

Watershed Planning

For WRIA 54: *The Lower Spokane River*



PHASES / OBJECTIVES OF THE WATERSHED PLANNING PROCESS

Phase I

Organization of Planning Unit and Preparation of the Scope of Work

Develop a List of Potential Planning Unit Members that represent a cross-section of stakeholders in Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 54 water resources.

Prepare a Phase II Scope of Work.

Establish Public Involvement Process.

Duration of Phase I does not have a time requirement and typically lasts 1-2 years.

Phase II

Technical Assessment of the Water Resources in WRIA 54

Compile all known information concerning the quantity of water in WRIA 54.

Compile all known information regarding the optional elements (instream flow requirement, water quality, or fish habitat) selected for investigation by the Initiating Agencies.

Based on the database created in Objectives #1 and #2, make recommendations for additional investigations to create the basis to make decisions.

Complete field investigations and data assessment.

Duration of Phase II and Phase III is four (4) years beginning when the Planning Unit first utilizes Phase II funds.

Phase III

Preparation of the Watershed Plan and Recommendations

Compile and summarize technical information and state whether there is any available water.

Evaluate issues and alternatives, and then make recommendations.

Design and recommend an Implementation Program (Implementation Matrix).

Duration of Phase III is four (4) years beginning when the Planning Unit first utilizes Phase II funds.

Phase IV

Implementation of Watershed Program

Counties jointly approve Watershed Plan.

Implementing participants sign agreement formalizing specific responsibilities.

Each implementing participant adopts rules, ordinances, or other authorizing language as appropriate.

Long-term adaptive management of Water Resources in WRIA 54.

Duration of Phase IV is dependant on the implemented actions and includes up to five years of funding.

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