

Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory Group

Draft Meeting Minutes

(All Minutes Are Recorded)

Burley City Chambers 1401 Overland Ave.

Burley, Idaho

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Time: 7:00 pm

ATTENDEES:

1. Sonny Buhidar- DEQ-TFRO
2. Mike Etcheverry-DEQ-TFRO
3. Pat McCammon-6s Ranch
4. Mike Beus- United States Bureau of Reclamation
5. Clyde Lay- USBR-PNRO
6. Steve Davis- BLM
7. Tom Geary- Rancher
8. Stan Lloyd- Cassia Creek Irrigation
9. Sue Switzer-DEQ-TFRO
10. Rod Smith- City of Burley/Vice Chairman

I. Welcome and Introductions

7:00 PM

Rod Smith- City of Burley

The meeting was called to order and everyone was welcomed in attendance. Each of the attendees introduced themselves and whom they represented at the meeting.

II. Wag Business

7:05 PM

Rod Smith-City of Burley

1. Approved Minutes-
 - a. Motion to approve minutes as read. A motion was entertained to approve the minutes as read and motion passed unanimously.
 - b. There were no other WAG issues of interest to be discussed.

III. Status of Water Volume in Upper Snake System

7:10 PM

Mike Beus-BOR

Mike Beus provided a summary of this year's water year for the Upper Snake System. A copy of his presentation is attached for review.

IV. Temperature TMDLs- Lake Walcott & Raft River

7:20 PM

Sonny Buhidar-DEQ

Sonny Buhidar reported that he just received from the IDEQ Technical Services the preliminary report on the canopy cover review for the temperature TMDLs for the Lake Walcott and Raft River subbasins. He still has to review the overall documents; but will be providing a draft to the Lake Walcott WAG after his preliminary review.

V. Lake Walcott TMDL 5- Year Review

7:25 PM

Sonny Buhidar- DEQ

Sonny Buhidar provided a draft copy of the 5-Year Review on the Lake Walcott TMDL. Comments and suggestions from the WAG are encouraged and solicited. He reviewed the overall intent and scheme of the review process. A copy of the draft document is attached for review.

VI. 2008 Integrated Report Update

7:45 PM

Sonny Buhidar-DEQ

Sonny Buhidar provided a handout and a verbal summary of the 2008 Integrated Report. A final document is expected to be approved by EPA by the end of this year.

VII. Mercury Monitoring-2007 Statewide Lakes/Reservoir

7:50 PM

Sonny Buhidar-DEQ

Sonny Buhidar reviewed the 2007 statewide lakes and reservoir mercury monitoring in Idaho. In general, mercury is found throughout Idaho Lakes and reservoirs. The "hot spot" for Idaho is still the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir because of the high fish tissue concentrations. A copy of his presentation is attached for review.

VIII. 319 Grant 2008-2009 Schedule Current Projects Update

8:45 PM

Mike Etcheverry-DEQ

Mike Etcheverry gave a summary of the 319 Grant schedules for funding years 2008-2009. In general, IDEQ and EPA want to tighten up the time frame for grant dollars to be provided to the recipients on a faster time frame; and this will be done over the next two years. A copy of his presentation is attached for review.

IX. Update on Cassia Creek Irrigation District

9:00 PM

Stan Lloyd-Cassia Creek Irrigation

Tom Geary reported on the creation of the Cassia Creek Irrigation District instead of a water district as initially proposed by the IDWR. In general, it appears that the new district stakeholders are more amicable to an irrigation district than a water district.

X. Adjourn

9:05 PM

Rod Smith- Vice Chairman

A motion was entertained to adjourn the meeting, motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Carolyn Rambourg

Chairman

[Signature]

Date of Approval

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