



Lower Boise Watershed Council

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
USDA-FARM Service Center, Caldwell Idaho
Thursday, October 11, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Tom Dupuis, Mark Hardy, Dennis Searle, Johanna Bell, Henry Haminishi, Bryan Horsburgh, Robert Braun, Craig Shepard, Alan Newbill, Andy Waldera, Ron Caudle, Robbin Finch

Meeting called to order, introductions made. The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved by the Directors.

FY2008 USGS Monitoring Scope and Budget

Mark Hardy presented a proposal for monitoring for FY2008. The basic program would continue to consist of quarterly monitoring of the mainstem for water quality and annual monitoring of the mainstem for biological indicators. The monitoring workgroup suggested that the monitoring program for FY2009 be modified to provide more focused monitoring of subbasins. This intensive monitoring of subbasins would be rotated over a period of multiple years. The USGS proposal included some time to develop the FY2009+ monitoring strategy in conjunction with the monitoring workgroup. The Board voted to approve the basic program as described.

In addition, the municipal workgroup may work with USGS in 1Q 2008 to potentially implement continuous phosphorus monitoring at Parma using the automatic sampling system piloted in 2005-2006.

Other Available Watershed Council Funding

Tom Dupuis presented a request for WAG administrative assistance through the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission. As per the FY2008 Administrative Assistance Reimbursement Guide, we requested funding for minutes and coordination of monthly meetings, as well as mailing costs associated with contribution requests. Submitting this request was approved by the Board.

FY2008 LBWC Scope and Budget

Tom Dupuis presented the FY2008 LBWC scope and budget for Board review. Bryan Horsburgh indicated that in-kind support for analysis relating to USGS river sampling would decrease from \$9,000 to \$6,000. No other changes to the draft budget were submitted. It was noted that contribution requests that would go out in

the spring would better align with many municipalities fiscal year planning. The FY2008 scope and budget was approved by the Board.

319 Grant Proposals for 2008

Pre-applications for 319 grant money for FY2009 are due to IDEQ on November 9, 2007. Tom Dupuis provided a summary of a meeting attended by CH2M HILL, IDEQ, Ada County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. The Owyhee Watershed model was discussed as a successful example of watershed-wide BMP funding that could be exported to the lower Boise watershed. Henry Haminishi and Robbin Finch both stressed that successful 319 projects should contain specific potential projects and sites with “real” expected constituent reductions. Our proposal should include specific measurement metrics that demonstrate reductions in loading. Future grant proposal meetings should include both Henry and Robbin for their BAG perspective.

Status of Phosphorus Allocation Process

Craig Shepard indicated that IDEQ remains supportive of our process and allocations. The state AG is expected to look at the documents in October from both a technical and administrative perspective.

Status of Sediment and Bacteria TMDL Implementation Activities

Sherrill Doran was unable to attend but Tom Dupuis indicated that information is being gathered on the non-point source agricultural side. Additional information from the point source WWTF and stormwater permittees will also need to be gathered.

Meeting Adjourned