

SOUTHWEST BASIN ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2013

BAG Members Present: Jim Moyer, Sandra Mitchell, Tom Pence, Robbin Finch, Dennis Smith, LaVelle Braun, Henry Hamanishi, Craig Shepard, Robbin Finch

Attendees: Lance Holloway, Julia Achabal, Dave Pisarski

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jim Moyer at 9:03a.m.

Welcome and introductions.

Review and approval of April 17, 2013 meeting minutes.

§319 Recap - Dave Pisarski –

There are 35 statewide applications for FY 2014; eight projects within the southwest basin. Competition has increased statewide.

Henry Hamanishi brought up the topic of BAG members also serving on local WAGs. Specifically, the notion of whether or not serving for both groups is a conflict of interest with regard to selection of 319 projects. There was much discussion from all BAG members. There was recognition of the issue that appearance for conflict exists and that this perception is something to avoid. The motion was made that it is each BAG member's duty to be objective with their ranking and that no BAG member should have to abstain from voting on any project. The motion carried.

This meeting was primarily set to hear and rank FY2013 §319 project proposals. There were eight (8) projects on the agenda for the day.

Note: Herb Malany was not present for the meeting, but was able to submit his project ranking in time to be part of the official record.

FINAL §319 PROJECT RANKING, FY2014:

1. Weiser Flat Wetlands Project, Phase III – Weiser River SCD
2. Upper Weiser River Restoration – Adams SWCD
3. Continued Canyon County BMP Program, Extending into Ada County – LBWC
4. North Fork Payette Watershed Project, Phase II – Valley SWCD
5. Lower Payette River TMDL Implementation Program, Phase IV – Gem SWCD
6. Sediment Reduction – Owyhee Conservation District
7. South Boise Drain Water Quality Improvement – Integrated Watershed Solutions
8. Lower Boise Spatial Water Quality Database and Supplemental Water Quality Sampling – Integrated Watershed Solutions

The statewide §319 selection meeting will take place December 4, 2013 at the DEQ State Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.