

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 3, 2011**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. There were no public presentations.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Aguayo, Darling, Parra, & Simonian

City Staff Present: City Manager Elias, Finance Director Wong, Community Development Director Deaver, Public Works Director Weisser, Administrative Assistant Mukai, City Attorney Wolfe, Acting Fire Chief Lopez, Planning Consultant O'Neal

PRESENTATION BY QUAD KNOPF: PROPOSAL TO REVIEW THE RESTATED COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT (CID)

City Manager Elias said that at a recent meeting CID presented their Restated Cooperative Agreement with the City to impose fees for groundwater impacts. At a subsequent meeting, the Council directed staff to contact a consultant who could provide an expert evaluation of the matter, with alternatives to addressing the groundwater impacts stated in CID's agreement. Quad Knopf has provided a proposal to review the CID agreement. They possess knowledge and reference information on the issue, as they have already been working with other affected cities.

Quad Knopf representative Mike Knopf spoke about CID's assertions regarding groundwater impacts, noting that their chosen path has been litigation with cities that do not approve their respective agreements. The City's objective would be to establish a well-documented position that reflects it's approach to addressing groundwater impacts.

Representative Ron Wathen stated that Quad Knopf's work would be done on a step by step basis, with a comprehensive document review and a possible hydrology analysis, to provide adequate information to correctly assess the situation. Once a draft analysis is complete, depending on what is learned, further discussions with CID may be warranted.

Councilmember Parra made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Simonian, to approve Quad Knopf's proposal to review the Restated Cooperative Agreement between Consolidated Irrigation District and the City of Fowler, and to develop alternative strategies to address groundwater usage. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Simonian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Darling. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.