

Meeting Summary Planning Unit

Little Spokane River – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan June 2, 2004

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Doug Allen, <i>Dept. of Ecology</i>	Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water</i>	Bruce Howard, <i>Avista</i>
Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>	Dave Jones, <i>Water Quality Advisory Committee</i>	Megan Harding, <i>Dept. of Health</i>
Ty Wick, <i>Spokane Aquifer Joint Board</i>	Jane Cunningham, <i>The Lands Council</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Chuck Gulick, <i>Department of Natural Resources</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>

Consultants that attended the meeting were: Sarah Hubbard-Gray of Hubbard Gray Consulting.

Guests that attended the meeting were: Charles Ross of the National Weather Service and Dale Gill.

Introductions: Sarah Hubbard-Gray called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Committee members introduced themselves. Sarah asked for comments or corrections to the May 13, 2004 meeting summary. No comments were provided.

Update on Technical Work Elements: Reanette passed out two handouts, 1) draft Chapter 2 Technical Information Summary, and 2) Draft Chapter 4 Recommended Actions. She asked the Planning Unit to get comments to her by June 23rd on Chapter 2 and the background sections of Chapter 4.

In addition, Charles Ross of the National Weather Service attended the meeting and explained how the National Weather Service forecasts short-term and long-term streamflow, along with their water supply forecasting. They develop short-term streamflow forecasts daily during the winter and spring and two times per week during the low flow season. In addition, they use a model to develop long-term streamflow forecasts through their River Forecast Center. He indicated that this information will become available for the Spokane River in the near future. The Planning Unit considered this information as they considered associated recommendations under the Plan Implementation section.

Discussion of New Issues and Recommendations: The issues and recommendations associated with Strategies for Groundwater Recharge Enhancement and Approaches to Plan Implementation were discussed and the decisions made are incorporated into Chapter 4 Recommended Actions dated June 17, 2004 (included with the June 29, 2004 Planning Unit meeting notice packet).

Continue Discussion of Issues and Recommendations: The issues and recommendations associated with Strategies for Base Flow Augmentation, Middle Spokane Instream Flow, Little Spokane Instream Flow, and Strategies for Groundwater Recharge Enhancement were discussed and the decisions made are incorporated into Chapter 4 Recommended Actions dated June 17, 2004 (included with the June 29, 2004 Planning Unit meeting notice packet).

During the discussion of issues and recommendations, it was suggested that:

- Table II.1 needs to be edited.
- Find a better term for, or define, 'artificial storage'.

Other Items and Announcements: Discussed Hangman WRIA 56 policy regarding limits on pumping amounts for domestic exempt wells and the need to evaluate whether a consistent policy was needed for WRIAs 55/57 and 54, along with WRIA 56. Doug Allen passed out a handout (RCW 90.44.052 Whitman county clustered residential developments pilot project – Exemption from permit requirements – Reports) and asked the Planning Unit to review it and consider whether they want to coordinate with WRIA 56 on this policy item.

Wrap Up: Due to the amount of work that needs to be done in order to get the first Draft Watershed Plan completed by the end of June 2004, it was decided that two more meetings will be held in June. The next two meetings will be held:

June 9, 2004 (Wednesday), from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

June 29, 2004 (Tuesday), from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Note that the June 23rd meeting was cancelled due to conflicts)

Both of these meetings will be held at the Spokane County Conservation District upstairs conference room.