Association of Irritated Residents (AIR) Status Update

March 1, 2013

Representatives of AIR attended the CEC/HECA workshop on water February 20 in Sacramento. It was very interesting to see the argument go back and forth without resolution between the Buena Vista Water District and the CEC. AIR agrees with the CEC that there needs to be mitigation for the loss of usable water to HECA from the water basin which is in overdraft.

AIR attended the Kern Board of Supervisors’ HECA hearing on February 26 in Bakersfield. The applicant with several staff was present as well as four intervenors (Farm Bureau, HECA Neighbors, Sierra Club, and AIR). The Chief Officer of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District plus several of his staff were also present. The Chief Planner for Kern County had a lot to say about the project. Also making many comments were members of the public and board members. It seems the only important player absent was the CEC. The event was well covered by local media.

Anyway, because of the many important statements and comments made about the project, we recommend that the CEC obtain a recording of the meeting and make a transcript for future reference. The head of the air district made some amazing statements that CEC staff need to confirm. One statement was about how HECA will have a net benefit to air quality in the area. Another was how CO2 injection will have a net benefit to air quality because it will replace steam injection. In any case, CEC staff really needs to examine his statements to the Board of Supervisors. Also very important were the Board of Supervisors’ statements of concerns about the project.

AIR hopes that CEC staff will be available to attend the air district hearing in Bakersfield on April 2 concerning the proposed air permit for HECA.

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