

an interested party, may consider and begin the process of establishing a management area specifically for conjunctive use management. The current language provides the NRD may consult with surface water appropriators and DWR on the matter. (AM)3745 adds ground water irrigators to the list of those the NRD is required to consult with. Section 34, subsection (3), page 39, after DWR completes a study requested by an NRD on whether a conjunctive use area should be established, a public hearing is set. Section 34, subsection (3) requires the Director of DWR to consult with surface water appropriators and the affected NRDs to fix a time and place for a hearing. AM3745 adds ground water irrigators to the list of those that the DWR is required to consult. Section 34, subsection (13), page 44, once a management area is established, the NRDs are required to establish measures to monitor the use, that is compliance with controls imposed of hydrologically connected water in the management area. NRDs are directed by LB 108 to consult with the surface water appropriators, irrigation districts, and the Department of Water Resources to establish monitoring measures. AM3745 adds ground water irrigators to those consulted by the NRD. Section 56, on page 63, subsection (2), when the DWR initiates a process for establishing a management area, it first conducts a study and prepares a report. Following completion of the report, the DWR is required to hold a hearing to hear critiques of the report, accept additional information interested parties have to offer. LB 108 provides that all interested parties may testify at the hearing, but specifically provides that the Conservation and Survey Division of JNL, Departments of Health, Environmental Quality, Natural Resource Commission, and affected surface water appropriators may offer testimony. (AM)3745 adds ground water irrigators to the list specifically invited to provide testimony. How can you have surface water appropriators invited and not ground water appropriators? You shut out 85 percent of the people irrigating and include the 15 percent that do it in surface water. Section 56, page 63, we did that. Section 58, subsection (1) on page 66, provides that within one year after a management area is established, the DWR, irrigation districts, and affected NRDs are to consult with each other to establish an action plan to stabilize or reduce disputes over compacts or decrees or state's...or other formal state contracts or decrees. AM3745 adds ground water irrigators to the list of those who are included in this consultation process. Relatively simple amendment, provides input from ground water irrigators where we