

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
July 2, 2008

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>
Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>	Mike Hermanson, <i>Spokane County</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>
Mike Lithgow, <i>Pend Oreille County</i>	Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water & Power</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>
Travis Schmidt, <i>City of Spokane Valley</i>	Howard Rowley, <i>Horseshoe Lake</i>

Guest Present:

Dale Gill, *Private Property Owner*
Alanna Mitchell, *Pend Oreille Conservation District*
Sandy Clavell, *Pend Oreille Conservation District*

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 June 4, 2008 was reviewed and approved with one name change under Implementation Activities: Land Use Issues, should read Susan McGeorge not Susan Gulick.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Howard Rowley reported at their last meeting they had a presentations on bank restoration and potential projects at Sacheen Lake. A PBS&J representative talked briefly about the storage study they will be doing in the West Branch drainage. Their next meeting will be August 25, 2008.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report: Sara Hunt reported last week they held a public elected officials meeting and presented a summary of the group's instream flow decision. They had open discussions and questions. The purpose of the meeting was to educate the public officials.

Conservation: Reanette reported the RWCC had a smart watering workshop June 21 at Liberty Lake Pavilion Park and it was well attended. Lawn sprinkler distributors gave four different presentations; they had good ideas on irrigation efficiency. Irrigation Efficiency classes for public space irrigators will be held this fall. A workgroup of the Regional Water Management Dialogue has asked for proposals for a regional water conservation message from advertising agencies.

APC Meeting: Steve Skipworth reported the APC held their quarterly meeting and Idaho representatives explained their program for stormwater around tank farms at the last meeting. The group will meet next July 15, 2008 at Liberty Lake Sewer & Water from 2-4 pm. The group is looking for someone to coordinate future meetings.

Grant Updates: Reanette reported on the grant amendments for the Department of Ecology and handed out the Scope of Work budget with the 2009 budget. Mike Hermanson reported on a draft scope of work for the Phase 4 Year 2 grant and a draft Little Spokane Watershed Hydrogeologic study that includes mapping areas of water availability concern and potential additional phases that include computer modeling.

Memorandum of Agreement: Reanette reported that signed copies of the MOA from Liberty Lake and City of Spokane Valley are still needed.

Implementation Activities:

1st Quarter Actions

- Water Export: Lloyd will write up the plan of action and bring it to the next meeting.
- Status of Elk gages: The USGS will be installing the real time gage at Elk before the end of the summer.
- Letter regarding water production rates: A draft letter requesting an increase in the required production rate for domestic exempt wells for the issuance of a building permit was reviewed and a few recommended changes will be made to it before it is mailed. The letter will be sent to the county Boards of Health, county Planning Directors, and the County Commissioners.
- Discussion on land use policies related to the above led to the formation of a land use committee. Ecology is forming a work group to develop guidelines on domestic exempt wells statewide.
- Water Master Request: Susan Gulick will draft a letter to the Department of Ecology addressing the reasons for requesting a Water Master. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Beaver dam education strategy: Mike Lithgow reported the Pend Oreille Conservation District worked with the West Branch group to help them understand beavers and their dams. With a better understanding of the beavers and some good research the West Branch group has decided to install "beaver deceivers". They were installed below Sacheen Lake and have been working well.

2nd Quarter Actions

- The July – September matrix was reviewed and discussed.

Other Issues/Announcements:

Sara Hunt advised that any individuals wanting to send letters to the County Commissioner Policy Advisory Group supporting the selection of two WRIA 55/57 proposals/projects submitted to the Columbia River Water Management that will be issued in October should do so by the end of July.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 10, 2008 Columbia River Water Management Water Workshop Moses Lake

July 14, 2008 "Built Green" (low impact development options)
Sponsored by Spokane Home Builders

July 12/13 and 19/20, 2008 Spokane River Forum Rafting Trip more info: spokaneriver.net

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

Wednesday August 6, 2008 9:30am – 12:30pm Chattaroy Fire Station
Land Use Issues Committee Meet 9:00am – 9:30 am Chattaroy Fire Station