

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
October 1, 2008

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

Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>	Walt Edelen, <i>Sp Co Conservation Dist</i>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>	Bill Rickard, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>
Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water &amp; Power</i>	Ben Brattebo, <i>Spokane County</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>

**Consultants Present:** Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*  
Barry Dutton, *PBS&J Consultants*  
Richard Allinger, *PBS&J Consultants*

**Introductions and Meeting Summary:** Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for September 3, 2008 was reviewed and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Greg Sweeney reported the group is working on continuing education on water quantity. Eloika Lake is creating an aquatic weed strategy. Also the beaver deceivers are working; Sacheen Lake level is coming down. The next meeting is October 27.

**Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:** Sara Hunt reported that she will meet again with the Fish and Wildlife Department and the Department of Ecology the first part of November on the Instream Flow for the Spokane River.

**Conservation:** Reanette reported on the RWCC meeting held in September. They will continue to work on conservation messages.

**APC Meeting:** Rob Lindsay reported the APC met September 16, 2008. They agreed to meet quarterly between Washington and Idaho locations.

**Grant Updates:** Reanette reported the \$125,000 funding for year two has been approved. The surplus money from last year will also be allowed to roll over to this year. The cost for the GIS study for Pend Oreille County is costing more than anticipated. Also, the first round of Columbia River grants given out included \$30,000 to the Lands Council for a beaver study and \$250,000 to WSU for the aquifer recharge study.

**Storm Water Update:** Rob Lindsay reported Spokane County is working on two storm water facilities. One is located at the base of Brown Mountain and the other is located at Price and Wall.

**Memorandum of Agreement:** The City of Spokane Valley has signed the MOA, it was the final one to be received.

**PBS&J Presentation:** Barry Dutton and Richard Allinger gave an update on the Scope of Work, and the Goals & Objectives of the Saltese Flats Wetland Restoration Feasibility Study. They also provided an update on the Scope of Work for the WIRA 55/57 Wetland Restoration and Surface Storage Study. They asked for suggestions of wetlands for restoration or other water storage opportunities.

**Implementation Activities:**

A draft letter to Governor Gregoire and local legislators in reference to the purchase of Rustler's Gulch Syndicate property was approved to be mailed.

**Supplemental Grant Application Process:** The grant applications came out today and the administrative applications will be due by December 5<sup>th</sup> and the capital projects will be due the end of December. The group discussed and decided which of the ideas for the grant applications would be submitted this year and which members would help with putting the application together. The top four were:

- Wetlands, surface storage, and groundwater recharge (Ben Brattebo)
- Water Conservation Education and Implementation (Reanette and Sara Hunt)
- Little Spokane River Hydro-Geo Study (Rob Lindsay)
- Update Coordinating Water System Plan (Rob Lindsay, Steve Skipworth and Ty Wick)

**Other Issues/Announcements:**

October 20, 2008 Planning Unit Sub-Committee will meet with the Department of Ecology staff.

Bill Rickard, City of Spokane, reported that the Water Conservation Proposal by the Mayor of Spokane would be on the November County Commissioners meeting agenda. A hearing is scheduled tentatively for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sara Hunt reported the Columbia River Grant applications will be out in December or January 2009 and the Washington State Centennial Clean Water Grant will be out the end of October.

Rob Lindsay reported the WIRA 54 Draft Watershed Plan is out and it can be viewed on their website. Also Rob reported the Board of Spokane River Forum is planning a conference for the public. It will include many river related subjects such as recreation and water reclamation.

Walt Edelen reported that the Conservation District is working on a strategy to deal with the weeds in Eloika Lake.

**Next Planning Unit Meeting:**

November 5, 2008

**9:00am – 12:00pm**

Spokane County Conservation District