

Rathdrum Prairie CAMP Advisory Committee
December 12, 2013
Meeting Notes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mike Galante
Dale Peck
Linda Kiefer for Bruce Howard
Alan Miller
Mike Neher
Ron Wilson
Kermit Keibert
Jon Mueller

IWRB & IDWR Staff in Attendance:

Bob Graham
Morgan Case
Helen Harrington

Meeting Summary

Helen Harrington reviewed the progress the Advisory Committee (AC) has made on drafting the Call for Project Proposals and described the history of how the concept came about. IWRB Member Bob Graham mentioned the importance of being prudent on the use of existing funds and demonstrating good use of the IWRB funding.

Helen reviewed the discussion and follow-up comments which resulted from the presentation at the November AC meeting by Mat Weaver, IDWR Deputy Director, about IDWR guidance on Reasonably Anticipated Future Needs water right processing. The AC discussed priorities for implementing RP CAMP and studies which could provide foundation for future water right applications. There was general agreement that the priority for using the funding would be to identify concrete studies which should be completed.

Two study concepts discussed were:

1. Evaluate current planning documents, boundaries, coordinated planning opportunities.
2. Consider developing a consumptive water use model similar to the model recently done by Spokane County.

Working groups for each concept were formed to help develop draft scopes of work and deliverables. The work will be done during the next few months.

AC members, who are also members of the Idaho-Washington Aquifer Collaboration (IWAC), suggested that the RP CAMP AC would benefit from a joint meeting with IWAC/CAMP/WRIA to learn more about the Spokane County consumptive use model. A joint meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 11. Helen and the IWAC members will coordinate schedules and arrange logistics.

The AC reviewed the current draft Call for Project Proposals and discussed evaluation criteria and point scheme. There was a suggestion to eliminate the points and to use the criteria for ranking project proposals without points. The AC had general agreement that it would use the criteria, but at this time, the Call for Project Proposals would not be issued. The higher priority will be to develop draft Request for Proposals/Qualifications to address the two study concepts discussed earlier.

The next RP CAMP AC meeting is tentatively March 11, as a joint meeting with IWAC and WRIA.

Summary prepared by Helen Harrington, 12/18/2013