

**Meeting Summary**  
**Planning Unit**  
Little Spokane River – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
February 7, 2005

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

Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>	Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water &amp; Power</i>	Dave Jensen, <i>Pend Oreille County</i>
Ty Wick, <i>Spokane Aquifer Joint Board</i>	Dave Jones, <i>Water Quality Advisory Committee</i>	Linda Kiefer, <i>Stevens County</i>
Dick Price, <i>Stevens County PUD</i>	Keith Holliday, <i>State Caucus, Department of Ecology</i>	Reanette Boese & Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water</i>		

**Consultants that attended the meeting were:** none

**Guests that attended the meeting were:** Jeff Storms of Sacheen Lake and Dale Smith, Chattaroy.

**Introductions:** Rob called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. Committee members introduced themselves. The meeting summaries for January 11, 14, and 26<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Several changes for the January 26 meeting summary were noted.

**Sacheen Lake and beaver dams:** Jeff Storms explained the problems Sacheen Lake is having with high water levels due to beaver dams. The lake is 2 to 4 feet higher than historical and the level agreed upon with the Department of Ecology. They have permits to manage the lake level with pipes through the beaver dam; however, they are concerned about future access to the pipes. The high lake levels are also adding to the lake's water quality problems. The Sacheen Lake groups would like the plan to acknowledge their problems. The group assured Jeff that we will be interested in the situation at Sacheen Lake when we explore storage / flow augmentation options during implementation.

**SEPA Review of the Watershed Plan:** Reanette and Rob passed out a draft SEPA matrix and a copy of Chapter 5 of the "Final Environmental Impact Statement for Watershed Planning" that was adopted by the Planning Unit on January 26, 2005. The Planning Unit decided that many of the recommendations in our plan are in early planning stages (EPS) and, though they may lead to actions listed as Watershed Planning Alternatives (WP), they are specific enough at this time.

**Chapter 3 of the Watershed Plan:** Further discussion of Chapter 3 led to additional changes. Pend Oreille County would still like data on stream flow to be collected closer to the county boundary.

**Chapter 4 of the Watershed Plan:** The introduction to this chapter needs to contain more about the concerns of Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties. Pend Oreille County would like Issue III.B.03 and the following recommendations changed to "Chattaroy and / or Elk".

**Wrap Up:** The meeting adjourned at about 5:00 p.m. Tentative meetings are scheduled for March 16 or 23, 2005, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Spokane County Conservation District upstairs conference room.