

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
September 19, 2007

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

Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>	Brian Walker, <i>The Lands Council</i>
Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>	Mike Lithgow, <i>Pend Oreille County</i>
Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Kris Graf, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept</i>
Rick Noll, <i>Sp Co Conservation Dist</i>	Stan Miller, <i>property owner</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 September 5, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Mike Lithgow reported the committee has not had a meeting since the last Planning Unit meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2007.

**Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:** Reanette reported the committee will meet next week.

**Conservation:** Reanette reported that the Regional Water Conservation Consortium group met and got a report on surveys to find out peoples perception of water conservation and reclamation. The other part of the meeting the group worked on water conservation recommendations to pass on to elected officials at the follow up Bi-State Aquifer meeting in Post Falls on September 27, 2007. The top three recommendations are: daytime watering restrictions (voluntary or regulated), monetary incentives (like inverted rate structures), and landscaping standards for larger properties.

**GRANTS:** Sara Hunt reported no news on the final decision for the 2008-2009 Grants.

**DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** The Planning Unit reviewed and discussed the timing and funding of the immediate actions on the Detailed Implementation Plan. The West Branch recommendations have been added to the plan. The Inchoate Water Rights Analysis has not been included yet because many of the surveys have not been returned.

Rob Lindsay and Lloyd Brewer will work on a draft for a new Memorandum of Understanding for the Planning Unit to consider regarding the planning implementation phase.

**SPOKANE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

Reanette will draft a model letter and e-mail to the planning unit members for their use to comment on the Amendments of the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Unit will also draft a comment letter at the next meeting, October 3, 2007.

## **CONSISTENCY PLAN FOR MOAB IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Kris Graf and Susan McGeorge commented that Moab Irrigation District does have a conservation program that is consistent with the Watershed Plan but it does not clearly identify many of the positive things they have done with respect to leaks, unaccounted for water, rates and reduction in usage. They also felt their answers on the Checklist did not really address the questions. Reanette will distribute a draft letter to be sent back to Moab Irrigation noting our comments.

## **OTHER ISSUES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Rob Lindsay, Reanette Boese and Mike Hermanson will give a presentation to the Spokane County Planning Commission on the progress of the watershed planning groups, September 27, 2007, 9 A.M., at the Public Works Bldg., in the Planning Commission Hearing Room.

## **NEXT PLANNING UNIT MEETING:**

October 3, 2007      9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      Chattaroy Fire Station  
The Department of Ecology will be giving a 15-minute presentation on Water Rights Adjudication.