

## **SPANISH FORK RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM 1997 NOTES**

### **MARCH 5, 1997 ANNUAL MEETING**

Spanish Fork River is running about 95 cfs which is higher than normal and it should be increasing as the weather warms up. Last year they were able to wait until June 5 to open the tunnel. Last year BuRec changed from the Strawberry Tunnel to the Syar Tunnel for releases from Strawberry Reservoir. Strawberry Tunnel will now only be used to deliver fish flows or in emergency situations, they could deliver a maximum of 200 cfs. Strawberry Water Users Assoc. releases will be limited to 465 cfs because of environmental concerns - until Diamond Fork is finished.

Real time/remote monitoring project is progressing. There is an option to add remote gate operation capabilities but proceeding with that is on hold for right now. Their goal is to improve record keeping and improve their ability to know where water is being delivered and where it is being lost.

Every other year John Mendenhall attends an O&M and Conservation workshop in Denver which is put on by the BuRec.

This year the water users budgeted for John to get onto the Internet.

There was concern expressed about shareholders in irrigation companies who want to sell their shares and/or change them to groundwater rights. This would require that the appropriate amount of surface flow be allowed to flow to the lake in exchange for the groundwater taken. The problem is there are a number of dry dams especially at the Last Chance diversion which would intercept the water and take it. Jim Riley is taking the position that these types of change applications will only be approved if the water users can guarantee that the water can be measured past the dry dams to ensure that it gets to the lake. This would be the responsibility of the individuals not the companies whose shares are involved.