



Lower Boise Watershed Council

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING USDA Farm Service Center, Caldwell Thursday, January 10, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: Brandy Wilson, Tom Dupuis, Emily Boerner, Dennis Searle, Sherrill Doran, Johanna Bell, Dan Steenson, Robbin Finch, Lee Van de Bogart, Henry Hamanishi, Jack Harrison, Erica Anderson Maguire, Lauri Monnot, Craig Shepard, Alan Newbill, Andy Waldera, Kevin Lewis, Nick Smith

Meeting called to order, introductions made. The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved by the Directors with minor edits.

Update on Public Outreach Plan

Brandy Wilson presented a draft presentation and Fact Sheet to the group. The presentation was designed to reach a large audience, and focused on educating the general public. There was extensive discussion on who the target audience should be, how the campaign would work, and to what level of detail the presentation should cover given varying audiences. Emily also went over a list of priority outreach targets and there was discussion about the appropriateness of those targets.

The group decided that there should be two basic presentations that would be available depending on who is listening: “bottom-up” presentation focused on general public messages, and “top-down” presentation focused on why policy- and decision-makers need to understand water quality issues and what resources the LBWC brings to help those people act to implement the TMDLs.

Brandy will develop the second, more technically-focused “top-down” presentation and will distribute both presentations to the group for review and comment prior to the next monthly meeting.

Update on Phosphorus Allocation Process

Craig indicated that the IDEQ legal and technical review was continuing. The allocation numbers are currently the same as those proposed in the August 2007 document; IDEQ has put those allocations into a TMDL-type document that will go out for public comment soon. There is a meeting to be held between IDEQ and EPA in (hopefully) early February.

Update on Revised Sediment and Bacteria TMDLs

Craig explained that his changes to the sediment and bacteria TMDL were fairly simple and consisted of 1) adding language to re-distribute the reserve growth to other treatment facilities such as Kuna, and 2) incorporating *E. coli* data to analyze whether the river was impaired for bacteria, respectively.

ACHD's concerns regarding modifying the sediment and bacteria TMDL to also include reserve growth for stormwater, in addition to other broader issues a modification should consider, were discussed. Craig Shepard reiterated that EPA R10 does not intend to issue numeric permit limits for stormwater and ACHD continued to be concerned that without a specific allocation, they have increased liability related to stormwater discharges. Erica noted that ACHD does not wish to stand in the way of an allocation for Kuna, but would like the broader issues of concern to be addressed in some way. Erica made a motion that these issues should be further considered during IDEQ's reevaluation of the TMDLs that is scheduled for 2008. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The group also generally agreed that the TMDL changes should be very specific only to Kuna at this time (provide Kuna a portion of the allocated sediment reserve for growth and a bacteria allocation) but not otherwise modify the reserve language as had been discussed at the November 2007 meeting.

2008 Integrated Report

Tom Dupuis noted that the 2008 Integrated Report was out for public comment through February 20. CH2M HILL will review the report and compare the 2008 version against requests made for earlier versions to determine if any comments need to be submitted on behalf of the LBWC prior to the deadline. Tom noted that DEQ has proposed that the Lower Boise River no longer be listed as impaired due to excess nutrients.

Elections of Officers

Tom explained that LBWC bylaws provide for officers to serve 3 year terms. All of the current officers have another year remaining on their terms and can continue to serve for calendar year 2008. All existing officers agreed to continue to serve, and there were no requests by other board members to replace any of the existing officers. A motion was made and seconded to retain the current officers for 2008. Motion passed unanimously. The officers are: Dennis Searle, Chair; Johanna Bell, Vice-Chair; and Henry Hamanishi, Secretary-Treasurer.

Meeting Adjourned