

Mr. Pence provided an overview of the NAS Report 2 and a brief explanation of some of their feedback and recommendations.

Break – 10 min.

9. Presentation and discussion regarding the possible Adaptive Management Process for ASR in 2017.

Roland Ruiz, EAA, provided a summary of a memorandum describing the specific issues moving forward with the ASR Program and the Tier structure specified in the EAHCP. Mr. Ruiz summarized the option is to explore if the EAA can provide a different product into the region that may look like a forbearance program like VISPO or something else unexplored. The first step in the process is to present this to the ASR Regional Advisory Group.

Mr. Pence explained that the process in exploring these options and initiate the Adaptive Management Process will utilize the same model as last year's AMP.

Tom Taggart mentioned that having a working hydrological model prior to making specific changes in order to optimize the process. Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Pence clarified that any changes/conclusions made will need to be verified by model runs to prove the changes have equal or better benefit to what is in the EAHCP.

10. Presentation and possible action to approve the amended EAA 2017 Work Plan.

Alicia Reinmund-Martinez provided a brief summary of the amendments to the 2017 Work Plan and Funding Application. The changes were specific to contractual changes to the Ecological Modeling budget.

11. Presentation and possible action to approve the amended EAA 2017 Funding Application.

Tom Taggart motioned to approve the Work Plan and Funding Application amendment as presented, Darren Thompson seconded. There were no objections.


12. Future agenda items and topics of discussion.

- EAA Work Plan amendment (Refugia)
- San Marcos Work Plan amendment
- Summary of NAS Report 2

13. Questions from the public.

Tom Taggart mentioned the valuable role volunteers play in improving the springs systems and that the EAHCP Implementing Committee should begin recognizing their effort.

14. Adjourn – 11:00 am



 Greg Malatek, Secretary