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TO: WATER DISTRICT 57D FILE

FROM: DANIEL A. NELSON

DATE: 1/6/09
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SUBJECT: ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Craig Baker at 1:25. The minutes were read and approved. The treasure report was read and a brief discussion concerning the watermaster time was held. The watermaster was on duty 37 days this year compared to 30 days the year before and 25 days in 2006. The budget was accepted with watermaster compensation staying the same at \$55.00/day and \$0.45/mile.

Chad Nettleton was re-elected as watermaster, Craig Baker was re-elected as chairman, and Paul Nettleton was re-elected as secretary/treasurer.

Paul stated that there is average snowpack at Silver City (approximately 3 feet), but he said he talked with the Snotel person and he said the water content was up significantly. Paul also stated that he noticed that the springs in the area seemed to run longer last fall, which suggests good soil moisture or a higher water table.

Craig Baker said that Sierra Del Rio has purchased the piping to bring their diversion up to the 6.00 cfs their water right allows, but they are waiting on a backhoe operator to dig the trench needed to bury the pipeline. Craig stated he thought he found the problem with the old pipeline. There is a 10 inch pipe in the middle of the line that appears to be the reason for the reduction of flow. He is hopeful that the installations of the new 15 inch pipeline will double the capacity of the diversion. Craig will be sending the letter to the Department for a control fill again this year. Hopefully, once the new pipeline is installed, less water will be lost to the river.

Mike Ihli stated that Canal Company has installed a new Broad Crested Weir above the diversion. This weir should work much better than the old Cipolletti Weir they had before. The Measurement device was moved a considerable distance upstream to avoid the changes in the channel.