

Work Session on Meeting Future Demand for Water (water supply)

The four goals of CAMP as articulated by the IWRB:

1. Provide reliable sources of water, projecting 50 years into the future
2. Avoid conflict related to conjunctive management of surface and groundwater
3. Prioritize future state investments in water
4. Bridge the gaps between future water needs and supply

During the work session on Friday March 5th, 2010, we will break into two small groups. Each small group will complete the following set of tasks, and prepare to share their work with the full group at 2:30 pm. This work session builds on the work completed by the small group on water supply at the February 2010 meeting.

Bearing in mind the four CAMP goals listed above, complete these 5 tasks:

1. Review, improve and refine the goals to meet future demand for water. An initial draft is in the box below. Is this list comprehensive? What should be added, changed or deleted?

Future water demand goals

Preliminary list of goals for Water Supply include the following ... not in any order of priority:

1. Maintain a sustainable aquifer (including the lake and river)
 - a. Relates to CAMP goals 1-4
 - b. Avoid mining the aquifer or prevent mining of the aquifer
 - c. A related goal is to protect existing water rights
2. Allow reasonable growth
 - a. Relates to CAMP goal 1
 - b. Balance this with goal 1 above
 - c. Explore the idea of creating a buffer between mining and periodic shortfalls
3. Maintain streamflows in the Spokane River
 - a. Relates to CAMP goals 1, 2, and 4
 - b. A critical component of this goal is to clarify what role Idaho and/or other forces (e.g., geological) plays in influencing this
4. Better understand the relationship between the aquifer and stream/river system
 - a. Relates to CAMP goals 1 and 2
 - b. Build on existing knowledge
 - c. Its critical to do this to meet the other goals articulated here
5. Foster greater public awareness and understanding (of this whole set of issues and potential solutions)
 - a. Relates to CAMP goal 1
6. Better link land and water decision-making systems (i.e., water purveyors, regulators, and land developers)
 - a. Relates to CAMP goals 3 and 4

2. For the goals above (as you have refined them),
 - a. Put the options/action items listed in the situation assessment report under appropriate goals (refer to the handout).
 - b. Generate additional options as appropriate.
3. For each option you have listed, characterize that option/action item (such as “research,” “policy,” “governance,” and so on).
4. Review, refine, and seek agreement on the criteria for evaluation options/action items (Refer to the handout).
5. Evaluate options/action items based on the agreed-upon criteria.