

Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Framework Management Alternative Working Group Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 • 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Best Western Burley Inn & Convention Center
Minidoka II Conference Room

Agenda

- Welcome, introductions and agenda review
- Overview and Purpose of Management Alternative Working Group (MAWG) meetings

Section I – Recharge (Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. to 12:00)

- Points for discussion:
 - Review December 4th meeting
 - Additional topics for discussion?

Section II – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) (Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

- Presentation: Context, background and current status of CREP program (David Blew and Brian Patton, IDWR)
 - Program criteria and agreements with federal agencies
 - State contributions
 - Enrollment process
 - Current enrollment
- Points for discussion:
 - What water savings will CREP contribute to the ESPA water budget?
 - What can be done to increase enrollment and/or improve water savings?
 - What role should CREP play in the ESPA Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan? What should be included in the Framework?

Section III – Mitigation (Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00)

- Points for discussion:
 - What can be done through the ESPA Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan to make mitigation in lieu of curtailment more efficient and effective?

- Should “mitigation banking” be pursued, and if so, how?
- What should be included in the Framework?

(Time frames given for each discussion topic are approximate.)

The third MAWG meeting will be held on December 18th (10:00 to 4:00) and 19th (9:00 to 12:00) in Pocatello at the Ramada (133 West Burnside, Interstate 86 Exit 61, Pocatello, ID, 83202) and will focus on the following topics:

- Review/additional recharge discussion
- Review/additional CREP discussion
- Review/additional mitigation discussion
- Discussion of the existing ESPA groundwater model and its role in the creation and implementation of an Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Comprehensive Management Plan (will focus on white paper describing model to be finished soon) – this discussion will occur on the 19th.