

Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan



Advisory Committee

Proposed Meeting Agenda

August 23, 2007

NRCS Plant Materials Center Conference Room
1691 A South 2700 West, Aberdeen, ID 83210
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review and Meeting Note Finalization

2. Presentation: The Eastern Snake Aquifer Hydrologic Model – Bryce Contour, IWRRRI

Goal: Committee education on the background and construction of the model.

3. Presentations and Discussion: Managed Recharge

- IDWR – Brian Patton and staff
- Idaho Power – David Blew
- Bureau of Reclamation – Rich Rigby

Goal: Committee education on status of ongoing managed recharge efforts and potential for future activities, including risks and constraints.

4. Presentations and Discussion: Incidental Recharge

- Water District 01 – Presenter to be determined

Goal: Committee education on incidental recharge, including opportunities, risks and constraints.

5. Lunch

6. Presentations and Discussion: CREP and other Incentives for Voluntary Retirement

- IGWA – Lynn Tominaga
- IDWR – Brian Patton and staff
- Farm Service Administration – Ronald Abbott
- Update on pending Farm Bill – Don Dixon, U.S. Senator Mike Crapo's Office

Goal: Committee education on status of CREP program and potential for future activities, including risks and constraints.

7. Presentation: Clive Strong on the background of the 2004 "Strawman" proposal

Goal: Committee understanding of the creation of and elements in the Strawman proposal.

8. Presentation and Discussion: Report from Quantitative Goal Sub-Committee

Goal: Provide report back to Committee members on first sub-committee meeting.

10. Public Comment

Proposed Agenda Items for Future Advisory Committee Meetings

September 27th (Thursday), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Rexburg

- Presentation and Discussion on Management Alternatives
 - Surface Water Storage
 - High Lift Exchange
 - Conservation
- Report from Goal Sub-Committee
- Report from IDWR on status of technical studies

October 25th (Thursday), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Hagerman

- Presentation and Discussion on Management Alternatives
 - Groundwater to Surface Water Conversions
 - Exchange with Other Basins
 - Buydowns
 - Increased Measurement Across Sectors
 - Others?
- Report from Goal Sub-Committee
- Report from IDWR on status of technical studies
- Discussion: Evaluating Management Alternatives (review of questions generated in July)
- Discussion: Framing Questions for the ESHMC

November 15th (Thursday), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Burley

- Review of Management Alternatives
- Discussion of Quantitative Goal
- Review of Funding Alternatives listed in Framework; brainstorming of additional funding strategies which should be considered by Committee
- Brainstorming of criteria and questions to use when learning about funding alternatives

December 13th (Thursday), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pocatello

- Presentation of Funding Alternatives