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Date: 4/30/2001 8:43:46 PM
To: DaveBrookings; 'Valerie Lee'
Subject: FW: Yesterdays meeting.

I am afraid that Larry is rattling the Corps.

[JacquelineVander Veen] -----Original Message-----
From: Pierce, Stephen R NWS [mailto:Stephen.R.Pierce@NWS02.usace.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2001 12:22 PM
To: Scuderi, Michael R NWS
Cc: Jackie VanderVeen (E-mail); Malmgren, Ronald L NWS; Smith, James R NWS
Subject: RE: Yesterdays meeting.

I talked to Larry on the Phone this morning about some of this stuff.

I told him Val was trying to build consensus. That the colored dots, whether secret or not, shouldn't haven't threatened anyone. The farmers down by Larry didn't vote cause it was secret. I told him we need to reduce the list with the information from the 10% design. We plan on spending \$2,000,000 on the remaining alternatives and we can't study all of them. Larry said that we hadn't been clear on that point. Corps hand outs were questioned. Concern that Val had changed them. I told him Val just cleaned them up, and didn't change content. He thought I had done something tricky by putting Sterling levee and Mount Vernon wall in the scope. I told him we were working on options and that both Sterling, Mount Vernon and Clearlake options did nothing to determine the grand scheme. They were details that needed to be studied. He's concerned about hydraulic impacts of anything built at Sterling affecting Nookachamps. I should have told him that we were going to let economics determine the options. Maybe some of the solutions will be horsetrade. I further told Larry that the Economic report had not been provided the county yet. That's why it had not been passed out. It's not done yet. I told him that for planning purposes, property values were calculated at \$3,450 per acre for Alter 4 and \$4,085 per acre for Alter 1 for Ag land. That the number was just a planning number at this point. This info had been requested by Leonard.
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-----Original Message-----
From: Larry Kunzler [mailto:Larry@hagens-berman.com]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2001 9:28 AM
To: 'Scuderi, Michael R NWS'
Cc: Stephen R. Pierce (E-mail 2)
Subject: RE: Yesterdays meeting.

Not very well. I told the resource agencies to get off their ass and attend your meetings. Stephen didn't get what he wanted as for as a direction on what project to focus on. He should have just asked for either diversion, setbacks, or overtopping. Actually I think he did (at least that is what I heard) ask for that but he wasn't adamant about it and Valerie turned it into a project by project discussion which got nowhere. Then she did the most insane thing I have ever seen anyone do. She asked for people to rank the projects with stickers but to do it in secret and things went downhill from there. The agency people didn't want anyone knowing what they were thinking and

the farmers and myself refused to participate in secret government. The economist talked like all economist. One side of his mouth says no problem any project is justified then the other side says the figures could change. Big fight brewing with DOT who wants to fund and build Highway 20 in a different location then we need it to be built. Threatened that if they don't get funding "RIGHT AWAY" the whole Highway project could be lost. This needs immediate attention.

Then there was a document that was handed out that before I got there I asked Valerie who authored the document and she replied, "It was the Corp but we re-worked it." I don't have it here in front of me but its the one that all of a sudden there is a " floodwall" in Mt. Vernon and a "levee" in Sterling in all the projects. This was never discussed other then in passing at any of the meetings I have been at and now it is policy. It appears that there have been some meetings behind the scenes. The document went unchallenged yesterday but I plan on bringing it up in either a letter or e-mail. Before we build any levee in Sterling we have to know what the hydraulic impacts will be on Sterling and Nookachamps. Another thing that bothers me is that the document the Corp provided the County with relating to the cost figures or damage estimates was not made public yesterday. I want to insist that anything the Corp gives the County be shared with the committee. Other than that it was a delightful meeting with fun and games had by all. Have a good weekend.

Steve: Leonard says you are going to e-mail me something today.

-----Original Message-----

From: Scuderi, Michael R NWS [mailto:Michael.R.Scuderi@NWS02.usace.army.mil]

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2001 9:02 AM

To: 'Larry Kunzler'

Subject:

Hi Larry,

How did the working group meeting go?

Mike