Meeting Minutes

Advisory Committee for Malad Valley GWMA Meeting to Discuss Draft Water Management Plan

Date: February 25, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Malad High School Library

All committee members supported the formation of a water measurement district. Members thought the district should include all diversions of surface and ground water in Malad Valley. Surface water diversions should install a weir or a flume. Ground water users should install flow meters.

Members supported a water level measurement program in the valley. A network of wells should be defined by IDWR and measured at least four times per year.

The Malad River should be measured and monitored near the Idaho-Utah state line. The members did not support contracting with USGS to operate the site. There is not enough water in the Malad River at this site to justify the expense. The site should be monitored on a regular basis by the watermaster for the water measurement district.

At this point, the committee does not support monitoring springs during the winter months. Most of the springs in the valley are measured through surface water delivery systems. The cost of installing measuring devices to monitor winter flow is too much. Spring flow measurements can be revisited in the future if it can be done at a lower cost.