

Wood River Watershed Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Big Wood Canal Company
409 North Apple Street, Shoshone, Idaho
Tuesday, August 23, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Bob Bolte – Gooding SCD
Bob Simpson – City of Carey
Chuck Pentzer – SWC
Daryle James – Recreation
Lynn Harmon – Big Wood Canal Company
Mark Toone – Livestock
Sean Woodhead – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office
Sue Switzer – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office

Welcome

The meeting was brought to order by Bob Simpson, WAG Chairman.

WAG Business

- The minutes from the previous Wood River WAG meeting on March 22, 2011, were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written; the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

319 Update

Jordan Tollefson joined the DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office replacing Mike Etcheverry; however, he was unable to attend this meeting. Sue presented the 319 update. There were no applications for 319 projects submitted for this watershed for this year. The program is receiving less money, and the competition is tougher. A letter dated June 23, 2011, from the Association of State/Interstate Water Pollution and Control Administrators who oversee the funding for this program stated that there was a last minute cut of \$304,000 for Idaho 319 projects. Due to the shortfall, the bottom two projects that were approved for funding were cut. A third project was funded at a lower level than they had committed to. The funding amount for the 2012 projects has not been disclosed; however, the grant funding will be competitive again this year.

Accessing Data on DEQ's Map-Based Integrated Report

The State Office is changing the internet site; therefore, Sean Woodhead was unable to access the report. He reviewed the monitoring spots that were BURPed and answered questions from the WAG members.

Little Wood River 5-Year Review

Sue presented Section 5, Summary of Five Year Review. This is the last section of the document. There was considerable discussion concerning Loving Creek and the language used in the TMDL might need to be re-evaluated. No further action recommendations were suggested by the WAG. A motion was made to approve what was written in the recommendation section.

Sue will send out the entire document in an email with hard copies going to those who do not receive emails within the next few weeks. Sue extended the option to meet again to review the document in its entirety; however, each section has been present and discussed as the document was developed.

DEQ Updates

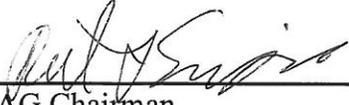
A flyer was handed out concerning a Source Water Protection Workshop on Ground Water Fundamentals that will be held in September and October in six locations statewide.

Soil and Water Commission Update

Chuck Pentzer announced that the Commission has a new administrator. She is from California; was raised on a sheep farm; and has a lot of background as a former county commissioner involved with local watershed groups.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Bob Simpson at approximately 8:30 p.m.



WAG Chairman

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Date approved