

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
June 6, 2007

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

Stan Miller, <i>Spokane County</i>	Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>
Mike Lithgow, <i>Pend Oreille County</i>	Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>
Todd Henry, <i>Vera Water</i>	Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water District</i>
Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Rick Noll, <i>Spokane Co Conservation Dist</i>	Mike Hermanson, <i>Spokane County</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Bill Harmon, <i>West Branch LSR Watershed Comm</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Bill Rickard, <i>City of Spokane</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 May 16, 2007 was reviewed and approved with one correction, West Branch Little Spokane River Committee Reports was listed as *no update*, rather than there was no meeting since the last Planning meeting so there was nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Bill Harmon and Greg Sweeney reported that the sub committee met and worked on the grant to submit it to the Planning Unit before submitting it to the Department of Ecology.

**Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:** Reanette reported that the WRIA54/55/57 Watershed Planning Unit meeting being held on June 27, 2007 at Airway Heights, Community Bldg. has been changed to 10 a.m. This will be a “kick off” meeting to set the scope of what the Instream Flow Committee will do. Reanette will send out a list of people who have signed up for the committee and ask for additional committee members.

**Conservation:** Reanette reported the Regional Committee has decided to have public irrigation classes next year. Members have discussed possible ways to prepare a list of contractors able to install efficient sprinkler systems for distribution to the public. Ty Wick reported that the elementary school level virtual tour field trips have been reviewed and completed and the middle school field trip is almost complete.

**Fiscal Years 2008 & 2009 Grant Proposals:** Copies of the draft grant proposals were handed out and the Planning Unit reviewed and then prioritized again because some had been changed to capital rather than operating budget. The following is the result of the grants to be submitted by June 15, 2007 to Department of Ecology:

*Operating Budget*

#1 Little Spokane River West Branch Stream Gauge Operation & Maintenance

- #2 Wetland Restoration Feasibility Study
- #3 Regional Water Conservation Coordinator
- #4 Water Conservation Incentives Program

*Capital Budget*

- #1 Little Spokane River Elk Stream Gauge Re-establishment
- #2 Saltese Flats Restoration Investigation
- #3 West Branch Water Storage Feasibility Assessment
- #4 Middle Spokane River Flow Augmentation Study

*Additional grant proposal to be submitted (did not need to be prioritized)*

Instream Flow Recommendation Facilitation & Support

**Detailed Implementation Plan:** The Planning Unit ranked and discussed recommendations starting with Policy VII.C through VII.C.03.a. At the next meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> the Planning Unit will continue this analysis beginning with Policy VIII.A.

**Other Announcements:**

Mike Lithgow reported that Pend Oreille County has completed its shoreline master program and has applied for a Department of Ecology Shoreline Management Program grant for this. The WRIA 55/57 Watershed Planning Unit voted to support for Pend Oreille County's shoreline master program update and grant proposal.

Rob Lindsay indicated he had heard City of Spokane representatives were meeting with Idaho officials in Coeur d'Alene to discuss bi-state water management issues.

Mike Lithgow stated he had attended a Washington Water Law Conference and one of the topics was on adjudication and adjudication light and how they work.

Sara Hunt reported she would be attending a Reclaimed Water Workshop on June 12, 2007.

**Other Meetings:**

June 27, 2007 WRIA54 /Watershed Planning Unit 10 a.m. Airway Heights Community Bldg.

**Next Planning Unit Meeting:**

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| June 20, 2007 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Conservation District Conference Room |
| July 11, 2007 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Chattaroy Fire Station                |
| July 25, 2007 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Conservation District Conference Room |