

**iii. Water Trust Board** The draw down schedule for funds to pay Souder Miller for the planning and designs they are preparing, and Open Meetings Resolution need to be submitted to WTB soon. Ken and Joe will work on that. Joe will also formulate a rebuttal to the Carnuel MDWCA's objection to the way the WTB monies were distributed to defend El Creston's request and receipt of \$100,000 for the planning and design phase of the first phase (well, tank, pump, infrastructure and standpipe) of our project. This rebuttal/defense must also be submitted soon. Joe will get the deadline for submissions.

**iv. NMED** It appears that the Drinking Water Bureau State Revolving Fund monies we had thought might become available to El Creston as a result of the governor's water emergency declaration are available only to associations that have existing water systems which are broken and in need of repair, not to new systems. Joe and Ramon met with Margaret Ryan and Andy Edmundson of the NMED/DWB responding to a long series of questions from them about our project.

**v. USDA** El Creston can submit a funding application for construction to USDA without the designs and plans completed, however the plans and designs will be a requirement of the USDA's letter of conditions should the project be funded.

**vi. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)** Gene Solyntjes and Jim Peters met with Mr. Alderete of the BOR in June who told them that the BOR drills quality wells and that El Creston should be on their list of projects for the future. Because they have many projects on their list it will be some time before the El Creston Project will rise to the top of the list. However, it may be the timing of this might be perfect for drilling our second the well in Sheridan. Gene/Jim moved and seconded that we submit the letter prepared by Ramon and Joe to the BOR to get our project on the list. The motion was unanimously approved. Gene will assist Mr. Alderete in obtaining the name of the acequia the City of Las Vegas has submitted as a repair project for the BOR list.

**vii. Next steps** El Creston must figure out the order of applying for funds from the various agencies which makes the most sense for advancing our project and complying with the agencies' requirements and timelines.

**viii. Funding workshop** A date will be determined for this.

**c. Water emergency update**

**i. Number of households that have lost water** No new ones have been identified.

**ii. Status of information gathering** Eric Winkel is a new water delivery