expenses; no vehicles or equipment, <sup>or surpluses</sup> for a new redundant district.

What are you concerned about?

Unchecked costs to homeowners and thus renters.

**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

Public meetings very enlightening.

What could be done better?

Be able to tell exactly where funding is coming from.

**General comments and suggestions:**

I love hiking & birding on the San Pedro, but do not feel the water district will save it. Having lived in area many years I've seen some areas of rivers that have more water now & other areas that have less water than say in the 60s. I took this form home after your first meeting in order to give it plenty of thought and research. No Water District.

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1. The District

What do you support?

conservation, overall river management

What are you concerned about?

every area of the Dist have ~~equal~~ representation on the final board.

2. Plans for the Future

What do you support?

some of the things already discussed.

What are you concerned about?

finding the best way to achieve these -

3. Building on Science

What do you support?

What are you concerned about?

4. Finding the Funding

What do you support?

State & Fed. Grants - not over spending on the San Pedro.

What are you concerned about? ↗

**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

*Proper management by all concerned*

What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

What do you support?

*in the next 20 yr, we cannot maintain our current rate of growth or the DWT of the past 10 yr.*

What are you concerned about?

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**7. Public Involvement Process**

What was most helpful?

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What could be done better?

*more meetings once they plans have been formulated, to get more public involvement.*

**General comments and suggestions**

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**5. Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

What do you support?

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What are you concerned about?

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**6. Economic Implications**

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# **Transcriptions Sorted by Fact Sheet Categories**

## **Building On Science / The Vision for a Sustainable Water Future**

- More growth equals more water use.
- What is considered to offset new residents?
- What is actual amount of water available?
- What is the impact on the Post?
- The Post must prove that it is meeting Base Realignment committee specifications on use/recharge.
- Balance of human consumption (Post) versus ecological balance.
- It is about community “health” that depends on the water.
- What about “no growth” in Sierra Vista?
- Cluster development – new concept (UA extension).
- Water over pumping impacts – long term.
- Water quality declines as you reduce the water tables (saline).
- Perennial review recorded in June – drought over the past few years.
- New development – must meet 100-year replenishment records.
- Building permits – selective with water sustainability.
- Wildcat developments – restrict.
- Change in water levels are not equal in every aquifer.
- Agricultural retirement.
- Is recharge and conservation going to be enough?
- Use of gray water by ordinance (City) (County).
- Invasive mesquite along river/grazing (loss of grasses).
  - Must maintain removal (invasive and opportunistic).
- Measurement of efficacy in project.
  - Programs easy to benchmark.
- Measurable (water levels) – monitorizing well levels (including under new development).
- Riparian demand – over \$11,000 annual.
- Evaporation rate – should be taken into account – with climate changes and the mesquite contribution.
- Unplanned development – accelerated runoff because of blading roadways.
- Cottonwoods vs. mesquites – be considered the same as invasive.
- Cottonwoods need management – use more water.
- Salt cedar – same issues.
- Need to review actual average human consumption per day.
- Percolation from mountain to river. What are the averages?
- Urban runoff needs better way into the groundwater.
- How well do we understand the recharge in the aquifer?
- What geological/hydrological model to better understand recharge?
- Is water usage broken down into categories, such as vacant land, residential, agriculture?
- Examples of recharge for better comprehension.

