

obtain a copy of the Governor's order mandating tamarisk removal and provide it to Mr. Williamson so he can share it with the County.

It was agreed to propose the deletion of paragraph 4.a.1.(i) ("Currently irrigated for active agricultural use. For purposes of this program, 'currently irrigated' shall mean irrigated at least ____ of the preceding 10 years"). Paragraph 4.b.2, setting forth a similar provision, would also be proposed for deletion.

The Committee agreed to insert April 9, 2003 as the date prior to which land must have been improved with turf to be eligible to participate in the program (paragraph 4.a.2). This is consistent with the date agricultural land must have been in operation (paragraph 4.a.1.(ii)).

Mr. Williamson explained that the County will calculate the consumptive use for palms, citrus and turf, and base the number of water credits for fallowing on these figures. Jim Engelke reported that he had done some calculations based on the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS). Mr. Williamson urged him to provide the information to Mr. Bennett, with a copy to him.

Mr. Williamson agreed to e-mail Ms. Burns regarding today's discussion and ask her to convey the information to Mr. Bennett.

Discussion followed regarding the omission of the in-lieu fee from the County ordinance. Jerry Rolwing pointed out that the in-lieu fee does not affect the County. Mr. Engelke noted that the County's failure to accept the in-lieu fee is a problem for some of his clients.

Mr. Williamson recommended that the purpose of the ordinance (paragraph 1) be modified to place more emphasis on the goal of groundwater management.

Mr. Sharman suggested inviting Mr. Baca and Mr. Bennett to a District meeting, and Mr. Williamson suggested also including Eric Gibson.

Mr. Williamson suggested amending paragraph 4.c to allow credit for reduced water use (" . . . granting of an easement in favor of the District and County which shall reduce or eliminate ~~prohibit~~ future irrigation . . . ").

2. "Update on Public Hearing for the Integrated Water Resources Management Plan" to be held at the April 22nd meeting. This item was not discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next regular Conservation Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2009.