Lake Walcott Watershed Advisory Group
Draft Meeting Minutes
(All Minutes Are Recorded)
Burley City Chambers 1401 Overland Ave.
Burley, Idaho
Thursday September 24, 2009
Time: 7:00 pm

ATTENDEES:

1. Carolyn Rambough-DEQ-TFRO
2. Mike Beus- USBR
3. Tom Geary- Concerned Citizen
4. Mike Etcheverry- DEQ-TFRO
5. Steve Davis- BLM
6. Mark Dallon- US Forest Service
7. Mark Streeter- East Cassia Soil
8. Carolyn Firth- ISCC
9. Earl Christensen- WAG Chairman
10. Katie Shewmaker-DEQ-TFRO

I. Welcome and Introductions 7:00 PM

Earl Christensen-Chairman

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

Earl Christensen-Chairman

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. Motion to adjourn was entertained and passed unanimously.

III. DEQ- Twin Falls Regional Update 7:10 PM

Katie Shewmaker- DEQ-TFRO

An update on the state budget was given. The state monitoring budget has been cut about 80% for the next fiscal year. The Twin Falls Office is looking for other options to do water quality monitoring; like using the Hydrolab; or site assessment; and possibly other agency data.

DEQ now has the WAG information on their website. As of now, anyone can get updates with the WAG information from the website. The meeting time, agendas, and minutes will be posted on the website and calendar.

DEQ has been working with The Department of Fish and Game to prevent the invasion of invasive species. Both agencies have been placing Quagga and Zebra Mussel traps in the watersheds. So far,

DEQ has placed the traps in Salmon Falls Creek, Magic Reservoir, Milner, Lake Walcott, in Neely, American Falls, Centennial Park, and at Owsley Bridge.

Katie talked with the WAG members about their membership responsibilities; Title 39- Health and Safety. The WAG is responsible for recommending those specific actions needed to control point and nonpoint sources of pollution; they have to consult the director and participate in the development of each TMDL; and they shall cooperate fully with the public involvement or planning processes of other appropriate public agencies. She also told them about the WAG survey, that she had sent out to them. DEQ would like for the members to fill out the survey and send it back into the Regional Office. The survey will help DEQ to understand and work with the members better.

The group discussed the time and day in which to have WAG meetings. The consensus was to keep the meeting at night for the folks that work during the day, and every 4th, Thursday of the month. It was decided to only have 2 or 3 meetings a year, unless something important came up.

IV. 319 Project Update 7:20 PM

Mike Etcheverry-DEQ-TFRO

Statewide there were 59 projects that were submitted for 319 projects. Only two projects in our region were approved. The I Coulee Wetland project from the Twin Falls Canal Company was one of the projects, and the Marsh Creek Restoration project from the Soil Conservation. Carolyn Firth wrote and applied for that 319.

V. 2008 Integrated Report Update 7:25 PM

Katie Shewmaker-DEQ-TFRO

Trout Creek is listed for sedimentation/siltation and water combined biota/habitat bio-assessments. Goose Creek is listed for temperature; and Lower Goose Creek Reservoir is listed for Mercury. There is a call for data for the 2010 Integrated Report. All information is to be submitted to Barbara Mallard in the State Office.

VI. Goose Creek 5 Year Review 7:45 PM

Katie Shewmaker-DEQ-TFRO

(See Hand out) Katie gave an update on the 5 year review. DEQ would like to know what implementations have been done and on what streams; in order to add it to the review. Katie wants to give acknowledgement to the people responsible for any implementation that has been done.

VII. Adjourn 8:00 PM

Earl Christensen-WAG Chairman

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Chairman

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Date of Approval