

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
December 5, 2007

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Kris Graf, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Mike Lithgow, <i>Pend Oreille County</i>
Rick Noll, <i>Sp Co Conservation Dist</i>	Tom Wimpy, <i>Diamond Lake</i>
Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>	Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water & Power</i>
Howard Rowley, <i>Horseshoe Lake</i>	Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>
Brian Walker, <i>The Lands Council</i>	Doug Rider, <i>Spokane Co Water Conservancy Board</i>

Consultants Present: Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for November 19, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Mike Lithgow reported at their last meeting the group decided not to include a recommendation about “The Holman vs. Griffith case” in their plan.

Susan Gulick reported that Bryony Stasney from the West Branch has provided amendments to the WRIA 55/57 Watershed Plan which are supported by the West Branch group. They will not be included in the Detailed Implementation Plan but will be considered by the WIT at a later time.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report: Rob Lindsay reported that the next meeting will be held Tuesday December 11, 2007 at Spokane Fire District 9 Station, 1:30 pm, located at Nine Mile Rd and Charles Rd, down the street from the Parks Dept. building.

Conservation: Reanette reported that she has been communicating with WSU about their students preparing model Xeriscaping plans. It was suggested that a list of plants and availability at nursery’s or places to purchase these plants for Xeriscaping would be helpful if included in the information. The RWCC will meet December 13.

Lloyd Brewer reported that the City Conservation Plan and the Water Stewardship Program for next year were presented to the public after Thanksgiving. Lloyd will bring a copy of this to our next meeting in January.

Grants: Rob Lindsay reported that Spokane County will add \$200,000 to the engineering study for the Saltese Flats Restoration to study the potential use of reclaimed water in the restoration. Spokane County is adding tasks for two of the First Tier projects to the Wetland Restoration Feasibility Study. These projects are for analysis of surface runoff storage and infiltration to augment river flow. A volunteer committee is needed to help with the selection of a consultant. Ty Wick, Susan McGeorge, Tom Wimpy and Steve Skipworth volunteered to help with the selection.

APC Meeting: Rob Lindsay reported that the meeting was very interesting. The panel had many views on water restoration and reclaimed water. There were several state agencies, including Idaho, involved.

Detailed Implementation Plan: The Planning Unit reviewed and made the final changes to the Implementation Matrices. The consensus was to approve the Preliminary Approval Draft of the Detailed Implementation Plan. The Planning Unit members will now take this draft to their governing boards for approval. The hope is to do a final approval at the next meeting January 16, 2008 or in early February.

Lloyd Brewer presented a draft of proposed revisions to the Memorandum of Agreement. This will be distributed to WIT members to take to their governing boards, hopefully concurrently with the Detailed Implementation Plan.

Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District Water System Plan: Susan McGeorge, Brian Walker and Kris Graf commented on the Liberty Lake Water System Plan. It was recommended that the plan be accepted.

Other Issues/Announcements:

A Regional Water Conservation Collaboration Meeting will be held December 13, 2007.

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

January 16, 2008

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SCCD Conference Room