



September 17th Meeting Summary For the Rathdrum Prairie Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan Advisory Committee

On September 17, 2010, the Rathdrum Prairie CAMP Advisory Committee met in the Community Room in the Coeur d'Alene Public Library. The objectives of this meeting were to

1. Review the format and structure of the draft CAMP.
2. Review, revise, and complete the section on “Protect the Aquifer”
3. Review, revise, and complete the section on “Manage Multijurisdictional and Other Conflicts”

List of Participants

Chris Beck	Dave Lamb for Phil Cernera	Todd Tondee
Andy Dunau	Jim Markley	Ron Wilson
Mike Galante	Alan Miller	Ken Windram
Hal Keever		

Welcome, Introduction, and Review

Daisy Patterson began the meeting with a welcome and introductions of the Advisory Committee and members of the public. Daisy reviewed the objectives for the meeting and explained how the Committee has developed the current draft during the meetings in the past several months.

At each meeting in the past several months, the Committee (1) heard presentations on various topics, (2) prioritized issues, and (3) developed CAMP action items to meet CAMP goals developed by the IWRB (these goals can be found on the IWRB website). The facilitation team recorded these discussions and drafted sections for the Committee to review in between meetings.

Between the July meeting and this September meeting, Daisy conducted interviews with Committee members and integrated their feedback into the draft. IDWR also provided input into the draft to assist the Committee in developing a product that reflects the Committee's input *and* resonates with the IWRB and the legislature. Several Committee members participated in a conference call to continue to refine the action items. After the conference call, new revisions were made, and the Committee reviewed the most recent draft before coming to this meeting.

Daisy also reviewed the current schedule for the Committee's work on the CAMP. The Committee intends to meet again in October, and they will lead an open house/presentation for the public in November. There will also be opportunities for public comment online. In December, the Committee will address comments raised at the public meeting and online, make final changes, and prepare to deliver their recommended plan to the IWRB in January.

Bob Graham and Chuck Cuddy, IWRB Rathdrum Prairie subcommittee members, emphasized that the Rathdrum Prairie CAMP is a high priority for the Board and IDWR. Bob Graham shared concerns over the references to climate change predictions about water availability. The Committee and IDWR staff will make certain that the scenario or “big picture” climate change conclusions described in the CAMP match the results of the climate change study while describing

the difficulty in predicting the impact of a variable climate. Bob also suggested the Committee consider the social or financial impacts of conservation measures described in the plan. Less specific recommendations in the conservation section will allow for adaptive implementation, which can then accommodate changes in the economy or lessen the hardship of users when appropriate.

Chuck Cuddy also encouraged the Committee to consider the level of impact that the CAMP will have on the areas that are outside the aquifer but in the watershed. The CAMP should consider that the aquifer is impacted by actions throughout the watershed, even if those actions are not directly over the aquifer.

First Public Comment Period

No comments were offered during the first comment period.

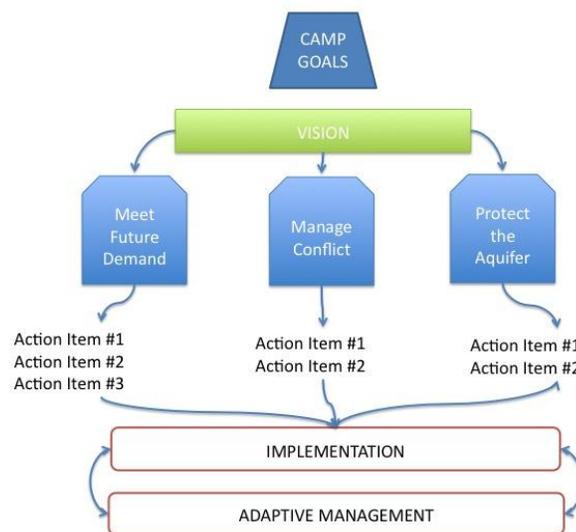
Review and Revise the Draft CAMP

Introduction and general framework of the CAMP

During the last revisions, the framework for the CAMP evolved slightly with a shift from recommendations to action items. The purpose of this shift was to develop one document that reflects Committee discussions but is packaged in a way that is accessible by the public, IWRB, and the legislature.

Rather than develop one set of plan recommendations from the Committee and another by the Board, the CAMP is being developed with input from the Committee, IDWR staff, and the Board – throughout the process.

The revised framework is depicted in the following schematic:



CAMP Revisions

The CAMP revisions discussed at this meeting will be in the next version of the draft CAMP. The Committee members who volunteered for various sections will draft language and meet via conference calls to refine the draft prior to the next meeting on October 15. In a few instances, Committee members who were not present were volunteered for specific topics.

Topics that need more work and current volunteers are listed below.

Appendix 9 – Description of strategies recommended for the Aquifer Protection District: Ken Windram, Jim Markley, Todd Tondee, Bruce Cyr, Chris Beck, Gary Stevens (DEQ).

Objective 1 – Meet Future Demand for Water [specifically the new action item regarding a target for conservation to be set by the purveyors]: Ken Windram, Mike Galante, Jim Markley, Alan Miller, Hal Keever, Bob Haynes, and Paul Klatt.

Objective 2 – Manage Multijurisdictional and Other Conflicts: Todd Tondee, Andy Dunau, Bob Graham (IDWR), Guy Gregory (WDOE).

Appendix 3 – Chronology of Studies and Events related to the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer: [The facilitation team is still seeking volunteers for assistance expanding and fact checking this section.]

Public Participation Plan

The CAMP process will include an informal public process before the Board initiates the more formal public comment hearings. This informal public process will include an online commenting mechanism and an open house. The open house and online commenting will be followed by an Advisory Committee meeting on December 10, so the Committee will have the opportunity to respond to public comments before sending a recommended plan to the Board.

The open house will be held in the Community Room of the Coeur d'Alene public library from 5-7pm with a more organized presentation at 7pm. The Advisory Committee will deliver the presentation and, with assistance from the facilitation team, answer questions regarding the development and content of CAMP. The general purpose of the public meeting will be to explain who is on the Committee, what the Committee has produced and why, and what it means to the citizens in the region.

The facilitation team will develop a press release prior to the next meeting to advertise the open house and online commenting mechanism. At the next meeting, the Committee will review the press release, suggest changes, determine what media outlets are most appropriate, and determine who will deliver the press release to those outlets.

Some of the necessary components of the open house will include:

1. Posters
2. PowerPoint
3. Food
4. Press releases
5. A record of the meeting (advertisement, attendance, feedback, etc.)

First Public Comment Period

Lynn Tominaga offered comments during the second public comment period. He said that funding needs to be highly prioritized by the implementation committee. The current CAMP draft does not reference federal funding opportunities, and those opportunities should be mentioned. Lynn also said that other communities, organizations, and individuals are paying specific attention to the Rathdrum Prairie CAMP process. This process is the first CAMP that has this level of involvement by purveyors and domestic distributors. Lynn concluded by suggesting that the CAMP implementation committee should consider a pilot project.

Schedule to Complete the CAMP

October 15

Review recommendations and prepare draft for distribution to the public.

November 18

Convene an open house and public meeting to seek input and advice on the draft CAMP from the public

December 10

Committee meets to consider and integrate public comment
(This is the last Committee meeting)

January

Submit final recommendations to Board

Board begins formal process of gathering public comment through hearings, etc.