

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
November 19, 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>
Kris Graf, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept</i>	Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>
Rick Noll, <i>Sp Co Conservation Dist</i>	Tom Wimpy, <i>Diamond Lake</i>
Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>	Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water & Power</i>
Howard Rowley, <i>Horseshoe Lake</i>	Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>

Consultants Present: Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*

Guest Present: Dale Gill, *LSR Property Owner*

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. Committee members and guests introduced themselves. The meeting summary for November 7, 2007 was reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Greg Sweeney reported their next meeting would not be until next week. The Holman v Griffith case will be discussed and the outcome of this case could affect decisions made for the Little Spokane River.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report: Reanette Boese reported the next meeting will be December 11, 2007. Sara Hunt reported that Brad Caldwell and John Covert of Ecology and Dr. Hal Beecher of Fish and Wildlife will be at the meeting.

Conservation: Reanette reported they are planning a meeting in the first half of December.

Lloyd Brewer reported that a conservation sub-committee being formed by Mayor Hession will most likely be operating in coordination with the new mayor instead.

Ty Wick reported that Albert Tripp from Airway Heights told Ty that they were not doing mandatory watering/restriction hours at this time.

Grants: Reanette reported that the Grant Amendments for Phase IV were received on Friday and now need signatures. The Saltese Flats and the Wetlands Restoration Feasibility Study are capital projects that will go to the RFQ-P process at Spokane County soon. The scopes for these projects will be finalized after the consultants are selected.

Sara Hunt reported that Phase IV year 2 grant money could be applied for before the Detailed Implementation Plan is finalized and indicated there is a great deal of discussion on stream gauging funding occurring at the State level.

Susan McGeorge reported that the Whitworth Water District has approved budgeting \$17,000 for stream gauging in the District 2008 budget; however she needs additional information on how the costs for this will be administered. Rick Noll will have Ray Smith from USGS contact her about this.

Detailed Implementation Plan: The group reviewed and discussed the draft DIP changes made based on suggestions received from Planning Unit members. The changes clarify county and state obligations. Comments (as opposed to edits or suggested changes to the DIP) from Watershed Implementation Team members made on the final draft will not be included in this draft. These comments can be included in an appendix if a WIT member submits a letter with their comments for inclusion in the DIP. Specific wording changes to the text suggested at the meeting will be distributed to Planning Unit members for review. It was decided that a map of water purveyor service areas would not be included because of the difficulty in finding all the information and making it clear on a small map. A preliminary approval vote on the final DIP is scheduled for the next meeting on December 5th.

Membership List: The membership list and the criteria to be a member were discussed. An updated list will be included in the final DIP. A consensus was reached that Howard Rowley will be added to the list. Stan Miller and Doug Rider will be contacted to see if they would like to be added to the membership list. Dale Gill would like to continue as a guest. Tavis Schmidt, City of Spokane Valley will be added. Tom Hargreaves will be contacted to see if he wants to be removed from the list since he has not attended meetings this year. Also a courtesy call will be made to the Cities of Millwood, Liberty Lake and Deer Park to see if they would like to send a representative to the meetings.

Other Issues/Announcements:

Reanette reported that the county purchased property south of Deadman Creek. There are no plans for a park but trails will be added.

Rob Lindsay reported that the Aquifer Protection Group will have a meeting November 20, 2007 at Liberty Lake 2 p.m. The topic will be reclaimed water issues.

Lloyd Brewer reported that there will be a Public Meeting on November 27th, 5:30 p.m. at the South Hill Library and on November 28th at the Shadle Library for an update on the storm water plans and public comment on water conservation plans. He also reported that he would be taking the Detailed Implementation Plan to the Public Works Commission on December 10th for their approval.

Sara Hunt reported that the Department of Ecology has funds available to hire a consultant to start a Spokane River Forum. The Forum's goal/mission is to be a neutral group to inform and pass on information to the public regarding the Spokane River.

Dale Gill commented that he was impressed with the work done by the Watershed Implementation Team in putting the Implementation Plan into a useable document.

Greg Sweeney thanked Susan Gulick and Reanette Boese for their coordination and hard work in putting together the final Detailed Implementation Plan report.

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

December 5, 2007

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chattaroy Fire Station