

Draft Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
September 5, 2007

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Tim Vore, *Avista Utilities*

Greg Sweeney, *Eloika Lake Assoc*

Ty Wick, *SAJB*

Susan McGeorge, *Whitworth Water*

Sara Hunt, *Dept of Ecology*

Howard Rowley, *Horse Shoe Lake*

Todd Henry, *Vera Water*

Lloyd Brewer, *City of Spokane*

Reanette Boese, *Spokane County*

Rob Lindsay, *Spokane County*

Claudia Crawford, *Whitworth Water*

Consultants Present: Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*

Stan Miller, *Spokane County*

Bryony Stasney, *Golder Assoc, for West Branch LSR committee*

Guest Present: Dale Gill, *Private Property Owner LSR*

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for August 29, 2007 was reviewed and approved with changes from Sara Hunt about Brian Walsh's presentation and a statement saying Ecology has not reviewed the West Branch recommended actions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: The committee has not had a meeting since the last Planning Unit meeting.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report: Reanette and Rob reported that they are working on notes from Brian Walsh, Department of Ecology, to provide for their next instream flow meeting and are also working with their new facilitator, Bob Wheeler.

Conservation: Reanette reported that the Regional Water Conservation group will have a meeting September 13, 2007, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, at the Department of Ecology.

Grants: No news on the final decision for the 2008-2009 Grants.

Detailed Implementation Plan: The Planning unit reviewed and discussed the West Branch Committee "Recommended Actions" for Section I, II, III, IV and a portion of Section V.

Other Issues/Announcements:

Reanette presented a copy of a draft letter from the WRIA 55 & 57 WIT requesting Governor Gregoire's support of the state purchase of property located in the headwaters of the Little Spokane River watershed. Copies of the letter will also be sent to the county commissioners. Sara Hunt, Department of Ecology, requested that it be noted that the Department of Ecology remains neutral on this issue. The WIT agreed to send the letter with the understanding that the Department of Ecology remains neutral.

Sara asked if the Planning Unit would schedule 20-30 minutes this fall for the Department of Ecology to give a brief presentation to the Planning Unit on Water Rights Adjudication.

Rob Lindsay reported that the adjudication process in Idaho has been temporarily slowed down.

Greg Sweeney thanked the Planning Unit for the time they have spent on the West Branch Committee recommendations.

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

September 19, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conservation District Conference Room

October 3, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chattaroy Fire Station