

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
June 20, 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>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water Dist.</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Mike Hermanson, <i>Spokane County</i>	Jeff Storms, <i>Sacheen Lake Improvement District</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Brian Walker, <i>The Lands Council</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Dave Jones, <i>Spokane County Planning Commission</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 June 6, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Mike Lithgow reported that there has not been a committee meeting since the Planning Units last meeting.

Mike Lithgow presented copies of the Sacheen Lake Beaver Tube Replacement Project JARPA prepared by Jeff Storms and asked the Planning Unit to comment on this project. This project will use \$15,000 of the money Senator Morton got from the legislature for the West Branch.

The proposed project will cover removing (6) 24”x 20’ tubes and deceivers and smaller 10” to 14” pipe and replacing these with one 48”x 20’ tube and deceivers at 3 beaver dam locations. Mike Lithgow and Jeff Storms will invite Jeff Lawler, Fish and Wildlife Dept. to the next meeting to find out they’re stand on this project. Than the group can discuss it at the July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> meetings and write a letter to be submitted by the end of July. Written comments for this project are supposed to be submitted by July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007 but the public hearing is not until the beginning of August so the WRIA 55/57 can submit comments during that hearing.

**Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:** Reanette reported that the list of participants for Instream Flow Committee emailed to all WRIA 55/57 and WRIA 54 PU members. The first meeting of the instream flow committee is June 27, 2007.

**Conservation:** Reanette reported that they have received one invoice from work done on an Irrigation efficiency pilot project for the irrigation efficiency grant. These projects have to be completed by the end of the month. Reanette will be working on the grants next week.

Ty Wick reported that the Aqua Duck water conservation comic books will be out this week and that the middle school virtual tour field trip is almost complete.

**Grant Updates:** Susan Gulick emailed copies of the grant proposals that were submitted to the Department of Ecology, to the Planning Unit members.

Sara Hunt reported that the regional water team would make an announcement mid-July as to which grants are approved. There were approximately 50 applications of which eastern Washington should receive about 25% of the monies, \$785,000 for operating and \$3.2 million for capital projects.

**Water System Plan of Modern Electric Water Company:** The Planning Unit will send a letter to the Department of Health that states Modern Electric Water Company is in compliance with WRIA 55/57 Watershed Management Plan.

**Detailed Implementation Plan:** The Planning Unit ranked and discussed recommendations starting with Policy VIII.A through Policy/Issue VIII.E.01.c. Then started Section III *Instream Flow Needs for the Little Spokane River*, that had been left to the end of the matrix for more discussion. The unit ended with Issue III B.02.a and will begin with Issue III B.03 on July 11th meeting.

**Other Issues/Announcements:** Lloyd Brewer reported that the Mayor of Post Falls would be willing to host a meeting of elected officials in September, to discuss water conservation and resource management.

Rob Lindsay reported that there would be a briefing of the bi-state aquifer study to the County Commissioners on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

**Other Meetings:**

June 27, 2007 WRIA54/57 Instream Flow meeting 10 a.m. Airway Heights Community Bldg.

July 11, 2007 Kootenai County Aquifer Protection Study 6 p.m.

**Next Planning Unit Meeting:**

July 11, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Chattaroy Fire Station  
Laila Parker from Cascadia Consulting Group will be at this meeting to discuss the draft Inchoate Water Right Study that they are putting together for the planning unit.

July 25, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conservation District Conference Room