

RP CAMP Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary, May 23, 2012, Prepared by Helen Harrington

The Rathdrum Prairie CAMP Advisory Committee convened at the Coeur d'Alene City Hall Old Council Chambers Room. Advisory Members present:

Alan Miller
Laura Laumatia
Mike Galante
Dale Peck
Jon Mueller
Mike Neher
Bruce Howard
Jim Markley
Ken Windram
Ron Wilson

IWRB Members and IDWR Staff present:

Bob Graham, IWRB
Chuck Cuddy, IWRB
Gary Spackman
Keith Franklin
Ken Neely
Morgan Case
Mathew Weaver
Helen Harrington

1. Helen Harrington provides a summary of the legislative approval and signature of the RP CAMP into law during the 2012 legislative session. Ms. Harrington introduced Laura Laumatia, recently appointed by the IWRB, to replace Phil Cernera, at his request. It was announced the Paul Klatt has resigned from the committee but will continue to be engaged through following the committee's activities. Ms. Harrington announced that the IWRB recently established a funding source for CAMP implementation. The Board will be allocating up to \$200,000 annual for three years (for a total of up to \$600,000) from revenue the Board earns from hydropower sales on their projects. This subaccount can be used for implementation of Rathdrum Prairie, Treasure Valley, or other CAMPs which maybe adopted in the future. The Board will retain the authority for expending these funds, with the advisory committee providing recommendations on proposed projects.
2. Alan Miller provided an update on the status of a locally motivated group established by municipal purveyors in Idaho and Washington. The group is work to develop a structure for cooperation and collaboration. This effort is implementing actions contained in the RP CAMP. As the effort proceeds, the group will look toward involvement with state officials, but it currently working among themselves to develop a workable and effective strategy for collaboration.

3. Ms. Harrington and Gary Spackman, IDWR Interim Director, discussed the status of the Rathdrum Prairie Ground Water Management Plan and need for revisions, as discussed in the RP CAMP document.
4. Ken Neely, IDWR Hydrogeologist, presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled “The Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer – Current Status of IDWR’s Ground Water Monitoring Program”. A copy of the presentation is attached. The presentation provoked discussion about the opportunity to enhance the monitoring network by incorporating existing wells which advisory committee members or their organizations may possibly make available to Mr. Neely. A number of committee members expressed interest in pursuing the discussion and identifying wells which might be considered.
5. Mathew Weaver, IDWR Technical Engineer, presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled “RAFN Municipal WRs”. A copy of the presentation is attached. Mr. Weaver and Mr. Spackman answered committee questions and discussed the issues surrounding the process.
6. Due to time constraints, there was not time to discuss next steps for RP CAMP implementation. The committee requested that Ms. Harrington arrange for an advisory committee meeting in the near future for the primary purpose of discussing implementation steps.