

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
February 21, 2007

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Mike Lithgow, <i>Pend Oreille County</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>
Dave Jones, <i>Spokane Co Planning Comm</i>	Tim Vore, <i>Avisita</i>
Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>	Kristine Graf, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Dale Smith, <i>Deer Creek</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	

Consultants Present: Susan Gulick, Sound Resolutions

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for January 17, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

Irrigation Efficiency

Reanette gave an update on the grant from Department of Ecology for irrigation efficiency pilot projects and indicated some of the money is also being used to fund two irrigation efficiency classes, being held next week. A number of agencies have expressed an interest in applying for the irrigation project funds. Ty Wick gave a brief update on the conservation education projects being done by the SAJB.

West Branch Little Spokane River

Mike Lithgow reported this group is continuing to develop operating rules and procedures and are working toward finalizing a process for selecting a facilitator. The next meeting will be February 26, 2007 at Riverside Fire Dept.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report

The Middle Spokane Instream Flow draft report came out February 14, 2007 and is on the website in electronic format. The Instream Flow Technical meeting relating to this will be February 27, 2007 at Spokane County Public Works Bldg., Room 2-B and the combined meeting with WRIA 54 and WRIA 55/57 is scheduled for the afternoon of February 28, 2007 at the Airway Heights Community Center. This report should be finalized mid-May.

Detailed Implementation Plan: Susan Gulick advised the Planning Unit members how she would like to handle the prioritization process and Reanette then gave a historical explanation of how ranking of recommendations had occurred. The Planning Unit members then began ranking the recommendations based on benefit to the watershed, practicality of implementing the recommendation, who should be involved in its implementation and what ideas could be done. The Planning Unit completed recommendations I.A.01.a through I.A.02.e. The draft DIP is to be completed within one year.

Avista FERC Relicensing:

Comments are due by March 6, 2007 to FERC. Tim Vore outlined his concerns on the draft letter from the Planning Unit that may be sent to FERC relating to the recommended instream

flows approved in the Plan mainly at Barker, for aesthetics in downtown Spokane and at Post Falls. A lengthy discussion ensued and consensus could not be reached on whether or not to send this letter from the Planning Unit. Planning unit members were encouraged to send letters to FERC on their own. Individuals can comment to FERC.

Other Issues:

Water Reclamation - The results from the report on water reclamation done for the City of Spokane are available and a meeting will be scheduled in March to review these.

Mt. Spokane State Park – Rob Lindsey indicated the Mt. Spokane State Park Committee is considering a proposal from the ski area operator to expand its operation at this site to the backside of the mountain. Comments on this proposal are being taken on the web until April 1, 2007. Meetings will be held in early March and April on this issue.

Closing:

Please send comments to Reanette by the end of this week on the draft letter to Group A municipal water suppliers inviting them to participate in the Planning Unit Implementation Team process as required by RCW 90.82.048.

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

March 21, 2007, Conservation District, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.