

The Citizens' Council on Hail Research

The Council's charter and NCAR's reasons for establishing the Council have already been explained to the ESIG Advisory Committee. Following is a brief summary of recent events.

As required by state law, a public hearing was held on March 29 to consider the request for permit of the NHRE. Two members of the Council attended the hearing in Sterling, Colorado, at which no organized opposition appeared.

During March and April, John Kennedy visited each of the Council members, delivering project planning documents, and advising members of NHRE plans for the 1973 season. Two new members, one from Yuma and one from Holyoke were interviewed and invited to join the Council, thus providing representation from the downwind area south of the Platte River and bringing total membership to 14.

The first meeting was held on May 24 at Sterling, Colorado. NHRE personnel described the summer program and reported on the development of the rockets. John Kennedy explained the ESIG damage network.

On June 21, we hosted a supper meeting at Grover at which the Council members were given a tour of the NHRE headquarters and demonstrations of the equipment. Stewart Borland explained the need for a comprehensive benefit-cost analysis based on damage information from the network and other sources.

The final meeting of the year was held in Sterling on August 8. Some preliminary results of the 1973 season were presented and Allan Murphy reported on the sociological study done in the area for ESIG by Eugene Haas' group.

In 1972, meetings were held on May 2, May 23, June 15, July 6, and October 31. ESIG hopes that at least five meetings can be arranged in 1974.