

Hello Neighbor,

On September 23rd the ACC met to consider approval of the encumbrance for the K2 well. I was at work so I wasn't able to listen to it. I talked to several people that listened to it live over the internet. What follows is based on those discussions.

1. ACC postponed making a decision until their December 16th meeting.
 - The ACC commissioners postponed their decision to give PSWID more time to start the condemnation. If the condemnation is in place by the December meeting the ACC commissioners can avoid making a decision.

Comment: It isn't the role of the ACC to "buy time" for one side or the other. This request was originally filed June 11, 2007. What would typically have taken a few months to get approval for has now taken 15 months and it will be 18 months before there is a decision made. With the active help of Commissioner Mayes, Mr. Gliege and Rim Country Water have been able to delay a decision with a case that has little legal merit.

One of the clauses in the K2 agreement is that if the PSWID board determines that the test well will not be completed by May 2009, that the board can terminate the agreement. The ACC delay has likely resulted in the ability of the board to exercise this termination clause in January.

This will leave the community without a water solution if the water companies can not be purchased. The ability of the PSWID board to acquire funding looks doubtful to us.

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