

Summary of Speaker Comments at the February 12, 2004 RCWPG Meeting

1. David Nabors, Region D landowner

Mr. Nabors quoted some numbers from the 2002 State Water Plan involving 211 reservoirs and 41.9 million acre-feet of water. He stated that Region C does not need a new reservoir and commented that engineers get 35% contingency fees on these projects. He pleaded with the group to work together. He referenced a letter from Max Sandlin and urged the region to use the water it already has.

2. Rita Bevins, Sierra Club

Ms. Bevins questioned the RCWPG as to why they included a 13-page memo responding to the "citizen's briefing" packet on the Region C web site without including the "citizen's briefing" packet (*Marvin Nichols, Refocusing the Debate*). Ms. Bevins requested that either the response memo be removed from the web site or the citizen's briefing packet be added to the web site.

Jim Parks stated that he would consult with the executive committee regarding this topic. The current policy regarding posting items on the website is that anything emailed to the RCWPG is also posted on the web site.

3. Beth Johnson, Freelance Issue Advocacy

Ms. Johnson discussed water management strategies. She emphasized that Region C should fully utilize existing water supplies. Ms. Johnson stated that her main concern was to avoid construction of the Marvin Nichols Reservoir. She suggested contacting all of the water rights holders about selling or contracting "extra" water.