

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
July 25, 2007

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Todd Henry, <i>Vera Water</i>	Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>
Mike Lithgow, <i>Pend Oreille County</i>	Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water District</i>
Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Kris Graf, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept</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>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Brian Walker, <i>The Lands Council</i>
Rick Noll, <i>Sp Co Conservation Dist</i>	Molly Matthew, <i>City of Spokane Valley</i>
Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>	

Consultants Present: Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*
Stan Miller, *Spokane County*

Review Agenda: Add 10-15 minutes for Orchard Avenue Irrigation District discussion.

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for July 11, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Greg Sweeney reported that the West Branch Committee continues to work on their draft implementation matrix. The Sacheen Lake Beaver Tube Replacement Project has been put on hold pending additional permitting. It may be next year before the project moves ahead. Reanette presented a copy of the comment letter from Department of Ecology on the project and also a draft letter from the Watershed Plan Implementation Team in support of the project. The Watershed Planning Unit letter was reviewed and approved by the Planning Unit and will be sent before the end of the comment period.

Spokane River Instream Flow Committee: There will be a meeting at the Dept of Fish and Wildlife office at Mirabeau Park, July 26, 2007 with presentations from the Department of Ecology. Also there will be discussion on selection of a facilitator for the Instream Flow Committee.

Conservation: Reanette reported that the grant closed June 30, 2007 but it was suggested that the committee report update be left on the agenda because the City of Spokane and other entities may have water stewardship programs to report. Also after the summer watering season, reports on water usage will be presented.

Detailed Implementation Plan: Susan Gulick presented the first three sections of the DRAFT 2-year work plan to be discussed and revised. The first two sections *Water Conservation, Reclamation and Reuse* and the *Instream Flow Needs for the Middle Spokane River* were discussed. The third section *Instream Flow Needs for the Little Spokane River* will be discussed and revised at a later date.

Grant Update: Sara Hunt reported that the executive committee for the Department of Ecology will meet Monday, July 30th, 2007 to finalize their decision on the 2008-2009 Grants to be approved. She indicated the Watershed Council grant will be approved but the amount made available may be modified somewhat.

Other Issues/Announcements: Susan McGeorge reported she had reviewed Orchard Avenue Irrigation District's Comprehensive Plan and that it was well written and the Plan had covered steps to address conservation rates, leak detection and water theft issues, a Low Flow Year Conservation Plan, education and a number of other conservation related areas. Susan McGeorge, Brain Walker, and Reanette Boese recommended that a letter be sent to the Dept of Health that Orchard Avenue's plan is consistent with the Watershed 55/57 Plan.

Sara Hunt presented a copy of *Chapter 173-500 WAC Water Resources Management Program Established Pursuant To The Water Resources Act of 1971* to the Planning Unit members in response to the request of an explanation of what is a "closed basin". Several members asked Sara for additional information on this subject.

Other Meetings:

July 26, 2007 Instream Flow Committee Meeting 1:30-4:00 p.m. Dept of Fish and Wildlife at Mirabeau Park

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

August 8, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Chattaroy Fire Station
August 29, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Conservation District Conference Room
September 5, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Chattaroy Fire Station
September 19, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Conservation District Conference Room