

Meeting Summary
Watershed Implementation Team
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan
July 1, 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>	Rick Noll, <i>Spokane Conservation District</i>
Claudia Crawford, <i>Whitworth Water</i>	Susan McGeorge, <i>Whitworth Water District</i>
Steve Skipworth, <i>Vera Water & Power</i>	Bill Rickard, <i>City of Spokane Water Dept.</i>
Sara Hunt, <i>Dept of Ecology</i>	Howard Rowley, <i>Horseshoe Lake</i>
Todd Henry, <i>Vera Water & Power</i>	Bill Harmon, <i>Eloika Lake Assoc & West Branch</i>
Dave Jones, <i>Spokane Co Planning Comm</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 June 3, 2009 was reviewed and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

West Branch Little Spokane River: Greg Sweeney reported that the West Branch group held their 3rd quarterly meeting without paid facilitation. The meeting was very successful. The next scheduled meeting is September 21, 2009. The 3rd Annual Poker Paddle at Eloika Lake will be held September 19, 2009.

Conservation: Reanette reported that RWCC has tentatively scheduled a meeting for July 15, 2009, 2:30 pm.

Lloyd Brewer reported that Spokane County's and the City of Spokane's indoor rebate programs will begin in August. Flyers were sent out this month for the City's outdoor rebate program and they are receiving a few calls. Also the water conservation education program will begin soon.

Susan McGeorge reported that Whitworth Water District had distributed conservation kits last summer and this year they are offering water timers. They have had a good response on both.

Sara Hunt reported that the water conservation flyers to exempt well users in the LSR area have been sent out.

Ty Wick reported that Home Depot, Lowes and various businesses have been distributing publications on conservation.

Stormwater Update: Lloyd Brewer reported that the City of Spokane is getting ordinances in place for September to implement phase 2 stormwater requirements about chlorinated water.

APC Meeting: The last meeting was June 9, 2009. The Spokane Fire Department presented its new critical materials handbook.

Grant and Budget Issues: Reanette reported that the Phase 4 Year 3 grant application including the Scope of Work was sent to the Department of Ecology June 24, 2009.

Spokane Aquifer Joint Board will contribute \$5,000 for Xeriscaping landscape plans and \$5,000 for the Central Valley School District Environmental Education, two of the projects that needed funding sources to supplement the grant monies for these projects.

Spokane County is waiting to hear from Ecology about the Watershed Planning Support Grant which will be used for grant administration.

Sara Hunt reported that the Department of Ecology had an additional \$90,000 to give to a high priority project. The water supply and demand inventory project could possibly get some funding.

Annual Report: The 2008 Draft Annual Report was discussed and suggestions were made to change some of the content. A section will be added that details the grant monies spent during 2008. If WIT members would like the report to show how much money they have spent implementing projects they should provide this information to Reanette or Susan.

The WIT agreed that no amendments to the Watershed Plan or the DIP were needed this year. There are actions that the WIT would like to consider in the coming year if funding allows, such as providing education on water availability to realtors and implementing recommendations from the PBS&J studies. However, the WIT did not believe DIP amendments were needed to do this. Susan Gulick will make the changes and if WIT members have any more suggestions they should contact her.

Bill Harmon agreed to provide a sample of the real estate disclosure form so that the WIT could consider how to address water availability issues at the time of property purchase.

Little Spokane River TMDL: Rick Noll of the Spokane County Conservation District gave a brief update on the Water Quality Clean-Up Plan for the Little Spokane River and the load analysis from Ecology.

Legislative Sub-Committee: Rob Lindsay suggested that the group consider forming a legislative sub-committee that would focus on state legislative issues but the committee would discuss relevant local legislative issues as well. Rob will set up the time and place for the committee meetings. Included in the sub-committee are Rob Lindsay, Susan McGeorge, Sara Hunt, Lloyd Brewer, Steve Skipworth, Greg Sweeney, and Bill Harmon.

Other Issues/Announcements:

Sara Hunt reported that there will be a meeting on July 16, 2009, 3:30 pm at the City of Spokane Council Chambers on Adjudication of Water Rights in the Spokane watersheds.

Steve Skipworth reported that the Department of Health is beginning to take a closer look at exempt wells in the state and the planning and water system plans that are submitted.

Howard Rowley attended an Instream Flow meeting for the Colville Watershed, Stevens County. They are trying to extend the funding because the discussion is at an impasse. He believes there is a need to get local biologists to provide better data.

Dale Gill commented that reductions in tax incentives for retention of open space by Spokane County may result in more development and more permit-exempt wells.

Next Planning Unit Meeting:

August 5, 2009

9:00am – 12:00pm

Chattaroy Fire Station

Barry Dutton, PBS&J will give a presentation on Wetland Opportunity Study.