

TO: WATER DISTRICT 57D ANNUAL MEETING

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SUBJECT: MEETING NOTES

On 1/2/2007, I attended the annual water district meeting for Sinker Creek. The meeting was fairly quick and straightforward. The same budget was retained. The watermaster re-elected, and all the officers were also re-elected.

There was some concern about Edwards irrigating the ground south of the creek from the creek and not from groundwater. Edwards stated that they did have creek rights for that ground, so the water rights will need to be researched. This seems to be reducing the amount of water in the creek according to Sierra Del Rio Ranch below. They have gone from gravity irrigation to sprinkler irrigation, which is probably the main reason for reduction of water below. I told them if this was a continuing concern to contact us, and we would look into the situation. Craig Baker of the Sierra Del Rio Ranch also stated that they might need to do a control fill of their reservoir this year, due to the lack of water late last year.

Everyone commented that the season was very good early last year, but was very short. Most of the water was done pretty early in the year. The Sierra Del Rio Ranch reservoir was very low, but the Hulet Reservoir had approximately 900 acre-feet of carry over. Overall the season seemed to run pretty smooth last year. There is some concern that a low water year could cause some problems due to the dry end of last year.

Paul Nettleton stated that there wasn't much snow at Silver City, but he talk to the guy that does the Snotel measurements above Silver City and it appears as though they are very close to normal snow levels.

The meeting was adjourned within 45 minutes, and was proclaimed one of the quickest meetings on record.