

**Meeting Summary**  
**Planning Unit**  
Little Spokane River – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
May 4, 2005

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

Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>	Tom Hargreaves, <i>Friends of the</i>	Walt Edelen, <i>SCCD</i>
Ty Wick, <i>Spokane Aquifer Joint</i>	<i>Little Spokane Valley</i>	Dave Jensen, <i>Pend Oreille</i>
<i>Board</i>	Dave Jones, <i>Water Quality</i>	<i>County</i>
Dick Price, <i>Stevens County PUD</i>	<i>Advisory Committee</i>	Linda Kiefer, <i>Stevens County</i>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth</i>	Keith Holliday, <i>State Caucus,</i>	Reanette Boese & Rob
<i>Water</i>	<i>Department of Ecology</i>	Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>

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

**Guests that attended the meeting were:** Stan Miller, Jeff Storms of Sacheen Lake and Tim Vore of Avista.

**Introductions:** Rob called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Committee members introduced themselves. The meeting summary for February 7<sup>th</sup> was reviewed and approved.

**Instream flow issues:** Dick Price shared notes from a February 17, 2005 Washington State PUD Association meeting on the instream flow rule setting guidance from the Dept of Ecology. The new rules go beyond setting a minimum flow for the stream.

Tim Vore of Avista discussed the relicensing and the minimum discharge from the Post Falls HED (dam) of 600 / 500 cfs. There is no decision on the license wording at this time. Comments on the PDEA are due May 23. There some discussion on the possibility of Post Falls being re-licensed separately from the other dams on the Spokane River.

**Update on Approval Process:** Rob and Reanette with help from Ty Wick, Stan Miller, and Bruce Rawls have been to the Spokane Valley City Council, the Liberty Lake Planning Commission, and the Town of Millwood Planning Commission. We are waiting for action from these City Councils. Lloyd Brewer presented the Plan to the Spokane City Council on April 19. They approved it with an amendment about City Council participation. They're still not sure exactly what it means.

We may need to define exactly who the governmental members of the Planning Unit are before the vote. County representatives will approve to move the draft plan forward to the adoption process. This doesn't guarantee the Commissioners will adopt the plan.

Dave Jensen shared that the Pend Oreille Watershed Planning Unit has approved its Plan.

**SEPA Review of the Watershed Plan:** Rob passed out a draft Chapter 6 for the SEPA review and Spokane County SEPA checklist for non-project actions. The deadline for comments on both parts is Friday, May 13. There needs to be language in Chapter 6 stating that Spokane County has extra SEPA requirements and the checklist is in the appendices. Stevens and Pend Oreille counties do not have extra SEPA requirements for Chapter 6 and the Ecology document is sufficient for those counties. Also, additional SEPA reviews will be needed before projects recommended in the plan are started.

**Changes to the Watershed Plan:** The Planning Unit accepted most of the potential changes with some changes to the wording. Dave Jensen of Pend Oreille County said the comments from Jim Marthaller were asking for additional wording on instream flows in Chapter 3, not just additions to Table 3C. Dave and Linda Kiefer will submit potential wording for this section. Reanette will email all potential changes to Planning Unit members before the next meeting.

The State's comments were moved to Appendix F. Lloyd pointed out that comments from all Planning Unit members should be included in Appendix F. Reanette will try to find them all and add them to the appendix.

**Wrap Up:** Keith suggested that Spokane County work up a draft Phase IV grant application before the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:40.m. The next meeting was scheduled for June 15, 2005, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Spokane County Conservation District upstairs conference room.