

## **Aamodt Decision for Members of the Tesuque Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association – Communication #5**

- **What is the difference between the regional water system and the County Water Utility?**
  - The regional water system includes the surface water diversion facilities, the County Distribution System and the Pueblo Water Facilities, and the treatment, transmission, storage and distribution facilities and well fields. The County Water Utility is the water utility organized by the County to provide water received from the Regional System to customers on non-Pueblo land in the Pojoaque Basin.
- **How will the regional water system be managed and by whom?**
  - The regional water system will be operated and managed by the County and the four Pueblos pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement and Operating Agreement. The proposed draft Joint Powers Agreement anticipates a board consisting of representatives of the Pueblos and the County. The County Water Utility has been identified as the likely initial operator of the regional water system. The County and Pueblos are negotiating the specific terms of this agreement.
- **When will the regional water system be built?**
  - The system must be substantially completed by 2024.
- **Who will build the regional water system?**
  - The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will contract for and oversee the construction of the regional water system.
- **Who will own the regional water system?**
  - The proposed Regional Water Authority will own all of the common system, including easements and rights of way. Each Pueblo will own that portion of the system located within that Pueblo's lands that serves only that Pueblo. The County will own the portion of the system that serves water customers on non-Pueblo land.

This communication is part of the Board's ongoing effort to inform our Members on issues related to the potential impacts of the Aamodt Agreement.

**"Save the Date"**

**TWA Annual Meeting, July 8, 2015 at Tesuque Elementary School 6PM.**