

RATHDRUM-SPOKANE HYDROLOGIC PROJECT MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

JANUARY 25, 2005, 1:30 p.m.
Idaho Water Center, BOISE, IDAHO

Welcome

Attendees:

IDWR – Hal Anderson, Helen Harrington, Alan Wylie
WADOE – René-Marc Mangin, Keith Stoffel
USGS – Kathy Peter, Cindi Barton, Jim Bartolino

Introductions:

Alan Wylie, IDWR and modeler formerly with IWRRI, who will work 25% of his time on the project model.
Jim Bartolino, USGS Ground-Water Specialist in Idaho

Project Status Update – see handout “Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Study Update January 2005”

FY05 Workplan - See Handout

MAC approved the draft workplan,

AI: PTLT will fill in budget and staffing for 05 workplan within 30 days.

Status of FY05 Funding

USGS received \$500,000 (minus the recision) in DOI appropriation

EPA appropriated:

\$1.5 M, (minus the recision) over a five year period. A match is required and the funds will be tied to EPA strategic plan.

\$150,000 for Spokane Chamber

\$100,000 for Spokane Chamber

WADOE is seeking clarification on language from EPA Region 10,
Jennifer Parker POC.

Both states reported interest in their legislatures to provide funding in some form.

Changes to Project Management – Project management to continue.

Public Meeting Issues

PAC will be asked to express the objectives and rules for future public meetings. They will also be asked to set aside an area for posters and reports by individuals working in the area, but outside the project.

The PAC to explore the possibility of holding a separate forum (as opposed to a separate area for posters at the project's annual progress

meetings) for stakeholders to discuss and(or) presentation issues associated with water management of the aquifer.

AI: PTLT will set up public progress meetings by working with modeling committee to select appropriate dates and project thresholds.

Working Groups Status

PTLT – In addition to participating in many project activities, drafted 05 workplan. They recommended dividing the Workplan into modeling specific objectives and activities and other objectives and activities that will advance understanding of the hydrology of the aquifer.

TAC – The TAC now has 14 members, including John Tracy (new IWRRRI chief). The IDWR has set up an electronic forum for the group to discuss technical questions posed by the PTLT.

Modeling Team – has commented on the design objectives, is running the Buchanan model, and made some decisions about model time frame and minimum time-step (see Modeling Committee notes). IWRRRI has been given the lead to develop a modeling-specific work plan.

GIS Team – the policy for posting and sharing project GIS information will be on the project site with a link to the FTP site hosting the available GIS datasets. The modeling team has given the GIS Team a table of information needed.

PAC - A public meeting will be held in Post Falls January 27.

PRT – Hasn't met yet.

Coming events:

- 1/27 Public Meeting
- 2/2 Modeling Committee conference call
- 6/22 MAC meeting