



Meeting Summary For the Rathdrum Prairie Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan Advisory Committee

On April 16, 2010, the Rathdrum Prairie CAMP Advisory Committee in the Community Room in the Coeur d'Alene Public Library and the Old City Council Chambers. The objectives of this meeting were to:

1. Integrate new data from model runs into our thinking about water supply.
2. Review written summaries of our water supply work from the March meeting and refine as needed. Work to get some clarity on where we stand on water supply issues.
3. Through a technical panel, obtain information and education about the technical aspects of the aquifer protection and water quality.
4. Develop, refine and seek preliminary agreement goals/action items/potential

List of Participants

Advisory Committee

Alan Miller
Andy Dunau
Bruce Cyr
Bruce Howard
Hal Kiever
Jim Markley
Kermit Kiebert
Mike Clary
Michael Neher
Mike Galante
Paul Klatt

Jamie Davis for Phil
Cernera
Ron Wilson
Todd Tondee
Kate Wilson for Allen
Isaacson
Dale Peck for Chris Beck

IDWR/IWRB

Helen Harrington
Sandra Thiel
Bob Graham

Bob Haynes

Panel of Speakers

Dale Chess
Rob Lindsay
Glen Rothrock
Gary Stevens

Document Review

The Advisory Committee reviewed and adopted the ground rules governing the process of developing the CAMP.

The Advisory Committee reviewed and adopted the criteria to evaluate options.

The Advisory Committee received copies of the final future water demand study. The water demand study has an associated excel spreadsheet that can be adjusted to consider alternative scenarios. Advisory Committee members who want to be trained to work with the excel spreadsheets should contact the facilitation team. Prerequisites for training are a high level of proficiency with Excel, access to Excel 207 and two monitors.

The Advisory Committee reviewed the work plan schedule.

Modeling Presentation

Using the average projected water use from the water demand study, the modeling presentation evaluated the impact of expected water use in 2060. Please see Allan Wylie's PowerPoint presentation for details.

Building on this presentation and discussion, the facilitation team is also preparing a 1-2 page summary of interaction of surface and ground water and its relationship to future growth and water demand. This document will be available prior to the next meeting.

Review of Advisory Committee CAMP Recommendation Proposed Framework

The Advisory Committee reviewed the current framework, or table of contents, for the CAMP recommendations. The Advisory Committee agreed the current table of contents reflects the issues they have identified thus far in the process, but future revisions may be needed.

Review of the Water Supply Chapter of the CAMP Recommendation Proposed Framework

The Advisory Committee discussed the current water supply chapter and made several revisions to the current list of issues and options.

Some Advisory Committee members volunteered to assist with a drafting subgroup: Alan Miller, Jim Markley, and Bruce Cyr. The purpose of the drafting subgroup is to refine and clarify the areas of the chapter that need more attention per the Advisory Committee discussion. The subgroup will meet via 1-2 conference calls prior to the next meeting. Please see the next draft of the water supply chapter for details.

Discussion on Aquifer Protection and Water Quality

A panel of experts consisting of (1) Dale Chess, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; (2) Gary Stevens, DEQ; (3) Rob Lindsay, Spokane County; and (4) Glen Rothrock, DEQ answered questions on aquifer protection and water quality. The Advisory Committee began to identify water quality issues that should be addressed in CAMP. This discussion will be summarized in a working document on aquifer protection that will be distributed prior to the next meeting.

Next meetings

Please see the work plan for more detail on upcoming meeting topics and objectives. The scheduled meeting dates are listed below:

May 7th – Conflict prevention-interstate issues

June 4th – Growth and meeting anticipated future needs

July 19th – Groundwater management, climate change, reviewing work to date