

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
November 5, 2008

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

Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>	Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>
Brian Walker, <i>The Lands Council</i>	Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>
Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>
Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water &amp; Power</i>	Kris Graf, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Howard Rowley, <i>Horseshoe Lake</i>
Rick Noll, <i>Sp Co Conservation Dist</i>	Tom Wimpy, <i>Diamond Lake</i>

**Guest Present:**

Dale Gill, *Private Property Owner*

**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 October 1, 2008 was reviewed and approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Greg Sweeney reported at the last meeting Barry Dutton, PBS&J Consultants gave a presentation on storage facilities. The group will be meeting quarterly instead of monthly and their grant application for a facilitator is pending. Greg also expressed the group's appreciation to the Planning Unit.

Rob Lindsay reported that the cost for the GIS parcel mapping for Pend Oreille County is costing more than anticipated and that they are over budget. The group will be asking for financial support from the Planning Unit.

Mike Lithgow was unable to attend this meeting because Pend Oreille County Commissioners have put a hold on "unnecessary travel." He is hoping to attend the Planning Unit meetings in Chattaroy.

**Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:** Sara Hunt reported that she will meet with the Fish and Wildlife Department and hydrologist next week about the instream flow for the Spokane River.

**Conservation:** Reanette reported that the first irrigation efficiency class was held October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water and they received very good comments from the attendees. The class this spring will be followed by an exam for becoming "Water Sense Certified". Reanette asked for and received permission to ask Ewing to have an additional irrigation efficiency class this fiscal year. Also Reanette reported that Spokane County is considering sponsoring a Low Impact Development class.

Rob Lindsay reported that the contract with ECOS is close to being finalized for the Spokane County Indoor Conservation program. Brook Beeler of Ecology has a commitment from their Water Quality section for \$150,000 for indoor conservation rebates for permit exempt well users.

Lloyd Brewer reported that the City set aside \$10,000 in this year's budget for the indoor conservation rebate program and hope to spend \$30,000 for the school district indoor upgrades before the end of the year. They hope to have money in next year's budget as well.

Lloyd also reported that discussion of the Mayor's outdoor water conservation proposals is on hold until February or March of 2009.

**APC Meeting:** Rob Lindsay reported the next quarterly meeting will be December 9, 2008 at the Liberty Lake Water and Sewer District. The group will receive some administrative support from Idaho DEQ.

**Grant Updates:** Reanette reported that the quarterly reports on the Watershed Planning Grants have been sent to Ecology.

**Storm Water Update:** Rob Lindsay suggested that the Planning Unit have a presentation on the progress of the new storm water facilities, Brown's Mountain and Hazel's Creek (Moran Prairie) possibly at the next meeting.

**Implementation Activities:** Please review the Implementation Action; Water Export (III.B.01.a) on page 2 and Exempt Groundwater Withdrawals (IV.C.01.a) page 8. We will cover at the December meeting.

Starting in January 2009 we will have updates on the implementation actions by member agencies. Presentations on topics such as stormwater and reclaimed water will be scheduled.

It was decided that recommendations III.A.01.c,d; V.A.01.a,d; and V.A.02.a in the Implementation Actions referencing funding request letter to the Legislature would be delayed until the Planning Unit hears from the Fish & Wildlife Department what studies of mountain whitefish or other whitefish they would like to have funded. Sara Hunt will ask about studies and ask for updates when she meets with them.

**Grant Application Process:** It was decided that all five grant applications would be completed and that the Planning Unit would rank them at the next meeting after all the updates. The Operational Project Grants were ranked this meeting by importance: This may be revisited at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

1. Water Use Inventory & Demand Forecast
2. Irrigation Efficiency and Xeriscaping Education
3. WRIA 55/57, 54, 56 Coordinate Water System Plan Update

The two Capital Budget Grant requests will be discussed at the next meeting; they are due December 31, 2008:

- WIRA 55/57 Wetland Restoration and Creation Implementation Project
- WRIA 55 Hydrogeological Assessment and Monitoring

The Planning Unit will finalize the grant applications at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Other Issues/Announcements:**

Sara Hunt reported that the Little Spokane outreach and education Sub-Committee met on October 20<sup>th</sup> with approximately 15 people in attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2008, 1:30 pm at the Department of Ecology.

Rob Lindsay reported the Board of Spokane River Forum has scheduled a conference on water quality and quantity for January 22 and 23, 2009.

Dale Gill reported that the Little Spokane River had dropped 2 inches in the last week.

Howard Rowley reported on articles about WRIA 59 written by Linda Kiefer in the Colville Examiner. Reanette will ask Linda for copies or files to distribute.

**Next Planning Unit Meeting:**

December 3, 2008

9:00am – 12:00pm

Chattaroy Fire Station