

Abbreviated Meeting Notes

WD01 Water Right Accounting Program Update

Technical Subcommittee Open Forum Meeting, May 15, 2012

Item 1 – Introductions were made, and an attendance list was circulated. The following people were in attendance:

Lyle Swank (WD01)	Jon Bowling (Idaho Power)	Garth Newton (IDWR)
Dale Swenson (FMID)	Tom Arkoosh (AFRD2)	Garrick Baxter (IDWR)
Randy Bingham (BID)	Lynn Harmon (AFRD2)	Brian Olmstead (TFCC)
Steve Howser (ASCC)	Tony Olenichak (WD01)	Helga King (WD01)
Rich Rigby (IDWR)	Julie Seivers (Milner ID)	Michael Knight (MID)
Mike Beus (USBR)	Bill Thompson (MID)	Sean Vincent (IDWR)
Matt Howard (USBR)	Bob Lounsbury (USBR)	Lynn Tominaga (IGWA)
Peter Cooper (WD01)	Mat Weaver (IDWR)	John Simpson (TFCC/NSCC)
Robert Keller (WD01)	Jennifer Cuhaciyon (IDWR)	Ron Carlson

Item 2 – Garth Newton provided a slideshow based presentation “Water Rights Accounting”. The presentation lasted approximately 30 minutes and introduced and discussed the new water right accounting program, and covered the topics of software and hardware requirements of the new program, differences between the new program and the old program, and the various components and capabilities of the new program. Following the presentation Garth opened the new program and provided a brief tour and demonstration of its capabilities.

Item 3 – Rich introduced the topic of the “Next Step”. Rich indicated that the next step is a side by side comparison between the old program and the new program. There is still a bit of data refinement and work necessary before the Department can conduct the side by side comparison. Rich indicated the Department needs at least another month to work on the comparison, and suggested a status conference call in a month to provide an update to the subcommittee.

1. Steve Howser followed up Rich’s discussion by suggesting that the new model be rolled out as soon as possible and that it should potentially be run this year in parallel with the old model.
2. Dale Swenson inquired into what outstanding data and work was needed to run the new model.
3. Ron Carlson asked for more detail regarding the underlying “logic” that the new program uses to conduct the accounting.
4. Steve Howser suggested that a document be prepared that lists and describes all of the assumptions underlying the new program on a reach by reach and reservoir by reservoir basis.
5. Brian Olmstead inquired into how the new program handles “shifts” and “adjustments”, and whether it handles them “better” than the old program.
6. Steve Howser called for more data logging and more real time data to support the new program.
7. Tony Olenichak inquired into whether canal managers will have the ability to access the model and model output—will they have the ability through ArcView to view but not edit the program?
8. Steve Howser followed up Tony’s inquiry by discussing ArcIMS, a web-based viewing application that might accommodate the functionality Tony described.

Item 4 – Rich scheduled the next meeting (telephone status conference call) for June 12, 2012, at 9:00 AM.