



# Lower Boise Watershed Council

## REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IDEQ Regional Headquarters Office Thursday, March 11, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order, introductions made. The minutes from the February 11, 2010, meeting were reviewed and approved by the Directors.

### **LBWC Business**

Paul Calverly, County Board Representative Vote. Ada County would like to nominate Paul to assume the empty Local Governmental position. Paul is currently the chair of the Ada Soil and Water Conservation District and has also been a landowner in Canyon County for many years. He was previously the Idaho State Conservationist and brings a wide range of experience to serve on the LBWC Board. Johanna indicated that she had been in contact with Canyon County Commissioner Ferdinand to facilitate a two-county partnership with Paul's role. A motion was made to accept Paul's nomination; the motion passed unanimously.

Open Meeting Law Discussion. Dan Steenson provided a review of Idaho's Open Meeting laws. It was apparent that they only apply to agencies or sub-agencies created by state statute. Because the LBWC does not fit those definitions, we do not appear to be subject to these laws.

New Member Orientation Packet. Sherrill Doran distributed an updated list of the orientation packet materials and status. Nearly all items are complete, with the exception of the timeline for stakeholder cooperation/TMDL/CWA history, which Robbin Finch indicated he could complete by the May board meeting for review (with input from Henry Hamanishi and Erica Anderson-Maguire). Liz Paul asked to have the completed packet ready in April (except for the timeline, which should also be posted on the website when completed), particularly for the three newest Board members. Johanna suggested that the packet be updated yearly and that the three sitting Officers be responsible for new Board member orientations, as needed.

Website: Spanish Translation, Changes to the Org Chart. Johanna let the group know that a Google hot-link is available so that the website can be translated into Spanish. Bob Braun asked whether it was reliable and how we would validate such a tool, and Lee Van de Bogart offered that Caldwell could run a trial and validate it with in-house staff this month. Liz was supportive of having such a hot-link. In addition to that potential website modification, Johanna suggested a change to the organization chart with the Facilitator contact information shown before the Board organization. The Board agreed that this change should be made.

Contributions: Status for 2010 and Invoice Increases. A summary of contributions received to date was distributed to Board members. Johanna asked whether a 4% increase in requested contributions was acceptable this year given the economy, and Sherrill provided the context that between 1996-2006, there were no cost adjustments made. So the 4% increase requested for each year since 2007 represents 1.5% per year since 2000. Erica asked about the origin of the

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original requested amounts and Tom Dupuis explained that originally, the requested amounts were based on city population and type of organization, but that this approach probably needs to be revisited and would be a good item to include in the Board retreat. Johanna and Dan asked that a history of contributions be provided to the Board members prior to the retreat to facilitate that discussion. The issue of the annual increase was tabled until the Board retreat. Dan asked whether we had all constituencies represented and others thought the list could be broadened to include other watershed entities. The Board requested that the contributions history be sent out and reorganized by stakeholder category, and that the website be modified to include a new link for tax-deductible donations from the public. Sherrill brought up the question of also giving more thought to how we account for in-kind support from the participating stakeholder groups that may also be contributing financially. Finally, Sherrill also distributed a summary of the FY2010 budget by subtask (through February 26, 2010) to the Board members as an information item. Liz asked what kind of collection policy we have, and Tom indicated that in the past CH2M HILL has done this informally. Johanna let the group know that she was stepping in to help and is meeting with some stakeholders regarding the benefits of membership.

Review Available Board Retreat Dates. Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> appeared to be a date that worked for all Board members.

### **Phosphorus Updates**

As a follow-up to the discussion in February, Dan Steenson provided a press release from Representative Simpson's office on meetings the congressman has had with Regional EPA Administrators. Given the Board response at the February meeting, Dan went forward with his outreach efforts on behalf of the water users only. No action from the LBWC is needed at this time, but since Dan indicated that the congressional office has already expressed our concerns, Dan framed the fundamental question as how do we work with EPA from here? Sherrill suggested that a TAC meeting be convened so that the local stakeholders can collectively identify and discuss options for the phosphorus issue and raise our group awareness. Erica suggested that we also learn more about other areas where nutrient TMDLs have been successful so that we can continue to make progress. IDEQ is also expected to come out with a 2010 Integrated List for public review and comment within the next month or so.

### **319 Grant Program**

Sherrill provided a quick overview of the Public Education and Outreach TAC that was held February 26, 2010. Mike Swartz from Canyon SCD indicated that the District was continuing to discuss its role in upcoming 319 grant cycle(s) and that the District wants to continue to be partnered with the LBWC and the resource agencies. Given that the pre-application to IDEQ is due May 9, 2010, a motion was made to have the LBWC support a grant for the next 319 cycle either in a leadership or partnership role with the District; the motion passed unanimously. Mike indicated that the District should be able to provide a clear answer to the LBWC before the April meeting when the pre-application packet will be further discussed. A discussion of other 319 projects was postponed until the next meeting due to time constraints.

### **Public Outreach / Conference Participation**

Henry let the group know about the upcoming May 19-20, 2010, IDEQ reuse workshop and suggested that the LBWC ask to have a booth at that conference. The information booths are

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free, and Henry offered to man the booth as he would be attending the entire conference. The group agreed this would be a good event at which to be represented.

Liz asked that the LBWC consider sponsoring an interpretive sign at Barber Park, in cooperation with Boise River Sweep, Boise WaterShed, NWS, Ada County, NOAA, and Idaho Rivers United. She said she would bring back specifics on sponsorship costs and kiosk design to the next meeting, but thought the cost of our part might be in the \$200-\$300 range. The group was generally supportive and this item will be further discussed at the April meeting.

### **CAMP Updates**

Lee let the group know that he attended a March 10, 2010, meeting where all of the CAMP nominees spoke. There were about 40 nominees for the Advisory Committee, and 20-25 are likely to be chosen. These names will be announced at the IWRB Board March 25, 2010 meeting.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

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Meeting Title: March Monthly Meetings

Meeting Date: 3/11/10

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