

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

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Mike Lithgow, *Pend Oreille County*
Susan McGeorge, *Whitworth Water*
Tim Vore, *Avista*
Greg Sweeney, *Eloika Lake Assoc*
Kristine Graf, *City of Spokane Water*
Sara Hunt, *Dept of Ecology*
Claudia Crawford, *Whitworth Water*

Lloyd Brewer, *City of Spokane*
Ty Wick, *SAJB*
Todd Henry, *Vera Water*
Reanette Boese, *Spokane County*
Rick Noll, *Spokane County Conservation District*
Tom Wimpy, *Diamond Lake*

Visitors Present: Stan Miller, Bill Rickard, Jim McInnis and Marcia Davis.

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 February 21, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Tom Wimpy reported that this group has completed their operating procedures and are now working toward hiring a facilitator. The next meeting will be March 26, 2007.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report: Reanette Boese indicated a public meeting was held on February 28, 2007 and information was presented on the instream flows and the numbers needed to maximize fish habitat were greater just downstream of Monroe than they were further downstream near the Gun Club. These new flows appear to be a good match with the flows recommended at Barker. The next step will be establishing a flow regime for the entire river section. The draft report is on the website and comments are due Friday, March 23, 2007.

Irrigation Efficiency: Two conservation classes will be held April 11, 2007 for irrigators of park type spaces and April 12, 2007 for school maintenance staff from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm. This is being funded by part of the irrigation efficiency grant money. If you would like more information, please contact Reanette.

Reanette also reported five agencies had applied for irrigation project grant funds. The City of Deer Park's application was the committee's first choice. Other applicants selected for funding all or part of their requests were: East Valley School District, Spokane Public Schools (Chase Middle School), Fairmount Memorial Association and Spokane County Parks \$5,000. The Planning Unit will need to approve the committee's funding request and the Department of Ecology will also need to review and approve the applications and results. Rick Knoll, Spokane County Conservation District moved to approve and Ty Wick, SAJB seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

SAJB Conservation Grant: Ty Wick reported on the SAJB conservation education projects being undertaken with a Department of Ecology grant. The comic books have been approved by Department of Ecology and work continues on the virtual educational field trips and airtime for the TV spots for public announcements relating to conservation.

Detailed Implementation Plan: The Planning Unit ranked and discussed recommendations I.A.02.f through II.E.01.a. of the Detailed Implementation Plan. The Planning Unit agreed to skip Policy III (Instream Flow Needs for the Little Spokane River) to allow time for input from the West Branch of the Lower Spokane River Watershed Committee. At the next meeting on April 4, the Planning Unit will continue this analysis beginning with Policy IV.

Spokane Area Irrigation District Feasibility Study: Bill Rickard, Jim McInnis and Marcia Davis of the City of Spokane presented information on a Department of Ecology funded large-scale irrigation reclamation project that has just been completed. The study was done by Cascade Earth Sciences for the City of Spokane and looked at the feasibility of establishing a large scale irrigation district that could use Spokane River Basin reclaimed water. The investigation resulted in locating several potential large scale irrigation areas that might benefit from using reclaimed water.

Other Issues: Susan Gulick indicated she felt either more meetings or longer meetings were necessary in order to compile tasks in this Phase. It was decided that the Planning Unit would try to have two meetings a month when possible until the matrix has been completed, starting with the dates noted below.

Other Announcements:

The annual Watershed Meeting will be held in Moses Lake, May 17, 2007. It will be an all day meeting with agencies from the west side of the state.

A Washington Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting is being held March 27, 2007, 6:30 p.m., at the Spokane Valley Hospital.

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

April 4, 2007	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Place to be announced (North)
April 18, 2007	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Conservation District Conference Room
May 2, 2007	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Place to be announced (North)