

MEMORANDUM

TO: John Westra, Western Regional Manager

FROM: Daniel A. Nelson

DATE: 11/25/2009

SUBJECT: Sinker Creek Water District Meeting.

Paul Nettleton brought the meeting to order. Craig Baker was not in attendance, but the rest of the district attended.

The minutes and treasure's report were approved. It was noted that the watermaster's fees were less this year due to the headgate on the dam being stuck. More information on this situation will follow during new business.

The water master compensation was kept the same at \$55.00 per day and \$0.45 per mile. Chad Nettleton was re-instated as watermaster. Craig Baker was re-instated as president, and Paul Nettleton was re-instated as secretary. The same budget as last year was adopted for the upcoming irrigation season.

Paul Nettleton visited Silver City to provide a report on current snow levels. There is approximately 3.5 feet of snow on top, but no snow in the lower valleys. The snow up on top is very wet, and will run off very quickly if there isn't a hard freeze. Paul expects a fairly short water year. Paul estimated the water content at approximately 70% of normal. Current SnoTel data has the water content at 66%.

The new Broad Crested Weir installed upstream of the dam worked very well last year. A new staff gauge needs to be installed on the weir, but the watermaster and Mr. Ihli were very impressed with the device.

A hydraulic hose blew out on the reservoir gate controls last irrigation season. The gate was left open until water levels allowed work to be done on the headgate. All new hoses with stainless steel connectors were installed with the assistance of a USGS dam diver. They also installed a diver cable onto the head gate to allow a diver to find the headgate when the reservoir is full to do any emergency repairs that are needed.

The meeting was adjourned. It appears that last season ran pretty smoothly. From conversations with the water users, it appears that Diamond Del Rio have re-worked their diversion to take their full allotment of water. No control fill was required last year, and it is unlikely it will be needed this year due to the improved diversion.