

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
October 17, 2007

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

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>
Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>	Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>

Consultants Present: Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*

Guest Present: Doug Rider, *Spokane Co Water Conservancy Board*
Dale Gill, *Little Spokane River Private Property Owner*

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for October 3, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: No meetings since our last meeting.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report: Reanette reported the next meeting will be Tuesday October 23, 2007.

Conservation: Reanette reported there will be an outdoor conservation sub work group meeting on October 26.

Grants: Sara Hunt reported that the recipients of the 2008-2009 Grants will be contacted by the Department of Ecology.

Detailed Implementation Plan: The Planning Unit reviewed and discussed the funding for implementation actions that need a dedicated funding source in order to be implemented. The Planning Unit still needs to determine which actions should be prioritized for Phase IV grant funding.

The draft Inchoate Water Rights Analysis will be distributed for review before the next meeting. This will be updated if additional water rights surveys are returned by water purveyors.

By the next meeting in November, Susan will distribute a draft DIP that compiles all the comments received from Planning Unit members. Susan will also distribute the completed 2008-09 Work Plan.

The discussion on the Approval Process/Schedule has been moved to the meeting November 7, 2007.

Phase IV Grant Update: Reanette reported that \$53,500 has been spent of the Grant money. The amount of donated time to date totals a match of \$23,000.

Other Issues/Announcements:

Rick Noll reported that USGS would like annual funds from the Planning Unit for LSR gauging. The approximate costs per year are \$13,880 for gauge and maintenance and \$3,230 for real time information on the web. They have operating money for 2 years but would need funding after that.

Reanette reported that the Planning Unit received a thank you letter from the Department of Fish & Wildlife for their support in the purchase of the “Rustlers Gulch” property.

Rob Lindsay reported that WIRA 34 voted to approve their Watershed Plan and a hearing will be held October 30, 2007, Spokane County. Commissioners Joint Meeting to adopt the plan will be held Monday, November 26, 2007 in Colfax.

Dale Gill commented that the public schools would be interested in helping educate the public on water conservation and also interested in what the Planning Unit is doing.

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

November 7, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chattaroy Fire Station

MONDAY, November 19, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conservation Dist Conference Room