

July 9, 2012 RP CAMP Advisory Committee Meeting 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Attendees: Allen Miller, Hayden Lake Irrigation District; Laura Laumatia, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; Jim Markley, City of Coeur d'Alene; Dale Peck, Panhandle Health District; J. Allen Isaacson, Kootenai Environmental Alliance; Andy Dunau, Spokane River Forum; Helen Harrington Idaho Department of Water Resources; Morgan Case, Idaho Department of Water Resources.

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) is setting aside funds to implement non-ESPA CAMPs. The fund was established last March and had \$112,000 as of June. The IWRB approved up to \$200,000 per year for 3 years, after which time the funding can be revisited. Unspent funding can accumulate. The Board will approve any expenditure from the fund. Historically IWRB has funded infrastructural projects, so it will be challenging to relate RP CAMP implementation projects that are focused on communication and collaboration.

The goal of the meeting was to establish a process and procedures for CAMP implementation, which could mean 1) establishing subcommittees, 2) prioritizing actions, and 3) identifying resource needs. Discussion ensued about maintaining participation, organizing subcommittees by key objectives, current activities. The discussion included the following:

- Conservation is already occurring between efforts of environmental and municipal groups. Could use an inventory of what is occurring, but it is not a high priority.
- There are ongoing efforts for Objective 3 (Protect the Aquifer). Need to keep up to date on activities and lend support when necessary.
- Additional studies – Gary Stevens could update committee in the spring on constituent testing, results could determine whether there is a need to expand upon the current Panhandle Health District sampling. There are still concerns about the potential artificial recharge plans/studies from WA.
- Need to track the status of the WA Spokane River Instream Flow
- Committee members agreed that the highest priority is Objective 2 (Prevent and Resolve Water Conflicts). Need to establish a subcommittee for that objective.
 - Allen Miller discussed the Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative group that is being established. Participants consist of Idaho and Washington purveyors, Tribes, Spokane County. The group meets monthly and is moving towards formal organization. Assessing methods to formalize (joint powers, non-profit, advisory board). All options have pros and cons. Intended to be a safe place to air concerns in a bottom-up fashion. There was discussion about the lack of CAMP participation in the group.
 - Helen Harrington discussed Bi-State meetings which are occurring on a regular basis
 - There is a need for several levels of communication/collaboration – local, state, both, etc.
- Need for subcommittee to address scientific and technical studies. The committee could develop a schedule to plan for studies.
 - Helen Harrington said that the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) gave a positive response when approached about a request to involve IDWR when developing

the scope of future demand studies so those studies might be able to align with needs for Reasonable and Anticipated Future Needs (RAFN) activities.

- The USGS study was a macro view of the aquifer – studies needed for micro-view, discussion about using IDWR technical staff to determine whether collection of those data is consistent with goals of RP CAMP
- Are “areas of city impact” aligning with where water is available? How does it fit with sewer master plan?
- Discussion of what to do with Groundwater Management Plan – redo, scrap and start over – no resolution.
- Discussion of IWRB funding
 - Projects must have direct link to CAMP implementation
 - Need cost-share
 - Project guidelines are needed
 - Project ideas
 - Spokane River Forum event cost-share
 - Aquifer Protection District Monitoring Well – additional educational opportunities
 - Draft Conservation Plan edit – possibly a subcontract to streamline document
 - Agrimet station – demonstration projects with irrigation?

Outcomes:

- Helen will look into Washington Instream Flow issue
- IWAC members who are CAMP Advisory Board members will discuss the idea of getting IWRB/CAMP participation at meetings
- Morgan and Helen will develop one-page proposal guidelines for CAMP projects to be sent out to Committee members and posted on the RP CAMP website
- Will schedule quarterly Advisory Committee meetings
- Members may submit funding requests to Helen