

Abbreviated Meeting Notes

WD01 Water Right Accounting Program Update

Technical Subcommittee Open Forum Meeting, April 4, 2012 (approximately 1 pm – 4:15 pm)

Item 1 – Introductions were made, and an attendance list was circulated. The following people were in attendance:

Lyle Swank (WD01)	Jon Bowling (Idaho Power)	Bob Lounsbury (USBR)
Dale Swenson (FMID)	Tom Arkoosh (AFRD2/SWC)	Gail McGarry (USBR)
Randy Bingham (BID)	Lynn Harmon (AFRD2)	Mat Weaver (IDWR)
Steve Howser (ASCC)	Tony Olenichak (WD01)	Jennifer Cuhaciyon (IDWR)
Rich Rigby (IDWR)	Nick Olson (WD01)	Garth Newton (IDWR)
Mike Beus (USBR)	Ted Diehl (NSCC)	Garrick Baxter (IDWR)
Matt Howard (USBR)	Julie Seivers (Milner ID)	Brian Olmstead (TFCC)*
Peter Cooper (WD01)	Bill Thompson (MID)	
Robert Keller (WD01)	Alan Hansten (NSCC)	

*Attended the meeting but did not sign attendance sheet.

Item 2 – Rich Rigby provided introductory comments that covered the following topics.

1. Opportunity and Need – *This forum was formed to bring water users, the Watermaster and WD01 staff, and the Department of Water Resources together in order to discuss the need/opportunity to take advantage of modern tools and technology in order to have a well functioning, understandable, and accurate system of water rights accounting.*
2. Background – Brief history and background on water right accounting in WD01.
3. Things to Keep in Mind – guidance for the public discussion forum to keep in mind.
4. The Process for these Forum Meetings – Future scope and topics of the public discussion forum.

Item 3 – Brief discussion initiated by Mike Beus on semantics regarding the terms “program” and “model”. A program is a set of instructions (i.e. Fortran computer code) that implements an underlying model (i.e. water mass balance).

Item 4 – Tony Olenichak provided a slideshow based presentation on “Water Right Accounting Basics”. The presentation lasted nearly three hours and covered the topics of natural flow, storage, reach gain, total natural flow, natural flow delivery, storage delivery, adjustments, travel time, reach gain averaging, storage/natural flow exchanges, groundwater/natural flow exchanges, sub-basin water transfers, volume limitations, preliminary versus final water right accounting, reservoir water right accrual, paper fill versus physical fill, and unallocated (i.e. unaccounted, undefined) storage.

Item 5 – Closing comments from Lyle Swank and Rich Rigby.

Item 6 – Established the time and date of the next public discussion forum for Tuesday May 15, 2012, starting at 1 pm.