- What can District do to reduce evaporation during recharge, create detention basins/washes that can efficiently handle better recharge?
- Build retention basins (40 locations, earthen dams).
- Use Rio Grande as a model?
- Can you build detention basins on private property?
- How do water districts regions (Whetstone) work together to reduce depletion from the San Pedro?
- Are there multiple District agreements that work together for more efficient allocation?
- How can you have a constant budget when many variations (season, agriculture, vegetation) vary?
- What role will future development play in the plan? Growth rate has been projected by state at 10 percent.
- What protocols will be implemented to monitor the results of the actual effect? Will District be able to react quickly?
- Which agency receives monthly water usage reports from communities?
- How far does ADWR go outside of AZ to find new technology?
- Do desalination facilities work on a national level? California has built a facility.
- Cottonwoods take 10,800 acre-feet of water annually.
- The Board, which knows the region and residents, will make local decisions.
- Buffalo Soldier Trail – AZ Environmental Planning Group sprays water to maintain and reduce dirt. This is wasteful.
- Can you build into the plan a “Sunset or re-vote” clause on efficacy and impact?
- Cananea Mine – Can their usage be controlled?
- Is there a way to work with U.S. on usage or reducing the amount of use?
- Emerging disruptors (pharmaceuticals) in waste.
- Why does the District have no regulatory action?
- The District would coordinate between jurisdictions to work together to ensure “no one” can deplete the groundwater.
- State Route 90 corridor Benson-I-10-Kartchner Caverns – What about their draw on existing San Pedro River basin?
- Cone of depression from excessive draw.
- Colorado River water – District could bring in the water.
- Have effluent and stormwater been estimated into recharge?
- Study on how many gallons of water does a mesquite take.
- Why focus on mesquite vs. cottonwood?
- Why 20 years to store/restore to aquifer – Would like that shortened.
- What role does county play in the development and restoration?
- Development/developers – Are they evaluated for groundwater usage?
- We are at a deficit, so how can any new development have a 100-year plan? In balance in regulation to actual groundwater.
- Economy based on growth is the problem to conserving water sources.
- Need more education – practice sustainable water practices: building codes revised; runoff cisterns from buildings (harvest); and stormwater harvesting.
- What is the observable impact to river flow with removal of brushy wood on ranch lands?

- Water quality impacts from storm runoff, how do we check the quality?
- BLM monitoring – Can the board collaborate with BLM to be cost effective?
- Will BLM stop monitoring if the District becomes active in monitoring?
- Will federal funding decrease or disappear?
- Maintain public access to data collected by governing entities.
- How will you control use of water from Mexico?
- When is the drilling of new wells – wells away from the river – planned?
- Would the District fund the drilling of wells?
- How long does it take for water from retention basins to get to aquifer?
- Was there a scientific plan for maintaining the river? Ten- to 20-year time frame.
- If District is approved, would it pre-empt city/county level ordinances? No, I could request discussion, recommend alternatives. Its indirect effect is that the area's goals would line up with District's goals.
- Could District sue city? Unlikely.
- Audience member noted that city of Alamogordo, N.M., sued the state over a water issue.
- Is District's big plan to pipe in CAP water? That would cost hundreds of millions to build.
- Will the District approve where growth happens?
- Is there a 100-year supply of water available to subdivisions?
- Is there partnership between U.S. and Mexico?
- Would the reopening of the mines impact the water?
- Consider impact of quality of recharged water on groundwater.
- Where does the water flow?
- Any study done on settling ponds or retention basins?
- Would the riverbed itself be a good place to hold water?
- Clean out drainage ditches that hold water so that water goes farther to valley.
- What happened to the idea of the Charleston Dam?
- How will you achieve recharge when the water will continue flowing north and you cannot block it?
- Charleston Dam for Tucson ACOE/Cannot find a reason to build a dam.
- Effect from the mines in Cananea? Has that been studied?
- What has the cone created?
- What about a reservoir, storage, retainment, still supplies to aquifer?
- [www.azwater.gov](http://www.azwater.gov) for more information.
- Tombstone pulling water from this area.
- No meters on wells, no water company.
- Not enough information on water property rights – buying off shore rights.
- Protection of water rights should be part of the reason for the Board.
- Why doesn't Tombstone drill locally and quit diverting this watershed?
- Reopening the mines in Tombstone – drain the water.
- Would golf course continue to use regular groundwater instead of effluent? About 15 years away.
- USPWD cannot accept funds to implement projects. USPWD could procure funds and implement projects.
- How much (3,000-under) flows from Mexico side?

