Minutes of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization Meeting July 16, 1994

Board Members Present: Terri Bailey, Katie Beishline, Thomas Burton, Robert Carlyle, Halcie Clark, Thomas Fortney, Elizabeth Getzoff (alternate), Bruce Graves, Russell Litchfield, Bill Meyer, John Moriarity, John Tainer, Joseph Weeks.

Mendenhall Ranch Project: Tom Burton reported that the Water Committee had authorized Brian Mooney to send his letter of July 1, 1994, concerning the environmental review for the Mendenhall Ranch Project, to Mr. Michael Coleman of The Coleman Planning Group, consultant for the Vista Irrigation District. The approved expenditure of \$1500 for this project was exceeded. After discussion of the estimated costs (\$10,000 for the first 4 months) of hiring Brian Mooney Associates to lobby on behalf of the PMPO, the Board approved a motion to pay Brian Mooney Associates the \$2700 payment for work done to date (including attendance at the preceding Special Meeting), and to approve the notice of this meeting that had previously been sent by the Water Committee to Palomar Mountain General Delivery.

Tom Burton agreed to write a friendly letter to David and Pat Mendenhall reporting on the meeting today, expressing the community's concern, and stating that the PMPO Board continues to have an open mind on the proposed project.

John Tainer proposed contacting Dr. David Huntley, the ground water hydrology expert from San Diego State University, to request that he review for the PMPO the materials distributed by the Vista Irrigation District concerning SAMDA Inc.'s studies of the Mendenhall Ranch Project. The PMPO Board approved a motion authorizing the expenditure of a few \$100 to have Dr. Huntley write a preliminary letter expressing his concerns regarding the proposed pumping tests, and, if and when invited to a presentation by the Vista Irrigation District, to ask Brian Mooney and Dave Huntley to be "our eyes and ears" at this meeting.

Katie Beishline proposed that research on the impact of deep wells on other aquifers would be helpful. Joe Weeks mentioned that KPBS had recently aired a program entitled "A Thirsty World", reporting on water use in Florida. Brian Mooney will get a copy of this video. The meeting was adjourned.