

Wood River Watershed Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

Big Wood Canal Company
409 North Apple Street, Shoshone, Idaho
Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Bob Law – Trout Unlimited
Bob Simpson – City of Carey
Chad Chorney – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office (TFRO)
Jordan Tollefson – Soil and Water conservation Commission (SWCC)
Leslie Moore – Friends of the Cottonwoods
Lynn Harmon – Big Wood Canal Company (BWCC)
Mark Toone – Livestock
Sue Switzer – DEQ-Twin Falls Regional Office (TFRO)
Tom Hellen – City of Hailey

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was brought to order by Bob Simpson, WAG Chairman. The attendees introduced themselves and who they represented.

WAG Business

- Meetings will be scheduled on an as needed basis with the next meeting in June or July to review 319 projects.
- Bob reported the financial statement was not available for this meeting.
- Aaron Cook was present as a possible WAG representative for irrigated ag. Sue is trying to get written direction as to how WAG members are appointed so that it is within DEQ regulations.

Evaluation of Pesticide Residues: Big Wood and Little Wood Rivers

Jordan Tollefson presented a report from Idaho State Department of Agriculture on pesticide monitoring on Big Wood and Little Wood Rivers. If you would like further background information on, contact Kirk Campbell at the Idaho Department of Agriculture in the Boise office. All of the pesticide levels in the study were relatively low; therefore, no follow-up monitoring is scheduled.

Accessing Data on DEQ's Map-Based Integrated Report

Sean was not able to present tonight. This topic will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

DEQ Update

- The Beneficial Use Recognizance Program (BURP) been funded for the last two years. The data that is collected by this group is the foundation for the work we do. We are getting to the point to where there will be a stalemate without that data. There will be a BURP season in fiscal year 2011, but these is no guarantees beyond that.
- We have seen 77% reduction in the regional monitoring budget. Additionally, there is a \$75,000 reduction in the BAG/WAG support for this next year. We have also heard that there will be a reduction in 319 funds.
- The Integrated Report is not ready for public viewing at this time. We look forward to it being available soon.

Little Wood 5-Year Review

The 5-year review is not complete. Sue did not want to present it without having all the components. However, Sue did give an overview of what they would be looking at when the document is presented in its entirety at the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Bob Simpson at 7:50 p.m.



WAG Chairman

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Date approved