

Lower Fremont River
Additional Distribution Meeting

Meeting began at 10:00 am in the Wayne County courthouse on February 5, 2004. Those in attendance are as follows:

Keith Durfey
Kay Hickman
Forest Sim
John Jackson
Richard Pace
Jeff Pace

Jan Ellet
Aldon Robinson
Stan Alvey
Cathey Bagley
Lee Sim
Kirk Forbush

Lee Sim Conducted the meeting. Lee reviewed the concerns that were brought up at the last distribution meeting. The concerns were that Jan Ellett (river commissioner) did not attend the distribution meeting this year or last year and that a river commissioner report has not been submitted to the State Engineers Office in the last two years. Also, that the water users have had a difficult time contacting the River Commissioner to get questions answered.

Jan Ellett apologized for missing the meetings and said that a river report had been sent to the State Engineers office. He then described a couple of diversions on the river system that needed attention. The two he mentioned were the diversion by the grist mill and the Oak Creek diversion used by Keith Durfey and Steve Dalton.

Lee Sim then mentioned that when Jan accepted the job, a list of distribution instructions and procedures for the commissioner was proposed and approved by the water users and the state engineer. Lee reviewed the list with the water users and all agreed again that the instructions and procedures would provide an adequate basis for regulating water on the lower Fremont River. A copy of the list was passed out to all in attendance at the meeting and it is included below.

It was discussed that Jan should get a cell phone so that communications will be easier between the water users and the commissioner. It was agreed that the water users would include the cost of the phone in their budget. It was agreed that communication would be better and that Jan would use the list of duties as a guide to efficiently perform this job. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

FREMONT RIVER DISTRIBUTION REGULATION PROCEDURES

Approved February 20, 1998
Re-approved February 5, 2004

1. Unless noted otherwise below, the commissioner will stop at each diversion and make a water measurement on each trip that he makes on the river.

2. Each water user may provide a notebook at their diversion in a protected place. At each diversion where a notebook is provided, the commissioner will make a record of each visit made to the diversion. The record will include the date, the gage reading, and the corresponding flow rate. Each water user will have the right to review any of these records.

3. The commissioner will make one trip on March 31st to turn the Oak Creek water down to the water users who have a right to that water. No other stops or measurements will be necessary on this trip.

4. The commissioner will make one trip on the river on May 1 and one trip at the middle of May.

5. Beginning June 1 and continuing through the end of August, the commissioner will make at least one trip a week on the river. Between June 1 and August 31, the commissioner will make two trips a week during any period when the ~~RA~~ water rights are being regulated. More than two trips a week may be needed in a dry year if river flows become very low. The commissioner will determine if this is necessary based on the requests for assistance he receives from the water users.

6. For state engineer record purposes, the commissioner will make one trip on the river at the middle of September and one trip at the middle of October.

7. The commissioner will only regulate the water users on Oak Creek as needed. The water measurement at the Notom flume will indicate when regulation is necessary.

8. The State Engineer's Office will instruct the commissioner concerning the water rights and schedule of diversions on the river, where the measuring devices are located, and how measurements are to be taken.

9. The commissioner will make a record of the measurements taken and will prepare an annual report to the State Engineer according to the established reporting guidelines.