

**Meeting Summary**  
**WRIA 54 - Lower Spokane River Watershed**  
**June 27, 2012**

**Location:** Spokane County Water Resources Center, Spokane, WA.

**Planning Unit members and guests in attendance / recorded on the sign-in sheet were:**

Mike Hermanson, Spokane County  
Rob Lindsay, Spokane County  
Larry Guenther, Stevens County Commissioner  
Doug Greenlund, City of Spokane  
Bill Rickard, City of Spokane Water Dept.  
Larry Isaak, Stevens County PUD #1  
Rusty Post, Department of Ecology  
David Luders, Indian Village Estates Water Association  
Charlie Kessler, Stevens County Conservation District  
Wes McCart, Stevens County Farm Bureau/Landowner/Stevens County Water Conservancy Board  
Amanda Parrish, Lands Council  
Linda McCollum, EWU  
Chad Pritchard, EWU  
Michael Hamilton, EWU  
Ben Brattebo, Spokane County

**CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

Rusty Post opened the meeting at 10:00 am. Participants introduced themselves. The group approved the May 23, 2012 meeting summary.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

**Deep and Coulee Creek Watershed Restoration**

Amanda Parrish provided an update. They are wrapping the project up including monitoring and maintenance of new plantings and preparation of the summary report.

**Stevens County Education Project**

Charlie Kessler provided an update. They had two major activities in June: 1) a multi-agency field activity event with 120 sophomores from Lakeside High School, and 2) a meeting in Suncrest to discuss septic maintenance.

**Lake Spokane Water Quality Project**

There were two monitoring events in June.

**Water Availability and Sustainability Project**

Mike Hermanson provided a project update. The last meeting was on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking funds to continue the project in September.

**West Plains Groundwater Elevation and Monitoring**

Monitoring is going to continue through the summer.

**Groundwater Age Dating Project**

We are currently waiting for results from the laboratory

**PHASE IV PROJECT PRESENTATIONS**

Linda McCollum, Mike Hamilton, and Chad Pritchard presented the West Plains geologic projects that EWU has been working on this fiscal year. The projects include 1) formatting geologic maps for 9 quads into Department of Natural Resources specifications, 2) basalt stratigraphy, and 3) geologic structures.

**FY13 PROJECT DISCUSSION**

Mike Hermanson provided the following information on a handout and summarized the current status of project proposals for both unspent/unallocated funds that are available for FY 13 and WRIA 54 Phase IV funds. The information included WRIA 55/57 and WRIA 56 information because there is some overlap.

**WRIA 54 FY13 Project Proposal Status – June 27, 2012**

Projects Proposed for WRIA 54 FY13 Phase 4 at May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Potential FY 12/13 unspent/unallocated funds</b>	<b>Phase IV Cost if all Spokane Area FY12/13 Unspent/Unallocated Funds Projects Funded</b>
Spokane County	Grant Management & Administration	\$10,000	None	\$10,000
Chamokane Watershed Council	Council Operation	\$ 5,100		\$5,100
Land Council	Deep & Coulee Creek Restoration Phase II	\$ 24,000		\$24,000
Stevens Conservation District	Lake Spokane Water Quality & Education	\$ 28,270	Education project proposed for funding	\$15,070
Spokane County	Continued West Plains GW Level Monitoring	\$ 5,000	Funding for entire project	\$0
Spokane County	Spokane County Online Groundwater Data Warehouse	\$ 30,000	Funding for entire project	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$100,370</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$52,170</b>

**Spokane Area Projects Proposed for FY12/13 Unspent/Unallocated Funds**

**WRIA 54:**

1. Continued education efforts at Lake Spokane High School - \$20,000
2. Continue West Plains groundwater elevation monitoring - \$5,000
3. Seepage run on Deep & Coulee Creek - \$7,500
4. Additional planting in Deep & Coulee Creek basins - \$5,000
5. Support for the IWAC (Idaho/Washington Aquifer Collaboration) - \$5,000

6. Support for school transportation to Spokane County Water Resource Center - \$5,000

**WRIA 55/56/57:**

1. Riparian Enhancement in WRIA 56 (Lands Council): \$10,000
2. Groundwater Online Data Warehouse (Spokane Co): \$30,000
3. Whole Rock Analysis and Shallow Well Drilling in Marshall Pit (SCD): \$19,500
4. Combination Education Project Including Smartscape Website Update+Water Resource Center Transportation+SVRP Education and Outreach: \$12,000

**Additional Proposals:**

1. Additional of groundwater sampling and analysis to USGS Little Spokane Project: CFCs, deuterium/oxygen-18 - 30 samples, dissolved gases - 15 samples; \$38,90
2. Additions of monthly monitoring network to Little Spokane USGS Project. - \$12,000
3. Continued work by Water Availability Advisory Group - \$28,000

At this point decisions are on hold until a decision is made by Ecology on the allocation of the unspent/unallocated funds. The decision is anticipated before the next meeting.

Charlie Kessler described the Lake Spokane Water Quality Project proposed by the Stevens Conservation District. It is essentially a continuation of the current project. Continuing the project will allow for sampling during lower flows in the summer and fall.

Ben Brattebo submitted an additional request for WRIA 54 Phase IV funds for continued development and data entry for the Spokane River Watershed Nonpoint Source Reduction database. The request was for \$5,000.

Mike Hermanson submitted an additional request for WRIA 54 Phase IV funds to use the USGS Deep Percolation Model to estimate recharge for the West Plains area.

At the next meeting there will be a discussion of preliminary proposals for the next biennium (13-15)

**ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next WRIA 54 meeting will be on July 25, 2012 from 10-12 at the Spokane County Water Resources Center.

**ADJOURN**

Rusty Post adjourned the meeting shortly after 12:00 pm.