3.0 Documentation of Public Involvement

3.1 Interstate Stream Commission Sponsored Water Workshops

In July 1999, the Interstate Stream Commission invited all the regions in the State to participate in a workshop on GIS mapping. The Interstate Stream Commission contracted with the Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI) to provide this workshop at no cost to the participants. No other workshops relating to water have been sponsored by the Interstate Stream Commission in the San Juan Hydrologic Unit.

3.2 Public Distribution of Region's Background Summary

The San Juan Water Commission, in conjunction with the Navajo Nation and the Jicarilla Apache Tribe held a public meeting on June 27, 2002, to review the Regional Water Planning program, explain the role of the Regional Water Planning Committee, and identify the individuals' interested in becoming members of the Planning Committee (Volume II, **Appendix C-4**). Copies of the Professional Services Agreement/Scope of Work between the Interstate Stream Commission and the San Juan Water Commission (Volume II, Appendix A-1), containing a background summary of the water planning efforts of the Region, were distributed and discussed. Representatives from the Navajo Nation gave a synopsis of their ongoing 'independent' effort, to formulate water development alternatives for the communities within the Navajo Nation. The Jicarilla Apache Nation's representative announced that the Jicarilla Apache Nation had established an Office of Water Administration to assess their available water resources and provide the necessary resources to work in partnership on a water plan for the Region, as a whole. Information was distributed explaining the focus and goal of the planning program and the steps the process would go through to develop a Plan for the Region. Copies of the 'start-up' organizational document to establish the Planning Committee were distributed and discussed. Information describing the Planning Committee member obligations was distributed and reviewed. Volume II, Appendix C-4 includes copies of the documents distributed at the June 27, 2002 Public meeting.

3.2.1 Chronicle of Water Planning Efforts in the San Juan Basin

The San Juan Water Commission prepared a <u>Chronicle of Water Planning Efforts in the San Juan Basin</u> (Volume II, Appendix A-3) describing the previous activities associated with the Region's water-related planning efforts from 1968 through July 2002. The document was distributed to the public at the July 25, 2002 Public Meeting for Regional Water Planning and subsequently to the Planning Committee at their August 8, 2002 meeting. A copy of this document can also be found on the San Juan Water Commission's web-site at siwc.org.

3.3 List of Stakeholders and Participants

Approximately 300 stakeholders participated in the early water planning meetings held from 1995 - 1998. The individuals that attended these early meetings represented a broad-range of interests including the following:

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Navajo Nation interests	Ute Mountain Ute interests	Jicarilla Apache Nation interests
Rural water interests	Agricultural interests	Navajo Indian Irrigation Project
Conservancy Districts	Municipal interests	Domestic water suppliers
Industrial interests	Mining interests	Irrigators and Ditch organizations
Environmental interests	Oil and Gas interests	Ranching and Livestock interests

State interests Federal interests County and Community interests
Recreational users Utility suppliers Individual/Personal interests

3.3.1 Stakeholder Database

The San Juan Water Commission used the sign-in sheets from the meetings held between 1995 and 1998 to develop a *Stakeholder Database* (contact list of stakeholders and other interested individuals and groups.) The San Juan Hydrologic Unit includes portions of Rio Arriba, McKinley, and Sandoval Counties and the *Stakeholder Database* includes the contact information for the individuals that attended the Public meetings in those areas. The *Stakeholder Database* includes contact information provided by the Navajo Nation and the Jicarilla Apache Nation. As the advisory committee's were established, the San Juan Water Commission developed contact lists for the <u>Technical Committee</u> (Section 2.1.3.1) and the <u>Planning Committee</u> (Section 2.1.3.2), and incorporated the information into the *Stakeholder Database*. Other participants included the ISC staff, administrative staff, tribal representatives, and contractors that worked on the project (Section 2.1.2.) The *Stakeholder Database* is revised when the San Juan Water Commission is notified of changes in contact information or when an individual requests that their name be added to the mailing list. The information included in the *Stakeholder Database* is provided in **Volume II**, **Appendix B-1**.