- Unmonitored agricultural in Mexico using water.
- How much drug/pharmaceutical in water?
- Daylighting is occurring. How does it function?
- How effective is Sierra Vista recharge facility?
- Board should find funding sources before developing board/election.
- Annual five-year oversight or review/audit to determine if this is effective.
- Is stormwater recharge going to the aquifer?
- Is there a “mean” well level to find average water levels in the San Pedro Valley?

## **Economic Implications / Finding Funding To Get The Job Done**

- Taxing concerns.
- Legalities/taxing conservation.
- Anticipated growth.
- Sierra Vista “big” + growth (other communities pay for it?).
- Everyone paying for district in county.
- Bedroom community vs. high rise – where should people moving in live?
- Where did idea start?
- Save water – it’s precious.
- The way information is presented about the Fort is a scare tactic.
- Seems to be saying if District isn’t formed, Fort Huachuca will shut down.
- How much of \$400,000 goes to administration?
- District will manage projects + jurisdictions?
- Who determines when goals of District are met?
- How do you determine how much water is required for 100 years?
- Local control?
- Any control over private water companies?
- Does board, once voted in, have authority to authorize a tax?
- Can tax be rescinded?
- Can Sierra Vista (with its large population) vote in all the commissioners?
- Split up into smaller districts such as Sierra Vista, then you will have representatives from each district?
- We have water – will go through us – to enable their (Sierra Vista’s) growth?
- Explain sale of water and water rights.
- How would they acquire rights and for what purpose?
- How would allowing the District to sell water support the mission of the District?
- Could they obtain water rights inside the District?
- Do we have access to Colorado River water?
- Did Organizing Board discuss controlling population? By not building so much?
- If Fort Huachuca concerns/requirements are not met, mission could be impacted. Explain?
- If Fort shuts down, is that one-tenth of the population?
- Funding is a wish list. No guaranteed funding.
- What is ADWR? (Technical resource to District.)
- What benefit will taxpayer get in next 10 years? (Keep water from being an issue with the Fort.)
- Can someone own water under me? (You don’t own water under property, only right to drill. Builders have to demonstrate water supply and that usage will not negatively impact basin.)
- Bella Vista Water Company has depleted water so property owners can’t access water. Can District drop a well? (Yes, but goal is to save water and meet demands of community.)
- What is difference of authority between Upper San Pedro Partnership and District? (Partnership has absolutely no authority.)
- What can District do that ADWR and other agencies can’t? (Wholesale water.)
- Where will \$400,000 (fully staffed administrative cost) come from? (No finite answer yet.)
- Is this an open checkbook? (Limited by funds District can generate.)
- If there is no funding and District is approved, what happens? (There will be seed money – then more funds need to be generated. Board cannot tax without voter approval.)

