

Rathdrum Prairie CAMP Advisory Committee
April 22, 2014
Meeting Notes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mike Galante
Dale Peck
Linda Kiefer for Bruce Howard
Alan Miller
Ron Wilson
Jim Markley
Terry Werner for Mike Neher
Alan Miller
Andy Dunau

IWRB & IDWR Staff in Attendance:

Bob Graham
Chuck Cuddy
Gary Spackman
Neeley Miller
Morgan Case
Ken Neely
Helen Harrington

Meeting Summary

Following introductions, the following presentations were made:

- Instream Flows in the Spokane River, Guy Gregory, Washington Dept. of Ecology
- Hydrogeochemical Investigation of the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, Gary Stevens, Idaho Dept. of Environment Quality
- Rathdrum-Spokane Aquifer Technology Project, Bob Fleeger, Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District
- Ground-Water Pumping Schemes Project, Dr. Dale Ralston, Ralston Hydrologic Services, Inc.
- Monitoring Update for the Rathdrum Prairie, Ken Neely, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources
- Rathdrum Prairie Future Water Demand Study, Neeley Miller, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources
- Recent Idaho Legislative actions, Helen Harrington, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

During and following the presentations, committee members and the audience asked questions and discussed the implications of each topic.

The committee discussed what studies may need to be done to support applications for Reasonably Anticipated Future Needs (RAFN) water rights and what funds might be available to complete the needed work. Helen discussed funds which have been appropriated through House Bill 479 which appropriated \$500,000 to “conduct joint water needs studies in coordination with Northern Idaho communities to ensure water availability for future economic development.” IDWR Director Gary Spackman committed to meeting with interested parties to discuss what information and studies IDWR would need to process RAFN applications.

Summary prepared by Helen Harrington, 04/23/2014