

Wood River Watershed Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Big Wood Canal Company
409 North Apple Street, Shoshone, Idaho
Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Lynn Harmon – Big Wood Canal Company
Mark Shumar – DEQ-State office
Bob Simpson – City of Carey
Sue Switzer – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office
Jordan Tollefson – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office

Welcome

Bob Simpson, WAG Chairman, directed the meeting. Introductions did not take place because of the small attendance.

WAG Business

- There were not enough members to approve the minutes from the previous Wood River WAG meeting on August 23, 2011. They will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.
- The financial report was not presented.
- The next meeting was scheduled for May 22, 2012. Sue will try to get information out and try to get the regular attendees to that meeting.

Big Wood River Temperature TMDL

Mark Shumar from the Technical Services Division of DEQ presented the steps that are used to produce a temperature TMDL and talked about the Big Wood Tributaries Temperature TMDL. A copy of the draft TMDL was handed out to attendees. There are 3 streams involved in this TMDL: Quigley Creek, Rock Creek and Black Canyon Creek. Mark agreed to return in May and present again hopefully before a voting group.

Implementation: Little Wood River Dam Removal Projects

Jordan Tollefson talked about a project that was requested by the Wood River Conservation Districts to decommission a dam on the Little Wood River. In doing so, they will be moving the point of diversion to the point of use. A little less than 1 ½ miles of the river would have increased stream flows during irrigation season. With increased flow, it would have decreased water temperatures. The sedimentation upstream from the dam would go away.

DEQ Updates

There should be a draft coming out this fall for the Assessment Database which is used for the Integrated Report. Sue would like to have a meeting to discuss the changes.

It was suggested that antidegradation be a topic for a future meeting.

319 grant cycle is open now. Pre-application closes in May; it is nice to have but not mandatory. The application closes in August. If you know of anyone that is interest, have them contact Jordan.

Adjourn

The meeting ended at approximately 8:00 p.m.



WAG Chairman

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Date approved