- Have you done staff work to point executive director in a direction? (Yes, there are plans.)
- Why wasn't sales tax mentioned in presentation? (Legislation does not/cannot mandate tax. A tax must be voter approved.)
- Where does District get water rights? (a.) Has to purchase land and associated water rights. b.) Colorado River water.)
- With \$1.6 million (projected amount a transaction privilege tax, which would need to be approved by voters, could bring in), county and city could do a lot so form a District? (\$1.6 million was estimate of what things will cost. District can operate everywhere, rather than limits of jurisdictions.)
- Why no funding for conservation, retention and resupply to aquifer? (Detention basins are in the plan.)
- Will there be basins scattered around county? (Yes)
- Make administrative staff volunteer for first four years?
- Since a large part of the District is Fort Huachuca, we should request money from Department of Defense.
- Is there an instrument in place to disband District?
- If transaction privilege tax is exacted, how about well owners? (No bearing on well owners.)
- If voters turn down District, what happens to Partnership? (Nothing, no bearing.)
- Can District put up an initiative that private well owners also have to pay taxes? (No, not without a public vote.)
- Potential board actions can be done by local jurisdictions? (Board has been asked to do 10-year plan and coordinate with jurisdictions regionally.)
- Will District be able to control extensive water use by private well owners? (No.)
- Concern voiced about state and federal funding availability. What are the specific sources?
- What is initial amount needed? Starting near zero.
- Bond sales?
- Would residual funding from current effort/funds be able to go forward? Yes, if it remains.
- Why is District needed in addition to other jurisdiction's controls?
  - Overdraft occurring now.
  - County can't get into "water game" without change in state statutes.
  - Would be a single entity serving as an umbrella for cities.
- Why wasn't Benson included? Hydrologic divide.
- What kind of cooperation can there be with Mexico?
  - Some work ongoing.
  - Little surface water crossing.
  - More below surface.
- Revenue bond sales? Can't happen until there is source of revenue.
- Groundwater rights vs. surface water rights.
- How would current drought ending affect plan? Based on averaging, drought's end would not change much.
- Do recharge basins lose a lot of water through evaporation?
- How do revenue bonds work? Bonds are sold and then paid back over an extended period of time.
- New subdivisions vs. finite amount of water? Subdivisions have to prove adequate water supply. District has a number of options: District could get water from other location by developing other source.
- Federal government could supplement cost to run Colorado River to Sierra Vista? City cannot prevent or pass ordinance that prevents or prohibits people from drilling wells.
- Is \$400,000 the initial cost? No.
- Where does the money come from? Selling water; grants; water from Colorado River is most "senior" water.

- What has Organizing Board of District spent? \$80,000 on consultants, \$13,000 on administrative/plan help.
- Has there been any thought to assigning District's potential responsibilities to jurisdictions? No, cannot do that.
- Are people trying to meter wells? District is specifically prohibited by state for no well metering.
- Will Sierra Vista have more control of Board? Board members are elected at large from entire District. Goal of elected members must be to provide for all in District.
- We moved out here to get away from control. Inlying areas will control outlying areas.
- District doesn't control.
- What about development? Regulation in place for all new subdivisions. They must prove 100-year water supply.
- Why is District needed? \$400,000, with more bureaucracy?
- Same water supply for all. County cannot regulate but can zone. Vision is to go across jurisdictional boundaries.
- Partnership has no authority. They came to study river.
- Since its existence, the river has become the most well-known.
- District can build on a regional solution.
- Have laws on the books (permits).
- Why can't existing bureaucracy take care of issues?
- What makes this attractive is it is not a bureaucracy.
- How will \$400,000 be raised?
- At the start, District may just look for funding.
- Coming out of County's taxes.
- There is private funding available.
- Where would water rights water come from? No one has groundwater rights, only surface water rights.
- Where do you get water? Surface water attached to land, not wells.
- How will you control Mexico's activities?
- What are chances of Water District getting CAP water or Colorado River water?
- Who has Colorado River water?
- If I own well shares, would I be regulated like a developer?
- Why don't we just take care of rules on the books? Current rules don't/can't go cross-jurisdictional.
- What about Tribe lawsuit? It has been settled except for building dam. Adjudication ongoing. Trying to define what is surface and what is groundwater.
- Is there a conflict between making money and conserving?
- Where is money/revenue going? Operations, development of future water sources; District views groundwater as short-term fix so stormwater capture is an example.
- What would be harm – create conservation opportunities and buy for residents. One of the parts of District plans.
- Reclamation already available through federal grants. Not enough (one-third) and tied up in bureaucracy.
- Issue is river will go dry long before wells go dry. If river goes dry it could impact Fort operations.
- No interbasins groundwater transfers are allowed in Arizona.
- Discussion on Mexico pollution.

