

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
November 7, 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>
Brian Walker, <i>The Lands Council</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Jeff Storms, <i>Sacheen Lake Improvement District</i>
Rick Noll, <i>Sp Co Conservation Dist</i>	Stan Miller, <i>Property Owner</i>
Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>	Travis Schmidt, <i>City of Spokane Valley</i>

Consultants Present: Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*

Guest Present: Doug Rider, *Spokane Co Water Conservancy Board*

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for October 17, 2007 was reviewed and approved with one change under 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.” Change underlined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Jeff Storms reported at their last meeting they had a presentation on milfoil by BiJay Adams. It was a very informative meeting.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report: Rob Lindsay reported at the next meeting December 11, 2007 they will be discussing the potential instream flow amounts and the possible control points. The meeting will be held at the Riverside State Park building near the Nine Mile Falls HED at 9711 W. Charles Rd.

Conservation: Reanette reported the outdoor sub work group met and decided on messages for outdoor conservation, smart watering vs. an exact amount of water. They will use a three tiered approach to get out the message: 1) a clear, concise message for media campaigns, 2) informational web sites and 3) workshops for various audiences. One group they hope to target is retail store employees to give them educational ideas to help buyers with water conservation tips.

Grants: Reanette reported that \$33,500 remains in grant money for the implementation plan. The Saltese Wetlands and the Wetlands Restoration Feasibility grant money will be administered differently because these grants are from capital budget. Consultants will be hired and then the scope of work will be finalized.

DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

A **draft of the Inchoate Water Rights Analysis** was presented and discussed. It was decided that there needs to be further work on this before it is added to the implementation plan. One suggestion was adding a map of the Water System boundaries.

Detailed Implementation Plan. Send your final comments to Susan by Monday November 12th. A revised DIP will be emailed to unit members for review before the next meeting on November 19th.

Approval Process/Schedule. At the meeting December 5, 2007 it is planned to have an informal approval by the planning unit of the Detailed Implementation Plan. The members can then take the DIP to their governing boards for approval. The planning unit will do a final approval of the plan late January or first part of February 2008, then submit to the Department of Ecology, at that time grant funds can start being used.

MOA. The WIT will establish a process for amending the Watershed Plan and include these protocols in the revised MOA for Phase IV implementation. It is hoped that the MOA can be approved in the same meetings where the governing boards approve the DIP.

Inter-local Agreements. It was noted that inter-local agreements will still be needed if shared funding is required to implement certain actions.

Work Plan: The Planning Unit discussed and divided the actions to be funded by Phase IV grants by tiers. They are as follows:

1st Tier

- Data Gap Analysis/water availability concerns
- Feasibility study of surface water run-off storage (to supplement existing wetland grant). This will be combined with identifying potential infiltration areas
- Irrigation efficiency classes
- Instream water storage on West Branch LSR (2009)

2nd Tier

- Identify owners of exempt wells
- Water reclamation/reuse education (if needed, may be covered by existing efforts)

3rd Tier

- Eloika Lake Control Structure (after culvert assessment)
- Survey on perceptions of reclamation/reuse (may not need \$ if info is gathered thru the TMDL process)
- Move pumping away from river
- Water use inventory

WIT Facilitation. Susan Gulick left and the group discussed facilitation for the Implementation of the DIP. It was agreed that Spokane County will negotiate with Susan Gulick to continue as facilitator for the next year using the \$33,500 left from the first year grant.

OTHER ISSUES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rob Lindsay and Susan McGeorge will be attending the Land, Water and Fire Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Thursday November 8th. They will be giving a presentation titled "Tools for Evaluating Exempt Wells".

Lloyd Brewer reported that the Instream Flow and Wellhead Protection recommendations would be presented to the City of Spokane Public Works Committee on November 12, 2007.

NEXT PLANNING UNIT MEETINGS:

MONDAY, November 19, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	SCCD Conference Room
Wednesday, December 5, 2007	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Chattaroy Fire Station