

# Middle Snake River Watershed Advisory Group

## Meeting Minutes

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
Twin Falls Regional Office  
1363 Fillmore Street, Twin Falls, Idaho  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

### Attendees:

Andy Morton – Clear Springs Foods, Inc.  
Brian Hoelscher – Idaho Power Company (IPC)  
Brian Olmstead – Twin Falls Canal Company (TFCC)  
Chad Chorney – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office (TFRO)  
Jeff Williams – Rancher  
Jordan Tollefson – Soil and Water Conservation Commissions (SWCC)  
Mike Trabert – City of Twin Falls  
Richard Bupp – Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  
Sue Switzer – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office (TFRO)  
Ted Diehl – Northside Canal Company (NSCC)

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:03 p.m. by Mike Trabert, WAG Chairman. The attendees introduced themselves and who they represented.

### Wag Business

- The minutes from the October 13, 2010 Middle Snake WAG meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion was made by Andy Morton; seconded by Jeff Williams.
- The minutes from the February 16, 2011 Middle Snake WAG meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion was made by Andy Morton; seconded by Jeff Williams.
- The minutes from the March 16, 2011 Middle Snake WAG meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion was made by Andy Morton; seconded by Jeff Williams.
- The next meeting was scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> to review 319 proposals and possibly a presentation from Gary Fornshell, University of Idaho. Mike Trabert was not available on this date, Larry Pennington will be asked to Chair the July WAG meeting.

## **Mid-Snake WAG By-Laws**

The revised Mid-Snake By-Laws were emailed as an attachment to the agenda one week prior to the meeting. Andy Morton had provided an email to Mike Trabert detailing suggested changes for consideration by the members. Suggestions are as follows:

Article V – first paragraph insertion of ‘Chairman and/or’ in front of Board.

Article VI – last sentence in first paragraph removal of ‘mailed’ and insertion of ‘distributed’; removal of ‘each’ in front of MSR WAG members and changing time from ten (10) days to seven (7).

Article VI – second paragraph, second sentence suggested removal of the word ‘each’ prior to MSR WAG member.

There was discussion relating to the interpretation of voting members and votes on motions. It was concluded that all members can vote. If it is not unanimous it will go before the executive board. The chairman will determine if the interests are represented at the meeting to constitute a quorum. An updated list of voting WAG members is maintained by DEQ-TFRO and may need to be included with the by-laws.

Brian Olmstead made a motion to approve the Mid-Snake By-Laws as written and to include changes suggested in Andy Morton’s email. Brian Hoelscher seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Sue will make the changes to the by-laws.

## **Current Water Supply and Issues**

Brian Olmstead, Twin Falls Canal Company, presented a PowerPoint covering the current water supply and water issues. Brian’s presentation included the history and current conditions of the reservoir system.

## **DEQ Updates**

- Sue Switzer, DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office, discussed recent coordination meetings with BLM Shoshone Field Office and Blaine Soil Conservation District. Her current workload would be geared towards gathering data to begin the 5-Year Review on the Camas Creek TMDL, collection of temperature data for completion of temperature TMDLs on Upper Snake Rock and Big Wood River watersheds. This data collection and TMDL development would be specific to tributaries and not the main stem of the Snake River.
- The voting members representing Mid Snake Watershed Interests were reviewed. Those positions that still need to be filled are representatives for CAFOs, conservation and Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission. Larry Burton accepted the position to represent recreation and Dirk Bogaard agreed to represent food processors on the WAG. Chad will contact Ben Collins, Magic Valley Fly Fishers president and Southern

