

**Meeting Summary
Initiating Agencies
WRIA 54 Lower Spokane River
January 15, 2004**

Initiating Agency members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Doug Allen, Dept. of Ecology	Lloyd Brewer, City of Spokane
Harry McLean, Jr. City of Spokane	Stan Miller, Spokane County
Bill Gilmour, Spokane County	Reanette Boese, Spokane County
Dick Price, Stevens County PUD	Tony Delgado, Stevens County Commissioner
Brian Crossley, Spokane Tribe	
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County Planning	

Other Meeting Attendees:

Lynn Wells Jaime Short

Introductions: Stan Miller called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. Initiating Agency members introduced themselves.

The December 16, 2003 meeting summary was approved with minor revisions.

WRIA 54 Planning Unit Membership/Representation:

Stan Miller distributed a list of potential planning unit representatives for review. Since the meeting in December, the Lloyd Brewer of the City of Spokane requested Dale Arnold representing the wastewater treatment plant and Brad Blegen representing the City of Spokane Water Department be considered as Planning Unit members. Stan emphasized that the composition of the Planning Unit be a broad cross-section of relevant interests that are involved with water. He also pointed out that one interest having more than one vote is unfair to the rest of the Planning Unit membership and could jeopardize the watershed planning process.

Lloyd Brewer stated that he would have to give the city council the last say on any commitments in the watershed plan. If the City of Spokane can have ability to strike an issue in the watershed plan it does not like then does not need to have the representatives from the wastewater treatment plant or Water Dept to have voting ability. Lloyd asked if he could take this approach back to the City and give the other initiating agencies an idea on which way the City is going.

The need for a process to allow people who attend several meetings in a row to become voting members of the Planning Unit was discussed. Within the same Operating Procedure, there would also be a process to remove people who miss several meetings in a row.

The last topic for this agenda item concerned the definition of citizens at large and how to find them. It was generally agreed that there would be two citizens at large on the

Planning Unit and that a newspaper advertisement notifying the public of the watershed planning meeting to obtain the membership. The potential Planning Unit membership list will be updated for review and approval at the next WRIA 54 meeting.

WRIA 54 Optional Elements

Stan Miller led the discussion regarding WRIA 54 optional elements. The elements discussed included water quality, instream flow and multi-purpose storage. Information about each optional element was discussed. It was agreed that water quality and multi-purpose storage were optional elements that should be pursued. The Washington State Department of Ecology needs to have applications for optional elements by April 30, 2004 to be considered for funding. Instream flow was not considered as an optional element to be pursued because there will be instream flows established for the Little Spokane, hangman Creek and Spokane rivers. Lloyd Brewer asked that the decision not be made relative to instream flow until the next meeting. The discussion will be continued at the next Initiating Agency meeting.

Operating Procedures

Stan Miller led the discussion regarding Operating Procedures. Dick Price stated that he agreed that the flexible membership be incorporated into the memorandum of agreement (MOA). Lloyd Brewer stated that the City of Spokane would like to have a MOA that would allow the City to look at the commitments together as a whole, remove any burdensome commitments individually and allow the city council the time to approve commitments in the plan. The discussion of Operating Procedures was tabled until next meeting due to time limitations.

Wrap-up:

The next WRIA 54 Initiating Agency meeting was set for February 19, 2004 at 2:00 pm