

Meeting Summary
WRIA 54 Lower Spokane River
July 21, 2004

Attendees recorded on the sign in sheet were:

Tracy Rehwald, Dept. of Ecology	Lloyd Brewer, City of Spokane
John Hyatt, City of Airway Heights	Rob Lindsay, Spokane County
Brian Crossley, Spokane Tribe	Jane Cunningham, Lands Council
Bill Gilmour, Spokane County	Bea Lackaff, Spokane County
Jim DeGraffenreid, Lincoln County	Christy Brown, CLB Planning
Mike Coster, City of Spokane, Wastewater Mgmt	

Meeting began 9:00 am

Christy Brown opened the meeting at 9:00 am. On behalf of Spokane County, Ms. Brown thanked the initiating agencies, the implementing governments and everyone in attendance for their support of this project and for volunteering their time and ideas. Introductions were made.

The official meeting minutes for the June 16, 2004 WRIA 54 were distributed and accepted. Motion made by Jim DeGraffenreid, seconded by Bill Gilmour.

Public Comment

No public comments were made

Scope of Work

The Phase II Scope of work is almost ready for its first review by the Work Group next week. The Planning Unit is scheduled to receive the Phase II Scope of Work in September. The discussion led to the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOA).

The MOA is being reviewed by the Initiating Agencies (IA) and Implementing Governments (IG) with comments only from Stevens County PUD #1. The City of Spokane legal review needs to take place to establish whether the Stevens County PUD #1 comments are acceptable. If the comments are acceptable or an agreement can be reached, then the MOA will be ready for approval by the IAs and IGs. Relative to one of the comments made by the Steven County PUD#1, Lloyd Brewer wanted to make note that the City felt Initiating Agencies cannot be voted off the Planning Unit if they have absences.

Discussion of Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct was reviewed by everyone followed by very little discussion. Bill Gilmour stated that the Code of Conduct like other documents would remain "living" and always open for revision. Bill Gilmour moved to accept the document. Jane Cunningham seconded.

Goal Development

Christy Brown opened the discussion about goal development for the Planning Unit. Bill Gilmour suggested the group list the legislative goals first then list group goals. Individuals took turns in offering ideas so that everyone in the group participated. The goals developed from this meeting are listed below.

LEGISLATIVE GOALS: Goals as the group feels the legislature set in motion by writing the Watershed Planning Act RCW 90.82.

- Maintain pristine resources
- Protect agriculture and recreation resources
- Want positive growth
- Management of resources along Spokane River that are affected by new developments
- Want water basins to open up for future growth
- Promote water conservation and strategies
- Identify the water resources in WRIA 54
- Protection of tribal resources and drinking water on reservations
- Better definition of the issues
- Understand water resource quality and quantity and maintain and enhance region economy without adversely impacting the resource
- Living document used as a planning tool

AGENCY/REPRESENTATIVE GOALS: Goals of the agencies represented are listed below.

- Resource protection
- Understanding water issues better
- Watershed plan combines past studies in determining future direction
- Add element of climate and how to deal with drought planning
- Better understand stakeholder issues and be as collaborative as possible
- Protect needs of habitat and wildlife resources with economic growth
- Ecology is promoting reuse and reclamation in areas where potable water is in short supply
- Education of stakeholders
- Issuance of new water rights
- Utilization of offline storage options and their issues
- Setting reasonable instream flows –
- Utilize reclaimed water
- Help make sure plan will be approved
- Future allocations for Lincoln County
- Try to anticipate and understand process, which direction it is going, affect it, and transmit information to supervisors
- Share citizens of cities interests and protect resources

Discussion about creating WRIA 54 Operating Procedures

A discussion about creating a list of operating procedures for the WRIA 54 planning unit to use as a guide ensued. The motion to proceed with the development of such a document was moved by Lloyd Brewer, seconded by Brian Crossley.

Public Comment

No public comment

Wrap-up and Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25 10am-12pm

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.