



Lower Boise Watershed Council

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
USDA-Farm Service Center, Caldwell, Idaho
Thursday, April 12, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Sherrill Doran, Tom Dupuis, Dennis Searle, Scott Campbell, Alan Newbill, Henry Haminishi, Lee Van De Bogart, Johanna Bell, Robbin Finch, Cyndy Bratz, Dan Steenson, Dorene MacCoy, Michael Mikota, Craig Shepard, Clint Dolsby, David Kiel, Andy Waldera, Jack Harrison

Meeting called to order, introductions made. The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved by the Directors with several typo corrections.

Open Discussion on Draft Phosphorus TMDL - Sherrill Doran

Sherrill started the discussion by saying that the purpose of the meeting was to try to answer questions that anyone has regarding the March 2007 pre-draft TMDL report to ensure that comments on the report are as informed and complete as possible, not to continue to debate various issues. There will be a number of other meetings in the near future for comments and issues to be further debated and discussed.

Stormwater Q&A:

Sherrill provided a memo handout summarizing allocations for stormwater, and answering common questions about the allocations, the basis for them, and how they relate to the other source groups. Sherrill pointed out that additional QC on the model revealed a correction that needed to be made for the stormwater allocation, which will change the value in Exhibit 30 and the graph in Appendix B, page 94. She also pointed out a new footnote that would be added to Exhibit 30 that makes it clear that the growth reserve is estimated based on projected municipal wastewater growth, but could be divided between all point sources as needs arise over the implementation period.

Lee asked if the analyses addressed runoff during major summer storm events. Sherrill explained that the analyses do not directly account for individual large storm events, but instead the flows and loads are based on seasonal averages. Johanna and Lee said they would work on language that would clarify how lower Boise communities manage runoff during major storm events in their design standards and how storm event considerations should be included in the TMDL.

Jack and Erica then gave a powerpoint presentation summarizing ACHD's preliminary comments on the March 2007 draft report. The three main comments were:

1. 50% reduction by stormwater is a technically defensible goal - included data and charts from various studies
2. Phosphorus treatment is NOT the same as TSS treatment - ACHD stormwater data shows removal of dissolved phosphorus will vary
3. TSS TMDL should NOT be "Revised" in this TMDL - what is proposed or done in Boise City should not be applied throughout the watershed without careful consideration; and recommending that the references to reduction goals in the TSS TMDL be removed from the TP TMDL to avoid confusion

Craig asked if ACHD knows what percent reduction in TSS from stormwater is occurring now upstream of Middleton. Erica said that ACHD facilities get at least 30% removal.

Wastewater Q&A:

There were no questions concerning the wastewater allocation calculations.

Agricultural Q&A:

Scott asked for further explanation of what is meant by the term "carriage water" and how a separate load allocation is justified for that. He said the March 2007 report needed to clarify that. Andy suggested that it really is a euphemism for a background source because it's assumed by the model to be moving through the system without picking up significant additional phosphorus.

Cyndy suggested that the report include a list of definitions.

Jack noted that the 50% reduction target for agriculture is consistent with the moderate phosphorus control estimate in the existing agricultural implementation plan.

Other Issues:

Process from here: Comments on the March 2007 draft are due April 30. There will be an all day meeting on May 10 to discuss the comments. Decisions by the Board on recommended allocations to DEQ are scheduled for the June 14 meeting. Dennis recommended that a structured decision process of some kind be used for the June 14 meeting.

Tom provided a budget status report, noting that as of the end of March, about 80% of the authorized budget for facilitation/technical support for this fiscal year has been spent, almost all of which has been related to TMDL development. He indicated that the remaining budget may or not be enough to complete the TMDL

depending on how much additional technical analysis or how many followup meetings are required as a result of comments on the pre-draft TMDL, and will certainly not allow for completion of other tasks in the CH2M HILL work plan for this fiscal year.

Meeting Adjourned