

Mr. Janacek,

Does the contract with Fort Bliss affect conjunctive management of the Hueco Bolson.?

I do not know the details of the EPWU/Ft. Bliss contract, and questions on it should be addressed to EPWU.

If EPWU elects to increase production from the Hueco Bolson in order to supply water to Fort Bliss, must EPWU then decrease pumping for their own customers in order to maintain the sustainability of the Bolson?

Similar to my statement in my December 16 letter to you, this is a hypothetical and detailed question regarding what would be a local decision on groundwater management, and it would more appropriately be addressed to EPWU.

Bill

>>> <JWJANACEK@aol.com> 12/22/2010 11:56 AM >>>

You have said that "Part of that management involves managing the pumping from brackish wells and fresh wells. Thus, from a groundwater management perspective, the brackish wells are not a "new water supply" if one views them as part of the overall management of groundwater pumping from the Hueco Bolson." I asked "Can EPWU increase annual water pumping from the Hueco Bolson to supply the desalination plant without offsetting the increase with a decrease in fresh water pumping?" You answered "EPWU is free to manage pumping from the Hueco Bolson in any way it chooses."

I didn't intend to ask a question regarding the authority of EPWU. I intended to ask a question regarding the conjunctive management of surface water and groundwater. So please allow me to rephrase the question. Does the contract with Fort Bliss affect conjunctive management of the Hueco Bolson.? If EPWU elects to increase production from the Hueco Bolson in order to supply water to Fort Bliss, must EPWU then decrease pumping for their own customers in order to maintain the sustainability of the Bolson?

In a message dated 12/22/2010 10:30:46 A.M. Mountain Standard Time, Bill.Hutchison@twdb.state.tx.us writes:

Mr. Janacek,

Your attachment has four paragraphs. My responses are as follows:

First paragraph: I don't have a copy of the plan handy. If TWDB asked EPWU for information, it would have come from our Planning Division. Connie Townsend (512-463-8290 or Connie.Townsend@twdb.state.tx.us) would be in a better position to address these statements. I have copied her on this response, and have reattached your attachment for her reference.

Second paragraph: Again, this would be better for Connie to address as she is the project manager for Region E.

Third paragraph: Quotes from the plan. No response.

Fourth paragraph, first question: The desalination plant is a "new water supply" in the sense that there are new wells and a treatment plant. However, as I have discussed with you in the past, EPWU conjunctively manages surface water and groundwater (i.e. groundwater pumping increases in

years with reduced surface water diversions). Part of that management involves managing the pumping from brackish wells and fresh wells. Thus, from a groundwater management perspective, the brackish wells are not a "new water supply" if one views them as part of the overall management of groundwater pumping from the Hueco Bolson.

Fourth paragraph, second question: EPWU is free to manage pumping from the Hueco Bolson in any way it chooses.

Bill

>>> <JWJANACEK@aol.com> 12/22/2010 10:18 AM >>>

Dear Dr. Hutchison,

Thank you for your letter of December 16, 2010 wherein you explain that TWDB "is not in a position to address detailed questions regarding a local decision-making process." I would be grateful if you could help me with the attached questions regarding the 2011 Far West Texas Water Plan. Please let me know when I might call to discuss these questions.

Respectfully,

Jimmy Janacek