

How Can We Build a Credible Future View?

A Proposal for Proceeding After Today's Assembly

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An Action Proposal for the Coming Year (and possibly beyond)

What Does Our Water Future Really Look Like?

Assume No Additional Actions

Are We OK? ... Or Are We in Trouble?

Bottom Line:

The Proposal is to Build and then Disseminate
a Community Report to the Community –
Present Implications of Our Water Budget Situation

“Terrible” Impact Images Have Been Postulated

Examples Include:

- Impacts of Failure in Downstream Deliveries
- Impacts of Aquifer Depletion
- Impacts of Adjudication and Priority Administration
- Impacts of Pueblo Rights Resolution
- Impacts of Colorado River and San Juan-Chama Shortages
- Impacts of Endangered Species Protection
- Impacts of Water Transfers – Agricultural to Urban
- Impacts of Regulatory Enforcement

“Problem Solved” Images Have Been Postulated

Examples Include:

- San Juan / Chama Drinking Water Project Saves the Fresh Aquifer
- We Now Have “Water for Generations to Come”
- Desalination of Deep Aquifer Water Provides Our Needs
- Revision of Priority Administration Doctrine Captures Water
- New Technology Developments Will Again Solve Our Problems
- We Can Import (or Trade for) Desalinated Seawater

Is the Water Future Benign or Malignant?

- Polarization of Viewpoints
Tends to Limit Effective Action
- Regardless of Viewpoint,
That's Usually Counter-Productive

What's Real? What's Significant? What's Imminent?

- Let's Together Resolve the Uncertainties
- Seek and Portray Credible Answers
- Develop a Multi-Advocacy View of the Future
- Present the Future Implications of Our Water Budget Situation
- For Now, Constrain to a No-Additional-Action Assumption
- Format the View into a *Community Report to the Community* to Enhance Public Awareness

Maybe Use a Video as the Report Medium

with Professional Film Advice;
with Sound Technical Analysis

- Design a Future Awareness Video
 - outlined by the various Advocacies
- Clear away the Biases
 - consensus blending of Advocacies' inputs
- Ensure Technical Credibility
 - via modeling a no-additional-action view
- Perform Aggressive Community Outreach
 - to include multiple viewpoints and sensitivities

Now, How Should We
Move Forward?

Does This Proposal Make
Sense?

What Are the Next Steps?



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