

VISPO History and Summary

Concept – use \$ incentives to reduce pumping during severe drought

Background

- A. Historical efforts
 - i. 1996 DY0 discussion
 - ii. 1997 ISP
 - iii. informal attempts in the early 2000's

- B. EARIP workgroup – EAA, SAWS, Adam, Rader, NRCS, Farm Bureau, M. Kelly, Gulley
 - i. started meeting April 2010
 - ii. issues: enrollment goal, eligibility, term, \$\$\$, trigger, name, etc.

Communication Efforts

- A. November 2010 newsletter to all irrigators w/ VISPO highlights and meeting invite
- B. meetings 12/6 – Uvalde (40, positive); 12/7 Castroville (100+, mixed message)
- C. Questionnaire soliciting interest mid-December; due Mid-January (17,000; 65% - 5; 35% - 10)

VISPO elements - enrollment goal, term, \$\$\$, trigger; opt out possibility

VISPO benefit – (Table 5-7 of EAHCP)

Springflow Occurrences below Selected Thresholds (1947–2000)		
Threshold (cfs)	Baseline (340K+)	VISPO
0	38	26
30	54	36
45	62	47
60	73	59

2013 Activities

- A. November 2012 newsletter outlining program & listing info meetings
- B. Meetings: 12/12 – EAA; 1/9 – Hondo; and 1/14 – Uvalde (30 total)
- C. VISPO link on EAHCP website with info
- D. South Texas irrigation Conference (1/31) Hondo (100)
- E. Lunch meetings to review Forbearance Agreement 3/19 – Castroville, and 3/20 Uvalde (30)
- F. September meetings 9/17 Castroville, and 9/20 Uvalde (25)
- G. Drought spurred late enrollment (10,718 AF – 48%) of 22,378 AF
 - i. 51% 5-year (11,384); 49% 10 year (10,994)
 - ii. 75% BIG; 25% UIG

2014 Activities

- A. Enrollment (starting enrollment 22,378 AF)
 - i. February - 1,142 AF (5); new balance 23,520 AF
 - ii. March – 554 AF (434 AF – 5; 120 AF – 10); new balance 24,074 AF
 - iii. May – 11 AF (5); new balance 24,085 AF
 - iv. July - 405 AF; new balance 24,490 AF
 - v. Potential 1,000 AF +; new balance 25,500 AF
 - vi. September???