

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
April 18, 2007

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

Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>
Todd Henry, <i>Vera Water and Power</i>	Dave Jones, <i>Spokane County Planning Comm.</i>
Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Rick Noll, <i>Spokane Co Conservation Dist</i>	Brian Walker, <i>The Lands Council</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Tom Wimpy, <i>Diamond Lake</i>
Kristine Graf, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Scott Kuhta, <i>City of Spokane Valley</i>

**Consultants Present:** Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*  
Laura Blackmore, *Cascadia Consulting Group*

**Guest Present:**

Harry McLean Jr, <i>City of Spokane Water</i>	Bryony Stasney, <i>Golder Assoc</i>
Victoria Leuba, <i>Ecology/WRR</i>	Dan Tolleson, <i>Ecology WR</i>

**Introductions and Meeting Summary:** Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for April 4, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Greg Sweeney reported that at their last meeting committee members completed putting together their Mission Statement, visions, and policies for the group. The members will identify priorities that are common to the West Branch area and bring specific action recommendations to the committee, at their next meeting for consideration.

**Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:** Rob Lindsay reported that the consultants have received the Instream Flow Report and a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft report will be available in early May. If they are interested in participating in the Instream Flow work group, he requested WRIA55 and 57 committee members to sign up. They will be setting a meeting for Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> in Airway Heights for WRIA54 in the morning and a combination WRIA54 and 57 Instream Flow meeting in the afternoon.

On April 25, 2007, 10:00 AM, Airway Heights Community Center, there will be a WRIA54 Planning Unit Meeting with a presentation on instream flow rule-making by Brian Walsh, Department of Ecology. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, a WRIA 54 Planning Unit meeting will take place at Lakeside High School in Suncrest and Avista will be giving a presentation on how they operate river instream flows and hydro projects.

**Irrigation Efficiency:** Reanette reported the irrigation classes for the school districts and other public space irrigators were very informative. Tim Wilson of H2O Stewardship Solutions gave a good presentation. Also the letters of agreement for the recipients of the irrigation system upgrades grant money are about ready to be signed.

**SAJB Conservation Grant:** Ty Wick reported the first commercial is complete and will be airing this Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and will run through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Additional radio and TV spots will be following. The first commercial will be about how much water is used when you let a hose run for one hour, and will then move into the idea that when you conserve water you can maintain the quality of life we are accustomed to in the Spokane area.

**Inchoate Water Rights Analysis:** Laura Blackmore of Cascadia Consulting Group discussed the Inchoate (water yet to be used) Water Rights analysis that she will be putting together for the planning unit. She will gather information from Department of Health, usage from the water systems plans and Water Rights from the Department of Ecology to make calculations of estimated inchoate water. It was suggested by Department of Ecology that the Planning Unit should consider including a recommendation in the Implementation Plan that the Department of Ecology WRTS database and Department of Health Sentry database be made compatible.

**Detailed Implementation Plan:** The Planning Unit ranked and discussed recommendations starting with Issue V.A.02 through VI.A.01.f. At the next meeting on May 2nd, the Planning Unit will continue this analysis beginning with Issue VI.A.02.

**Other Issues/Announcements:** Reanette reported that Sara Hunt from Department of Ecology had sent her new forms for potential grants for the next biennium. If committee members have any ideas for projects to be considered, they should be sent to Reanette by May 10, 2007. She will email old or past ideas out to the Planning Unit members in the next couple days. We will discuss the proposals at the May 16 WRIA 55/57 meeting. Grant applications will need to be sent back to Sara by June 11, 2007.

The Columbia River Management Program could be an opportunity for grants also. Information on the CRWMP will be provided at the May 17 workshop in Moses Lake.

Lloyd Brewer reported that Phase I of the grant opportunity that the City of Spokane received relating to water reclamation has been completed and the report detailing the Phase I funding are on CD's that are available from him. This study is about using treated water for irrigation and other non-potable uses.

**Other Meetings:**

Rathdrum/Spokane Aquifer Conference	May 8 and 9, 2007, pre-registration needed
Moses Lake Watershed Meeting	May 17, 2007; pre-registration needed

**Next Planning Unit Meeting:**

May 2, 2007	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Chattaroy Fire Station
May 16, 2007	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Spokane County Conservation District Conference Room