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CLARK, LINCOLN, AND WHITE PINE COUNTIES
GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
SCOPING MEETING

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

On Monday, August 8, 2011

At 3:00 p.m.

At the Tribal Headquarters - Goshute Reservation
195 Tribal Center
Ibapah, Utah

Reported by: Deborah Ann Hines, CCR #473, RPR

1 ED NARANJO: P.O. Box 6124, Ibapah, Utah.

2 The original BARCAS study, it included this Deer
3 Creek Valley, and for some reason, at least my
4 understanding, it was taken off and now it excludes
5 this valley. And that regardless of what the
6 geologists and people supposedly say, we feel that
7 there is a connection with the aquifers and we're
8 concerned that if you start drawing down from Spring
9 or Snake, then our aquifer will be impacted as well.

10 It's not only going to affect the livelihood
11 of the people but, you know, we've got wildlife,
12 domestic livestock, you know, the plants the people
13 use for food, you know, the berries, the wild
14 potatoes, the wild onions, other vegetation they use
15 for subsistence, those are going to be impacted.

16 And part of our comment was that at what
17 point, if there's an indication that there's some
18 impact, who makes that decision to shut off the valve
19 and stop it?

20 One of my other questions was we had heard
21 officially that there may be some consideration of
22 bringing that pipeline up into Antelope Valley, which
23 is right up against the reservation.

24 I asked the question about whether the BLM
25 has some kind of trust responsibility to the tribe.

1 I feel that if they do, they haven't been exercising
2 it, not really contacted us. They worked with us at
3 the beginning, now they aren't.

4 The transcription you're doing, where are
5 they going? Who's going to have it? And basically
6 what purpose is it going to serve, if any purpose at
7 all?

8 The EIS is like over 4,000 pages, yet only
9 maybe two or more pages are devoted to Native
10 American issues and concerns, nothing else really.
11 So I don't think, you know, a very good job was done
12 to get Native American input. You know, they might
13 have been in contact with two or three people but,
14 you know, there's a lot more people too that need to
15 be talked to and interviewed to get their input and
16 yet it was never done. You just get a sampling and
17 use that as Native American concerns. There's a lot
18 more people here concerned about it.

19 The EIS agreement states that the BLM state
20 director has the final say regardless of what the
21 opposition there is and he can overrule that, and I
22 don't think that's right.

23 They've extended the EIS comment period an
24 additional 30 days. You know what, we've got to have
25 at least 90 days minimum. The 30 days is not really

1 going to give us time to look at it, digest it, fully
2 understand it and discuss it among ourselves what
3 each thing means. So I think in all fairness to
4 everybody involved, the tribes and the ranchers and
5 the general public, that EIS comment period should be
6 extended another 60 days from the 30 days that they
7 already allowed.

8 When all these agency under the Department
9 of Interior in 2006 signed that stipulated agreement,
10 there was no consultation made with the tribes, it
11 was a decision that was made over the weekend or
12 maybe months. They just never shared it with us.
13 They never gave us the chance.

14 And the executive order that President
15 Clinton signed states that they must consult with the
16 tribe, and they violated that executive order by not
17 consulting with the tribes, and that's all these
18 federal agencies, when they signed that stipulated
19 agreement without contacting the tribes. And so I
20 think if nothing else, if the tribe has any stand
21 that they need to be consulted with and follow
22 Obama's new executive order requiring consultation.
23 And before any kind of further decision to close that
24 comment period, they should consult with the tribes
25 again. I think we may be able to use that executive

1 order to have that comment period extended.

2 TINO TADENA: 195 Tribal Center Road,
3 Ibapah, Utah. My comment is that it's just sad that
4 over time from the beginning of time until now that,
5 you know, that the resources of the Earth have just
6 been abused and exploited, and even to this day
7 they're still trying to profit off of the resources
8 that American Indians need to survive, and that's
9 water.

10 JUANITA TOM: P.O. Box 6048, Ibapah, 84034.
11 What we were talking about is that the big concerns
12 that we have is that if, you know, because water does
13 flow downhill, and if they draw the water, the
14 gallons per acre feet of water, I know some of that,
15 but anyways, how many acre foot of water they're
16 going to give us, so it will be a water right.

17 Anyways, the impact it's going to have like
18 on the wildlife it's going to have, because they
19 should be required to plant over their pipeline. I
20 know that there's power going to go in there, the
21 animals will come back and stuff like that, but
22 that's the biggest impact right then while they're
23 putting that pipeline in, the wildlife coming back.

24 Because the snowfall, everything is
25 changing. The snowfall, if we have a big snowfall so

1 that's what replenishes the water, the rain
2 replenishes the water. If we don't have that, we
3 become dry for a year, that takes our water table
4 down a lot. So if they pump out that water, then we
5 lose up here off the top.

6 MELISSA OPPENHEIN: P.O. Box 6077, Ibapah,
7 Utah 84034. My comment, my concern is that what the
8 impact will be after I would say like 10 to 20,
9 30 years, somewhere around there, because of our
10 weather, some years we have a good snowfall and other
11 years we don't.

12 Then what I have noticed this year is that
13 from last year our water pressure went low, like it
14 was about three or four times during the summer of
15 last year. This year I think the water level went
16 low once. So we don't know how much snowfall we're
17 going to get. That's what I think was affecting it
18 is our weather, I mean the snowfall and how much
19 water we get every year.

20 So, I mean, maybe we'll be like Oklahoma. I
21 mean, their drought that they're going through this
22 year, I mean, I heard, it's scary. So for the future
23 of our kids, I mean, what's going to happen to them
24 when the water level goes low? They won't have
25 anything. And it will affect our tribe in the

1 future.

2 ED NARANJO: That document, the EIS, is
3 4,000 pages. The holy Bible is just a little bit
4 more than a thousand pages and it takes about a year
5 to read the holy Bible. They expect us to read this
6 document in 60 days?

7 CHARLENE PETE: HC 61 Box 6047, Ibapah,
8 Utah. My comment or concern is that I feel that if
9 this approval of the wells and the pipeline go
10 through, that we will turn into an Owens Valley out
11 here. And I know that firsthand because I did grow
12 up for a few years in Los Angeles County where I
13 would see large dust clouds come over the San Gabriel
14 Mountains when there was a good Santa Ana wind, and I
15 believe that that can definitely occur out here.

16 I never had allergies in my life, I mean I
17 had allergies, but I never had asthma until I came
18 out here, and that's just because there's large sand
19 and dust devils would blow out here. So I can
20 definitely see something like that occurring out here
21 if these wells were to go through. So that is my
22 concern and my comment.

23 (Thereupon the proceedings
24 were concluded at 4:25 p.m.)

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STATE OF NEVADA)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand this 14th day of September, 2011.

Deborah Ann Hines, CCR #473, RPR