

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
June 3, 2009

Committee members recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Ty Wick, <i>SAJB</i>	Lloyd Brewer, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Reanette Boese, <i>Spokane County</i>	Greg Sweeney, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc</i>
Rob Lindsay, <i>Spokane County</i>	Tim Vore, <i>Avista Utilities</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Walt Edelen, <i>Sp Co Conservation</i>
Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water & Power</i>	Bill Rickard, <i>City of Spokane</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Mike Hermanson, <i>Spokane County</i>
Todd Henry, <i>Vera Water & Power</i>	Ben Brattebo, <i>Spokane County</i>

Consultants Present: Susan Gulick, *Sound Resolutions*
Barry Dutton, *PBS&J*
Gary Andres, *PBS&J*

Introductions and Meeting Summary: Susan Gulick called the meeting to order. The meeting summary for May 6, 2009 was reviewed and approved with no changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Greg Sweeney reported the next West Branch meeting will be June 22, 2009 at the Riverside Fire Station. The Little Spokane TMDL meeting will be June 18, 2009, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Riverside.

Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report: No update.

Conservation: Rob Lindsay reported the County received a \$150,000 grant money from the Department of Ecology to extend the indoor water conservation rebate program into the Little Spokane Watershed.

Lloyd Brewer reported that the City has the contract with ECOS in place for the indoor toilet and clothes washer rebate to start in July. There will also be a note in the water bills this month about the outdoor rebate incentive which will provide a \$100 rebate for every 1,000 sq. feet of lawn that is replaced with irrigation-free landscaping.

Storm Water Update: Greg Sweeney reported that the meeting for the Moran Prairie Stormwater Facility concept was held on May 13, 2009.

APC Meeting: Reanette reported the “table top” exercise led by EPA was held May 28, 2009. The next regular meeting will be June 9, 2009 at Liberty Lake Sewer & Water at 2 p.m.

Annual Report: The Annual Report will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting, July 1, 2009.

Update on Grants: Phase IV Year 3 grant money will be \$125,000 for the 2009-2010 projects and \$15,000 for administration in a 100% match grant for a total of \$140,000. Sara Hunt advised the Planning Unit they had until June 15th to submit a Letter of Intent and June 24th the Scope of Work to

the Department of Ecology on the projects to be funded. The Department of Ecology will send authorization for the spending on June 30th.

PBS&J Presentation: Barry Dutton and Gary Andres of PBS&J gave a presentation on their Eloika Lake in-depth Surface Storage and Wetland Restoration Feasibility Study. A copy of the draft study is available on the WRIA 55/57 website. The draft study is available for review and comment to Ben Brattebo, Spokane County Utilities, until June 19. The final Eloika Lake report will be completed before June 30, 2009.

Printed copies of the following reports were distributed at the meeting and are also available on the WRIA 55/57 website.

- West Branch Little Spokane River, Surface Storage Opportunities
- WRIA 57, Surface Storage and Groundwater Recharge Opportunities
- WRIA 55/57 Wetland Opportunities

2009-10 Budget: A detailed and lengthy discussion on the budget followed to determine the priority projects to be funded in the next year. It was determined that the following projects are the priorities:

- #1 Little Spokane Ground Water Elevation and Stream Flow Monitoring Background \$30,000
- #2 Little Spokane gauging \$10,000
- #3 Wetland Restoration Design \$35,000
- #4 Eloika Lake Wetlands \$5,000

The remaining \$20,000 was allocated to for the following three projects. WIT members will try to find other funding sources to supplement these projects as well:

- Xeriscaping landscape plans (Needs at least \$12,000)
- Irrigation efficiency workshops (Needs a total of \$10,000)
- Central Valley 5th Grade Environmental Education Program Support (Needs a total of \$15,000)

Ty Wick will ask the SAJB for support at tomorrow's meeting.

Facilitation & Administration \$40,000

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

July 1, 2009

9:00am – 12:00pm

Spokane County Conservation District