



October 15th Meeting Summary For the Rathdrum Prairie Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan Advisory Committee

On October 15, 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 draft CAMP and discuss issues that need to be resolved before distributing to the public.
2. Discuss open house agenda and presentations.
3. Review press release drafted by the facilitation team.

List of Participants

Phil Cerner

Bruce Cyr

Mike Galante

Paul Glader for Mike Clary

Bruce Howard

Allen Isaacson

Hal Keever

Paul Klatt

Alan Miller

Michael Neher

Dale Peck for Chris Beck

Ron Wilson

Ken Windram

Welcome and Introduction

Daisy Patterson began the meeting with a welcome and introductions of the Advisory Committee and members of the public. Daisy reviewed the current schedule, which includes:

- October 19 – Deadline for Committee comments on the current draft
- November 4 – The date the draft needs to be made available to the public
- November 18 – The next Committee meeting which will be an open house
- December 1 – Deadline for public input to the Committee
- December 10 – Next Advisory Committee meeting
- January – Committee submits their recommended plan to the Board.

First Public Comment Period

No comments.

Review and Revise the Draft CAMP

The Committee discussed several issues regarding the current draft CAMP. The Committee talked about the concept of a specific conservation target, or a specific percentage of future demand that would be met by conservation efforts. The Committee decided to recommend, along with the other general conservation recommendations, that conservation be

specifically utilized to maintain demand trends at or below the trends described in the Future Demand Projections Scenario 2b (The Future Demand Projections can be found on the Rathdrum Prairie CAMP page on IDWR's website). The Committee decided that if population projections exceed what was accounted for in Scenario 2b, the added growth would provide enough economic support for, and the additional demand would provide an increased need for, more strict conservation methods.

Along with conservation, the Committee discussed terms for the glossary section, standard units of measurement for the draft, citations, and a number of modifications of the current language in the draft. A new action item was discussed under the water quality objective; that action item will include direction regarding the concept of treated wastewater application over the aquifer. Ken Windram will develop language for this new item.

Open House Agenda and Presentations

The CAMP process will include an informal open house before the Board initiates the more formal public comment hearings. This open house is on November 18 from 5-9pm. From 5-7pm, Committee members will staff several stations/posters that feature specific parts of the CAMP:

- CAMP Purpose and the Committee's Vision (Helen Harrington)
- Future Demand and Climate Variability (Ken Windram, Paul Klatt)
- Objective 1: Meet Future Demand (Mike Galante, Ron Wilson)
- Objective 2: Prevent and Resolve Water Conflicts (Bruce Howard, Alan Miller)
- Objective 3: Protect the Aquifer Quality (Allen Isaacson, Phil Cerna)
- Implementation and Adaptive Management (Dale Peck, Bruce Cyr)

At 7pm, Helen Harrington will provide a few opening remarks on the background of the CAMP process and next steps. Paul Klatt will provide background information on the hydrology of the aquifer. Though Todd Tondee was not at the meeting, the Committee suggested he could highlight the key points of the CAMP plan.

Following the presentations, the Committee will answer questions and gather input and advice until 9pm.

Hal Keever volunteered to print and mount posters for the various stations.

Press Release and Opportunities for Public Input

The Committee reviewed the draft press release and suggested various changes to the text, including mention of where the public can find electronic and hard copies of the draft prior to the next meeting. The Committee also determined that the public input period, written and online, should extend until December 1. The facilitation team will compile and redistribute the public input to the Committee prior to the following meeting on December 10.

The Committee requested that public input occur through a variety of mechanisms. The facilitation team will take notes at the open house to capture comments and questions made during the discussion. The press release will identify an online mechanism where the public can complete a survey of specific questions or provide general comments. The Committee requested a survey option to collect feedback on some of the issues that elicited extensive discussion among Committee members.

Dale Peck volunteered Panhandle Health District's public information office for assistance with the distribution of the press release.

Second Public Comment Period

There were no comments during the second public comment period.