# Upper San Pedro Water District

## Meeting Themes

- Concerns regarding taxes being increased or levied by the District Board.
- Concerns about Sierra Vista having more “say” in the process due to its larger voting population.
- Skepticism about the possible downsizing or closing of Fort Huachuca if water conservation requirements are not met.
- A desire to limit building and growth in the area so that resources are not strained.
- A belief that cottonwood and mesquite trees along the river already sap its resources and need to be managed.
- Questions about the decision-making process – who came up with the Organizing Board, how were boundaries formed, etc.
- Concerns about whether plans or boundaries can be changed after the District is formed.
- Concern about estimated \$400,000 budget.
- No dedicated funding source.
- Can the District be disbanded down the road? “Sunset clause.”
- What happens if District is formed, but money isn’t found?
- How does District differ from current agencies?
- Taxing concerns.
- Colorado River water role.
- Public is interested in specifics on use of detention basins and recharge.
- Effects of Cananea Mine/Mexico.
- Why not provide funding to county or city and let them deal with water issues since they are already in place.
- Funding sources.
- Development restrictions.
- Government overlap.
- Bisbee attendees not as economically focused as other locations.
- Lots of discussion on retention/detention basins.
- Questions on Mexico and CAP.
- Interested in regulation and providing more “teeth” for the proposed District.
- Concerned about development.
- Skepticism.
- Sierra Vista controlling everything.
- Proof of problem.
- Just another tax.
- More bureaucracy.
- Stay away from wells.
- Regulatory authority.

- Dams and reservoirs needed.  
Why does District want to work in what is the County's jurisdiction

### Conclusions

- *Fort Huachuca statement isn't talking about the river – it's a scare tactic.*
- *Concerns re: taxes alleviated.*
- *Cochise County will contribute resources.*
- *Organizing Board needs to make clear that there may be no funding source and that staffing may be bare bones until stable funding sources are found. The \$400,000 is an estimate of a fully staffed District Office.*
- *Explain how the District would operate with limited or no funding.*
- *Explain that elected Board will come up with specifics on detention basins and recharge. Provide possible examples.*
- *Review/confirm human water consumption statistics.*
- *Explain differences between a District and current agencies/government bodies.*
- *Explain whether and how District could be phased out.*
- *Re-emphasize District, local, state, federal have very limited input on another country's actions.*
- *Don't change printed materials/fact sheets for rest of Round 1 meetings. Introduction/verbal message can amplify previous points.*
- *The smaller discussion groups were more personal and productive.*
- *Better define what the County can do and can't do now.*
- *Is the 10-year program appropriate?*
- *Clarify that conservation will still be needed 10 to 20 years from now, even with the District.*
  - *The focus groups were too close together and it was very difficult to hear. It was suggested that next round we find locations that may have separate rooms available for discussions or that we use movable panels or some type of sound barriers between groups.*
  - *For next round we should focus on clarifying taxes can't be imposed without voter approval and clarify what kind of tax we are talking about.*
  - *There is a person handing out information at meetings – need to differentiate what are official materials generated by our public outreach effort and what are not.*
  - *Include cone of depression in final presentation.*
  - *Distrust in outlying areas.*
  - *Residents not understanding that District would not meter or regulate wells.*

