

Notes from 5/19/04 SVRP aquifer Public Advisory Committee (PAC) administrative sub-committee

(Prepared by Jani Gilbert 2/25)

Attended:

Al Isaacson
Annette Duerock
Bob Haynes
Erin Cunningham
Geoff Harvey
Jonathan Coe
Julia McHugh
Mike Petersen
Neil Beaver
Jani Gilbert

1. The committee discussed the aquifer study Web site put together by Idaho's IDWR.
We agreed:

- we like it
- we would like to know how to contribute to it
- we would prefer it had a look that represented all three agencies
- the Web site needs to be sustainable
- we feel strongly that there should be ONE project Web site and this should be it.

Action item: Bob Haynes will send Dick Larsen's number (IDWR PIO) and help research how we give input to whoever is maintaining the site.

2. We received a funding update from Neil and Jonathan. For 2005, they are seeking \$1 million from the Environmental Protection Agency and \$500,000 from USGS. Both Washington state and Idaho have submitted requests for a Congressional appropriation.

3. We looked at the draft public involvement plan that Jani put together as a starting point.

Action item: Jani will re-do and send out again for review. At that time, everyone should review the plan and make changes as they see fit.

4. The PAC agreed (majority only—no consensus) that we do not want to take money from the study account for public information/public involvement activities. We acknowledged that we have no budget and no staff dedicated to this effort, so our plans will need to be realistic and minimal.

5. The following are the activities we agreed to do over the next six months or so, with the person responsible).

- Research the Web site and add to it. **(Bob)**
 - Use our agency/organization Web sites to link to the aquifer site. **(All)**
 - Use the list serve to send updates and information, e.g. the Web site address, etc. Ask the list serve members to print out the material and help us get it to other interested parties. **(All-Jani)**
 - The Web site will include instructions on how to get on the list serve. **(Neil)**
 - Create a graphic image for handouts, list serve communiqués, etc. **(Julia)**
 - Look into piggybacking on existing curriculums in K-12. **(Julia)**
 - Create a flyer/brochure outreach piece with general information that we can get out through the list serve. **(Annette)**
 - On future news releases we will list involved agencies and organizations at the bottom. **(Jani)**
 - We will ramp up significantly when we are close to having a draft study.
6. The PAC agreed to a regular meeting time which will be the 4th Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. The next meeting will be June 22. Location to be announced.

Action item: Erin will get to Jani details for reserving a room at the U of I research Park in Post Falls.