



Lower Boise Watershed Council

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING USDA Farm Service Center, Caldwell Thursday, April 8, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

Attendees: See attached sign-in list.

Meeting called to order, introductions made. The minutes from the March 11, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved with minor corrections. Johanna Bell suggested two additions to the agenda (i.e., updates on the CAMP process and open meeting law applicability).

Nutrient Updates

City of Boise, Dixie Drain Wetlands: Paul Woods gave a powerpoint presentation on the city's thinking and plans for a potential wetlands treatment system at a 49 acre site the city recently purchased at the mouth of Dixie Drain. He said the city would not be piping city effluent to the site, but rather would divert drain flows through the treatment system to remove phosphorus from drain water. This would be done as an offset or trade for some of the P in the city's effluent. The city will remove 90% of its current load in any case, but the trade would be a way to avoid the extra cost of adding filters to the treatment plant which are estimated to cost \$20 - 40 million. The city estimates the wetland treatment system, which will also include chemical addition (alum or ferric chloride), will have a lower capital cost than filters, but may have higher operation and maintenance costs, so they're going to have to balance that before final decisions are made. The city has been discussing this approach with EPA, who has been generally supportive of the concept but is now doing a legal review before committing to it. Paul said the regulatory approach could include the wetland discharge back to the drain or river as a "third outfall" in their NPDES permit, or could use the formal Boise trading framework, those are the regulatory side-boards so far. A trading approach can only be approved by DEQ and EPA if it is shown that there won't be localized impacts in the Boise River. Paul said he doesn't anticipate such impacts based on recent work by USGS that concludes that algae in the Boise River do not appear to be correlated to P concentrations. He said that the city would document wetland treatment system performance by directly measuring the P in and out of the system on a weekly basis. Jack supported that monitoring because it would take into account any other P reductions that might occur in Dixie Drain in the future. Paul said the city has met with Canyon County commissioners, who have not objected to the concept so far. He said the city realizes they will have to be involved in local mosquito abatement.

Nutrient Strategy TAC Summary: Tom handed out a summary of the meeting that was held on March 26th at Meridian city hall. The summary included the pros and cons of the various alternatives, which consisted of: 1) do nothing, 2) move to category 4 (impaired but TMDL not needed), 3) move to category 2 (not impaired), or 4) keep in category 5 (impaired) and do a TMDL. There was extensive discussion about what the next steps for the LBWC should be. Some thought additional meetings with EPA should be pursued to better understand what

might be possible. Johanna thought we should work through DEQ because they are our link to EPA, and that we should direct our limited resources to other priorities, while at the same time paying attention to the issue and being prepared to react as new information comes to light. Dan thought we should actively engage with EPA if we think that they might be open to a Boise River target that might be different from the Snake River target. Jack thought technical work done now would not be wasted. Paul noted that EPA's main concern seems to be to get to the Snake Target at the mouth of the Boise, with reasonable assurance that it will happen. He said EPA has offered to fund the TMDL if DEQ would ask for that. Dan suggested that we have a followup TAC meeting to frame the approach. Jack said if we do that we should be prepared to discuss the basic elements of the process: Will there be modeling? What would the Boise target be? How might the allocations be modified? At the end of the discussion, it was agreed that a TAC meeting should be held in early May, and that EPA should be invited to participate.

2010 Integrated Listing Schedule: Susan said that DEQ plans to public notice the draft list for comment by late April or early May.

Phosphorus Wasteload Allocations

John Moeller, with Forsgren engineers, was scheduled to discuss a revised allocation for Sorento Lactalis. John did not attend the meeting, so this item will likely be addressed at the May or some other future meeting.

319 Grant Program

FY2011 Canyon County BMP Pre-Application: A copy of Sherrill's draft pre-application was reviewed. Mike said that the Canyon SCD, which was meeting concurrently in the same location, had approved continued partnership with LBWC, with the LBWC again taking the lead for the application. He said the board also approved Sherrill's draft pre-application form. With that, the LBWC directors also unanimously approved the approach and pre-application.

Barber Park Interpretative Sign

Johanna reported that the cost for each organization to have space on the sign has been reduced to \$125, and that the design and graphics for LBWC space would be done by the City of Boise. She said a draft of the design would be sent around to directors for their review and input. The directors unanimously approved LBWC participation. The check will be directed to Liz Paul, and is needed by mid-May.

Update on the CAMP Process

Unfortunately, Lee Van De Bogart, who was nominated by the LBWC to be on the CAMP advisory committee, did not make the short list of potential committee representatives.

Update on Applicability of Open Meeting Law

Since the last LBWC meeting, Dan and Johanna have confirmed that the open meeting law is applicable to certain types of LBWC meetings, specifically those when we will be discussing matters that pertain to our recognized statutory role as a WAG. So this would pertain to most of our regular and TAC meetings, but probably not others such as a board retreat. Dan provided a copy of the open meeting law manual, which states that applicable meetings must be noticed 5 days in advance and agendas noticed 48 hours in advance, with special meetings noticed 24 hours in advance. The notices are to be posted in a prominent place at the principal office of the

organization (thus, could be the Water Center), or at the building where the meeting is to be held. It was agreed that we should post applicable meeting at the location where they're to be held (either USDA or DEQ office).

Meeting Adjourned

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Meeting Title: Regular Meeting

Meeting Date: 4/8/10

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