## **What Is It? / Our Plans for the Future**

- Water management – development interfering with flow.
- Concern for people outside watershed area.
- Cottonwood trees.
- Where did idea of the Board originate?
- Has the Board come up with requirements to be on the Board?
- Does the Board have the power to limit growth?
- How were the boundaries set up? (Decision-making process.)
- Timeframe for elections?
- If the District is formed, can water still be pumped out of the Water District?
- How far north does the Water District go?
- Are boundaries set in stone?
- What do you mean by infrastructure?
- Would the District need to purchase land for facilities? Funding?
- Pumping impacts.
- Water sharing with Tombstone pipeline would reduce cost.
- Why aren't we looking at thinning out cottonwood trees?
- Beaver brought in to manage cottonwoods.
- Cottonwoods shelter water for solar evaporation.
- Add salt cedar to mesquite.
- What can't be done without the District?
- Concern for restrictions because of Santa Cruz and areas outside boundaries taking water from within District.
- Ability of Mexico to impact our water.
- Concern voters would approve taxation in future.
- How would taxing come about and at what amount?
- Concern of taking water from Colorado River (Not available.)
- Process for election?
- What is the current water deficit?
- What is the process for changing the plan after the Board is elected?
- Would San Pedro Partnership provide resources to the District? (Would be beneficial.)
- What if full Board not voted in?
- Water should not be pumped out of Whetstone area.
- Once District is formed, what is driving force of decision-making? (Political vs. science?)
- Advisory Board has influence over the Board. How is Advisory Board selected?
- Need representatives from community for Advisory Board.
- How do we get rid of the Board if we decide we want to in the future?
- Need project to make recreational draw to the river.
- No mention made of CAP or Colorado River water. Is it still in the plan?
- How do you know more groundwater is going out vs. coming in?
- How will rainwater harvesting fit in?
- How could revenue bonds be repaid?
- Concern for bird habitat.

- Nothing you have addressed mentions Mexico – Mexico is key.
- What federal support do we have?
- Concern with taxing authority?
- How do I know I will be able to afford the water in the future (aka taxes) even though I will be providing it?
- How do I know I won't be given water restrictions in the future?
- How does the aquifer feed the river?
- What was the purpose of drilling the wells? Who would that serve?
- Is augmentation the main emphasis?
- Where would you drill that would have no impact?
- What is Bureau of Land Management's role with District?
- Have you considered permeable paving as a recharge strategy?
- Where does recharge occur?
- Colorado River allocation issues, not an option or realistic with current demand and future demand.
- How would pumping the water affect us in 20 to 30 years?
- Is the District able to conduct international, cross-border work?
- Did river move underground as a result of the earthquake?
- Will there be water regulation/penalty for landowners?
- Americans need education to understand water issues.
- Will District drill wells, sell to provider, persuade private wells to stop and use utility?
- Will District drill in one place and move water around?
- Does District want to get into wholesale business?
- Goal is aimed more at recharge?
- Southern California has more holding dams for water.
- Are we doing enough detainment or recharge?
- How do you get water back in aquifer?
- Is there bad percolation down to aquifer?
- Potential for quid pro quo exists to persuade water users to save/recharge water.
- Why do we need a Water District?
- How is District different from regulatory agency or water utility?
- Suite of solutions need to be emphasized; Not simply one solution.
- Need to come up with appropriate solutions for the scale of Sierra Vista, unlike California.
- Concern that area doesn't use holding basins.
- What does "provide local control" mean?
- Who is in control now?
- Will District develop new water supply wells?
- How would District collect water? Own land?
- Can you build a detention dam on your own wash/land?
- Why don't they get rid of cottonwood trees?
- Any development going to reinstitute use of gray water?
- Will there be development of re-use in rural areas?
- We need development of more gray water use, especially in rural areas.
- Why were fact sheets modified between Tombstone and Sierra Vista meetings?

