

**Sherman HPA SH-2
November 12, 2008 Meeting
Participant Comments (C) / Questions (Q) and District Responses (R)**

Q: Will the HPA's be re-designated, and if so, in what timeframe?

R: The HPA process is reiterative – most likely every 5-7-10 years (but no hard timeline) – but these specific 6 HPA's will not be expanded or reduced. They may be eliminated because the goals have been met, but others may be designated as their problems become worse.

Q: Did the board consider designating the entire GMD as a single HPA?

R: Yes. But this would go counter to the sub-unit approach recommended out of the MAC process. Moreover, there are areas of the district experiencing little if any decline.

C: Economically, the entire GMD should be managed together.

R: This is not consistent with the sub-unit approach, but the comment will be provided to the board.

C: Prefer economic incentives to reduce water use rather than regulations.

R: Comment will be passed on to the board.

C: Do not like the lines involved with sub-units. It treats neighbors differently.

R: Duly noted. Comment will be provided to the board.

C: Voluntary (economic) solutions won't work if everyone doesn't participate. Saved water by some may get used by others expanding operations because of the savings.

R: If such an approach was decided upon, the group would need to address this possibility. Voluntary programs may not be able to address this issue, but regulatory programs could.

C: Economic solutions are the most comfortable, but may not include sufficient levels of control to prevent a true water use reduction.

R: This should be an issue of discussion if pursued.

Q: How are we to decide these issues? What if 80% of the stakeholders want one thing and the rest don't?

R: The participating stakeholders need to decide this. You could operate by consensus, or by more formal voting, or however you want. At the end of the process the board is expecting some recommendations from the stakeholders on what to do, and when and how to do it.

C: There are not sufficient people in attendance to go much further.

R: No response.

C: Another meeting is desired.

R: District will work with the board to set another meeting later this winter for this HPA, and sufficiently advertise to get the word out.

(NOTE: The above items were merely captured as comments/questions/discussion points. No final decisions or recommendations were made by the meeting participants regarding any of them. If any participant feels these notes are in error or need more clarification, GMD staff should be contacted about those concerns.)