



# Lower Boise Watershed Council

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING Idaho DEQ Office, Boise Thursday, October 14, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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### Introduction

**Attendees:** See attached sign-in list.

Meeting called to order, introductions were made.

### Consent Agenda

#### *Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting*

The minutes from the September 9, 2010 meeting were approved with one correction from Henry.

### Discussion Agenda

#### *Indian Creek TMDL Update*

Temperature Model Update: Tom described an effort underway, sponsored primarily by the City of Nampa so far, to develop a stream temperature computer model for Indian Creek that could be used for the temperature TMDL. The main purpose of the model is to predict creek water temperatures under current and natural background conditions. Nampa has met with DEQ on this, with DEQ being supportive of the concept of using a model; the details on model inputs and results are still being worked on and discussed. It was suggested that a special TAC meeting eventually be scheduled when the process is further enough along.

Summary of TAC Meetings in September: Robbin summarized the three Indian Creek TMDL TAC meetings that have been held to date on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup>. As a result of these meetings, DEQ has agreed to extend the informal comment period on the pre-draft TMDL report until November 10<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of October 12<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting was to develop recommended comments that could be included in a letter from the LBWC to DEQ.

Stakeholder Comments on Process and Schedule: It was decided that further stakeholder comments should be provided to Tom by October 22<sup>th</sup> so a draft comment letter can be sent to Board members by October 28<sup>th</sup>, giving them a week to review it before the next regular meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

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### *DEQ's Integrated Report Out for Public Comment*

Robbin summarized some of the key information contained in the public comment draft Integrated Report. He noted the report is shorter and better organized, and has new guidance on interpretation of temperature criteria related to applicable time periods for cold water and spawning uses, and averaging periods and methods. He also noted that DEQ has proposed to relist for nutrient impairment the segment of the Boise River from Middleton to Indian Creek, and to delist the segment from Star to Middleton. New listings for chlorpyrifos have been added for Mason and Fifteenmile creeks. Brownlee Reservoir is listed for mercury and a TMDL will be scheduled sometime in the next few years. Craig noted that EPA has recently disapproved DEQ's mercury TMDL for Jordan Creek, and will redo the TMDL themselves. He noted this could affect the mercury TMDL for Lake Lowell also.

Comments to DEQ are due by October 27<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that LBWC would not provide a formal comment letter on the report, but individual stakeholders are encouraged to review it and make their own comments as desired.

### *319 Tour and Update*

Henry gave a summary of the recent 319 field trip and lunch. Three of the ongoing 319 project sites were visited. The tour was attended by representatives from DEQ, SCD, NRCS, SW BAG, and a number of LBWC members. Overall the tour and the successes of the ongoing projects were well received. The pollutant load reductions are substantive, and this 319 program is deserving of additional funding in future years. Robbin noted that he heard that there was a record number of requests for farm bill funds targeted for Ada and Canyon counties for the coming fiscal year.

## **Council Business**

### *Fundraising and Outreach Activities*

Liz noted that the directors are now taken on a more active role in fundraising and outreach. She prepared a draft fundraising letter to donors, and reviewed the list of potential donors. The list will be divided up among the directors for follow-up with potential donors. Liz noted that historically seven of the larger local government agencies have provided the majority of the funding. There will be outreach to the smaller communities this year. Bob and Henry will lead the outreach effort to industries, Erica to highway districts, and Dan to irrigation entities in the Treasure Valley. Liz asked which other entities in the valley should be contacted. A number of ideas were discussed, and Dan suggested that foundations should also be considered, such as those that supported the Boise WaterShed project.

### *Miscellaneous Updates*

Liz noted that DEQ is conducting an antidegradation rule-making process that could have much importance to the LBWC. She has scheduled a TAC meeting with DEQ on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to we can learn more about this and determine if any LBWC action might be warranted.

Craig said the EPA pesticide permit is causing some controversy. Andy noted that EPA will send a draft permit to OMB in late November, and DEQ should get that version for certification about that same time.

Liz gave a summary of the CAMP committee process to date. She said the goal was to continue to meet through March or April to try to develop a draft plan. She indicated that no consensus

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has been arrived at yet on whether there is a water supply problem or crisis looming in the future for the Treasure Valley. It was decided that we should get an update on CAMP and the Feasibility study from the Corps and DWR at the January meeting.

***DEQ TMDL & 5-Year Review Development: TAC Meeting Schedule***

Craig said there are no 5-year reviews currently scheduled. The Willow Creek TMDL is in technical editing now. He might be able to release Chapter 5 similar to what was done for Indian Creek. Mason Creek has not been started. Five/Ten/Fifteenmile and Sand Hollow creeks are scheduled to go to technical editing by the end of this year. It was decided that an initial TAC meeting discussing Willow, Five/Ten/Fifteenmile, and Sand Hollow should be held in the morning on November 16<sup>th</sup> with additional TACs scheduled after that as needed.

Liz asked the status of the nutrient TMDL TAC for the Boise River that had been discussed at earlier meetings. Tom noted that he has had preliminary discussions about that with Barry Burnell with DEQ, but it has not been scheduled yet. Robbin noted that discussions with EPA and DEQ regarding Boise's Dixie Drain proposal are still ongoing, that a TMDL would likely take 2 years to complete, and that NPDES permits cannot wait that long for resolution. It was decided that a TAC meeting should be scheduled for January 2011.

***Update on Basin Advisory Group Meeting(s)***

Henry said that the SW BAG is meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> to review 319 grant proposals, including the one submitted by LBWC and Canyon SCD.

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**Meeting Adjourned at about 9:00 p.m.**

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 Meeting Date: 10/14/2010

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