- It is a problem that same information was not distributed at Tombstone and Sierra Vista.
- What does eminent domain have to do with District?
- Dry injection well will allow you to put water/recharge back in ground.
- Is there a model city to follow on water sustainability?
- What will happen if not passed?
- Will it keep coming up at elections?
- Only growth control is through county.
- Any thoughts on impact of Mexico/mining?
- Cananea mining effects are serious when mine operates.
- Map doesn't look like same map as subwatershed?
- Need clear communication.
- How often would the Board meet?
- What are the Board's term lengths?
- Would District regulate?
- Restrictions on development.
- Will this change procedure for drilling wells?
- What are plans toward agriculture, i.e. horse farms?
- There are irrigation concerns.
- Mike Foster, who said he is producing a video on the river, offered numerous thoughts:
  - Concern that the focus is on studies, not actions.
  - River is in dire straits, with more dry stretches than before.
  - The area needs to act now on preserving the water. Watering of dirt roads is a waste.
  - Positive reward or recognition should be given when conservation is achieved.
  - Mesquite tree water usage is a minor factor.
  - Focus on developments and stop importation of new business until water level is solved.
  - Xeriscape, water basin retention should be increased.
  - Likes idea of schools, government involvement in conservation.
  - Beaver is like the "canary in coal mine" and should be monitored at the river.
  - Xeriscape, water basin retention should be increased.
  - Why is Old Bisbee not in District? Legislature set boundary. Old Bisbee doesn't drain into San Pedro River and is outside watershed line.
  - How would Board interface with other governments? It's independent, a District, and not a regulatory body. It would be a body or infrastructure that could manage projects and bring together money.
  - Disappointed District won't have more teeth.
  - Developers should be required to use conservation methods. District effect will be limited.
  - More education needed, attitudes need to be changed.
  - Can Board lobby on ordinances? District could lobby but not enforce or enact regulatory ordinances.

- Example given of District's indirect impact: A contractor could, for development approval, be required to install storm drains that route water to retention basins.
- Revenue bonds may not occur till second 10 years of existence.
- What about permits for development? Building jurisdiction would decide.
- District would give recommendations to jurisdictions on development plans.
- District could bring outside water into area.
- Why did mesquite removal get so high on list? Study listed mesquite higher because acreage of mesquite is large. Mesquite near river use more water and would be most likely targets.
- Can Legislature impose active management area if District not formed? No.
- If this fails, what happens? What we have today.
- If we get funds, will we help/work with Mexico? We will attempt cooperation.
- New San Pedro binational commission begun in Mexico to develop dialogue.
- Beaver dams were down last year, but activity is up recently. Floods affected last year.
- Who originated the idea of the District? Local government, businesses, agriculture and statewide water advisory group organized the idea.
- Who pushed it through in Legislature? Fifty-two different interests pushed it through.
- Can environmental restrictions on Fort Huachuca be removed? No, they have to abide by Endangered Species Act.
- Give an example of a District project: Effluent. District finds money, goes to developer or agency to work on using effluent in exchange for more lots.
- What is sacred/untouchable regarding water? Is growth?
- What is feasible regarding water?
- What is the role of the San Pedro Partnership?
- Is this like an Intergovernmental Agreement?
- Colorado River not an adequate source.
- What is the impact on private wells?
- Something needs to be done to conserve water. Do not want meter on wells.
- Where does initial funding come from? Who is on Organizing Board?
- How do they get appointed?
- Who will run the election?
- Concern about money to fund this, against the Board.
- Residents are currently trying to conserve water.
- What is the function of the Board/ Why was this established?
- No meters on well.
- How would you store water in the 20-year goal?
- Will there be an international committee to regulate water?
- Will Board members be able to serve on additional boards outside this one?
- When is the election?
- Who will pay for the ongoing District?
- Will the District be able to regulate private wells?
- Will well shares be handled differently?
- Residents are water-conservative. Can we be left alone if we conserve?
- Will this District be similar to Yuma? Permanent?
- Detention basin? What kinds of intrajurisdictional projects?

- How is there a shortage?
- What if we conserve and Mexico will not?
- What will happen to the project if we end the 20-year drought?
- How will things be changed without regulatory authority?
- Is this an idealistic organization (no action)?
- How will funding be raised?
- How is this different from the Upper San Pedro Partnership?
- Would the city work with the District?
- How would developer wells affect private wells?
- What can Board change from what is being presented? What can't they change?
- What hydrologist report do you use?
- How did this get started?
- What about the other counties?
- What is the relationship with the state ADWR?
- What would be the purpose of water supply wells?
- No mechanism to deny permission for well?

# IAP2 Spectrum

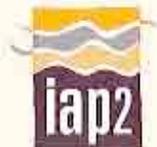
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