

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
August 8, 2007

**Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:**

Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Mike Lithgow, <i>Pend Oreille County</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Kris Graf, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept</i>	Brian Walker, <i>The Lands Council</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Howard Rowley, <i>Horse Shoe Lake</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	
Rick Noll, <i>Sp Co Conservation Dist</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 July 25, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Mike Lithgow reported that the committee had not had a meeting since the last update on July 25. Their next meeting will be August 13, 2007.

**Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:** Reanette reported the first meeting was held and the next meeting will be at Department of Fish and Game, Mirabeau Park, Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Spokane County is working on the contract for a facilitator.

**Conservation:** Reanette reported that the Regional Water Conservation group will have a meeting September 13, 2007, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, at the Department of Ecology.

Lloyd reported that the City of Spokane, Water Stewardship Program will have a \$70,000 budget.

**Detailed Implementation Plan:** The Planning unit discussed and revised Section IV - *Domestic Exempt Wells*, Section 5 - *Water Rights and Claims* and Section VI - *Strategies for Base Flow Augmentation* in the DRAFT 2-year work plan. The section *Instream Flow Needs for the Little Spokane River* will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Inchoate Water Rights Analysis:** A draft letter and a water rights survey form to be sent to municipal water rights holders was reviewed with some changes to be made. Reanette Boese, Mike Lithgow, Ty Wick and Lloyd Brewer offered to make phone calls to water rights holders prior to the letter and survey being sent.

**Other Issues/Announcements:**

Reanette reported that she had received water system plans from Deer Park.

Sara Hunt reported that the executive committee for the Department of Ecology has not made an announcement on their final decision for the 2008-2009 Grants.

Howard Rowley from Horseshoe Lake was present and requested that the Planning Unit write a letter to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Governor Gregoire requesting them to help in

preserving 2800 acres of wetlands that are for sale in the West Branch of the Little Spokane River. The West Branch committee will send us their letter for the whole Watershed group to consider endorsing.

**Other Meetings:**

August 15, 2007 Regional Watershed Planners Meeting Moses Lake

August 28, 2007 Instream Flow Committee Meeting: 2:00 p.m. Department of Fish & Wildlife  
Mirabeau Park

**Next Planning Unit Meeting:**

August 29, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conservation District Conference Room  
Brian Walsh, Department of Ecology will be attending this meeting to discuss Instream Flow rule making and policies.

September 5, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chattaroy Fire Station

September 19, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conservation District Conference Room