

Rathdrum Prairie CAMP Advisory Committee
November 14, 2013
Meeting Notes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mike Galante
Dale Peck
Linda Kiefer for Bruce Howard
Jim Markley
Mike Neher
Ken Windram
Ron Wilson

IWRB & IDWR Staff in Attendance:

Helen Harrington
Morgan Case

Meeting Summary

Helen Harrington provided an update on IWRB activities related to RP CAMP. The IWRB Water Resource Planning Committee has recommended that Hal Keever's resignation be accepted and that Ed Squires join the Ad Hoc Resource Network, a group which can be called upon to provide technical and other information to the Advisory Committee (AC). This issue will come before the IWRB at their November 20 meeting. Helen mentioned that Dr. Dale Ralston would be making a presentation to the IWRB at their November 19 work session and will consider an action on November 20.

IDWR Deputy Director Mathew Weaver made a presentation to the AC about IDWR's guidance memo recently issued on Reasonably Anticipated Future Needs water right applications. The memo was issued on November 13, 2013. Mr. Weaver discussed issues IDWR considered in developing the guidance and that the guidance is instructions to staff for consistency in applying the statutes to process these applications. He described the document as a "bridge document" without the force of law, but that it will get people thinking about the issue.

Mr. Weaver also presented information about proposed directive called "Water Sustainability Initiative" which includes proposed funding for IDWR/IWRB programs and projects, including \$500,000 for joint studies in Northern Idaho.

The AC then moved into a working session to discuss a revised document of the draft Request for Proposals presented at the last AC meeting (Oct 10). The new draft is a Call for Proposed Projects and eliminates the contractual language and is more streamlined. The draft document and tentative timetable for the process was discussed.

The AC also discussed Mr. Weaver's comments about RAFN studies. There was a discussion about what studies may be needed and when that work might be considered.

The next AC meeting is scheduled for December 12 to at which time the AC will discuss the evaluation criteria and review process for the Call for Proposed Projects.

Summary prepared by Helen Harrington, 12/04/2013

Attachments:

Weaver presentation
Draft Call for Projects
Flow Chart