

**Meeting Summary**  
**Watershed Implementation Team**  
Little Spokane – Middle Spokane River Local Watershed Plan  
April 4, 2007

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

Mike Lithgow, *Pend Oreille County*  
Susan McGeorge, *Whitworth Water*  
Todd Henry, *Vera Water*  
Greg Sweeney, *Eloika Lake Assoc*  
Sara Hunt, *Dept of Ecology*  
Rick Noll, *Spokane County Conservation District*  
Claudia Crawford, *Whitworth Water*

Lloyd Brewer, *City of Spokane*  
Ty Wick, *SAJB*  
Mary Wren Wilson, *City of Liberty Lake*  
Reanette Boese, *Spokane County*  
Dale Gill, *LSR 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 March 21, 2007 was reviewed and approved with one addition. Greg Sweeney asked that it be noted Section III, Instream Flow Needs for the Little Spokane River, be left until the end, because the West Branch Committee has not yet finished the work necessary to participate in these discussions. Members agreed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**West Branch Little Spokane River:** Mike Lithgow reported that this group at their last meeting March 26, 2007 went through their operating procedures. Bryony Stasney conducted the meeting. Committee members also had a number of questions about their funding from the legislature and participants listed their issues relative to the West Branch. The next meeting will be April 23, 2007.

**Middle Spokane Instream Flow Report:** Reanette Boese reported that comments for their Instream Flow Report were due a week ago and that she had received several. They are forming a committee to set the instream flow that includes members from WRIA57 and WRIA54. Reanette will bring the list to the next meeting of the people who have signed up for the committee so far including Avista, Department of Ecology and others.

**Irrigation Efficiency:** Reanette reported that before the grant funds can be promised to the agencies that were selected for irrigation upgrades, an agreement reviewed by the attorneys has to be created. The agreements are almost ready to be sent out to the various recipients.

**SAJB Conservation Grant:** Ty Wick reported IMPRO met and has reserved air time for April 19 through June 30, 2007 with Comcast, Clear Channel, local channels KREM, KHQ, KXLY and radio stations for public announcements relating to conservation. There is a snag with SAJB using the City of Spokane's jingle, which may need to be changed. They will meet with IMPRO on Monday, April 9 to finalize the 1<sup>st</sup> commercial. There will be four different commercials covering topics related to leaking hoses, watering lawns, and two other outdoor water conservation topics.

**Detailed Implementation Plan:** The Planning Unit ranked and discussed recommendations starting with Policy IV.A through V.A.01.d. At the next meeting on April 18, the Planning Unit will continue this analysis beginning with Policy V.A.02.

**Public Comment:** Dale Gill, Little Spokane River property owner, commented to the Planning Unit about the water problems that they are encountering in his area, Deep Creek and Dear Creek, many of which involve illegal pumping.

**Other Issues/Announcements:** Greg Sweeney asked if Sara Hunt knew what the \$3.6 legislative budget for the West Branch covered. She did not know but will find out for the next meeting.

Sara Hunt - The Department of Ecology is again looking at the supplemental grant applications that were turned in (Irrigation Efficiency, stream gauging etc.) and may be requesting additional information on these.

Mike Lithgow - Pend Oreille County development regulations will be available for comment in April and would like the Watershed Planning Unit to look them over and comment on them at this time.

**Next Planning Unit Meeting:**

April 18, 2007

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Conservation District Conference Room