



Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee

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September 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Pullman City Hall, East End (Large) Conference Room

Attendance

X	UI: Michael Holthaus (Chair), Water Systems Manager		WSU: Keith Bloom, Director, Const Servs, Cap Plan Dev
X	UI: Joe Kline, Director, Utilities and Engineering	X	WSU: Rob Corcoran, Asst Dir, Arch, Engr & Const Services
X	Moscow: Tom Scallorn, Water Dept Superintendent	X	Pullman: Mark Workman (Vice Chair), Director of Public Works
X	Moscow: Aaron Ament, City Council Member		Pullman: Art Garro, Maintenance & Operations Superintendent
	Moscow: Les MacDonald, Director of Public Works		Pullman: Barney Waldrop, City Council Member
	Latah County: Paul Kimmell, Citizen and County Representative	X	Whitman County: Mark Storey, Director of Public Works
	Latah County: Tom Stroschein, County Commissioner		Whitman County: Jerry Finch, County Commissioner
	Colfax: Carl Thompson, City Administrator	X	Colfax: Andy Rogers, Public Works Supervisor

Visitors and Others

Karen Rogers, WSU; Derek Holom, Golder; Bob Haynes, IDWR; Guy Gregory, WDOE; Scott Cornelius; David Hall, PWCN; Steve Robischon, PBAC.

Call to Order

Mike Holthaus, PBAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

1) Approval of the August 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes

The August minutes were approved (with modifications) by consensus.

2) Unfinished Business

PBAC Funding Resolution

Robischon reported that all entities have agreed to the FY08 PBAC administrative fee levels. This item will be removed from the Unfinished Business category on future meeting agendas.

PBAC Research Funding Addendum

Robischon reported that all but Moscow have signed the addendum. Scallorn reported that the addendum is on Les MacDonald's desk for action.

PBAC Data Release Policy

Robischon handed out a copy of the draft PBAC data release policy. A motion was passed by consensus to utilize the policy as drafted. This item will be removed from the Unfinished Business category on future meeting agendas.

3) New Business

New CAG Member

Ree Brannon has been proposed by the CAG to replace Kirk O'Reilly as an "other" representative on the CAG. A motion was passed by consensus to approve Ree as the newest CAG member.

PBAC/UI Administrative Fees

Robischon reported that the university will require renegotiation of the PBAC administrative fee agreement next fiscal year. Robischon was directed to look into quantifying the level of service currently provided by the university in advance of initiating any negotiations related to administrative fees.

Conference Attendance Policy

A motion was passed by consensus to approve an Executive Manager conference attendance reimbursement policy as follows: PBAC will reimburse, with the approval of the PBAC chair, costs associated with travel, lodging, meals, and conference registration, in an amount not to exceed \$500. Costs above \$500 are to be considered by the full Committee. The Committee is to be notified of any conference approvals made by the chair.

4) Presentation – Recharge Concepts and Population/Pumping/Water Level History

Robischon presented conceptual information related to recharge and historical information on population, pumping and water levels. Discussion followed about the degree of control human activities have upon the water level declines and PBAC's primary goal of balancing supply and use.

5) PBAC Projects Progress Report

Robischon reported on research project progress. The Wanapum monitoring/testing project approved by the Committee in the spring has been initiated with the recruitment of a new investigator, UI student Brad Bennett.

In addition, Chad Opatz's UI Passive Drainage Well project thesis is in final draft stage, and Aaren Fiedler has reported preliminary results of several pump tests conducted during the past 9 months.

6) Citizens Advisory Group Report

Storey reported that the CAG continues to discuss conservation, and is in the early stages of considering the development of a conservation recommendation to PBAC. The CAG will present a progress report at the upcoming Water Summit.

7) Budget Report

Robischon displayed the current status of the FY08 budget. Administrative payments have been received by Pullman, UI, Whitman County and Colfax, and research payments have been received from Pullman and UI.

8) Other Reports and Announcements

Projects for WRIA Funding

Guy Gregory reported that the Washington Watershed Planning Supplemental Grants capital funding budget has been issued by Olympia. The budget must still be reviewed by the DOE regional offices as well as the Fish and Wildlife and Agriculture departments.

WRIA 34 Planning Unit Report

Corcoran reported that the Planning Unit considered comments to the draft watershed plan in anticipation of taking the final plan to the counties for adoption prior to the end of the year.

Water Summit Planning Committee Report

Ament reported that this year the Water Summit agenda includes both scientific and business elements, and that private enterprises have stepped up to provide contributions to help support the effort.

Whitman County Conservancy Board Report

Robischon reported that DOE invoked a 30 day extension to enable further review of the Records of Decision the Board issued related to the proposed Hawkins Stateline Project. The extension shifts the DOE decision date to October 9, at which point they can affirm, reverse, modify or remand the Board's decisions.

Pullman Well #8

Workman reported that the new Pullman well (#8) bottomed out at 800 feet below land surface. The drilling proceeded through fractured basalt between 300 and nearly 800 feet, and then encountered cobbles at the bottom.

9) Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of PBAC is scheduled for

October 18, 2007

Moscow UI Facilities Services Center, Jack's Creek Meeting Room, 2:00 PM

10) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 PM.

Submitted for review and approved at the October 18, 2007 PBAC Meeting.

Steve Robischon, Executive Manager

DRAFT PBAC Data Release Policy

Upon receipt of a formal request for information, PBAC personnel will estimate the time required to satisfy the request and determine the source entities involved in the generation of the information.

If PBAC does not possess the requested information, but one of the member entities may, a response will be sent to the requestor and possible generating entity indicating that PBAC cannot fulfill the request.

If PBAC possesses the information, and it was originally generated by a member entity, upon fulfilling the request PBAC will notify the generating entity of the requestor identity and nature of information requested.

If PBAC possesses the requested information, and it was originally generated by a member entity, but its provision will require an inordinate amount of personnel time to process, PBAC will send a response to the requestor and generating entity indicating such and referring requests to the generating entity(s).

If PBAC possesses the requested information, and it was originally generated by PBAC, but its provision will require an inordinate amount of personnel time or duplicating resources to process, PBAC will send a response to the requestor indicating such and requiring requestor agreement to compensate PBAC for resources required to process the request.

Palouse Basin Water Summit

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SUMMIT PURPOSE

TO ADVANCE
DEVELOPMENT OF A
LONG RANGE PLAN
FOR SUSTAINABLE
WATER USE ON THE
PALOUSE.

SUMMIT OBJECTIVES

- 1) Improve Understand-
ing of Local Water
Resource Issues
- 2) Raise Awareness of
Local Processes
Currently Underway
- 3) Provide Forum for
Discussion &
Community Feedback

NEW THIS YEAR!



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2007 Palouse Basin Water Summit



This year's agenda is packed with information and discussion that will appeal to all those who use water in the Palouse Basin. The morning session includes a historical look at groundwater management on the Palouse; the results of a recent survey mailed out to local residents about attitudes and behaviors concerning water supply and use; an interactive water modeling program that will illustrate different water management scenarios; and an opportunity for the Business Community to weigh in on water resource management. The afternoon session provides an update on local efforts to better understand our water resources and ensure a long term water supply; an update on the impending adjudication in Northern Idaho; and plenty of time to have your questions answered.

Quiet space with wireless access will be provided for those folks that want to check in with the office or home during the event. Come join us for the entire day and be a part of the discussion to further the plan for sustainable water use on the Palouse!

AGENDA

7:30 AM	Registration & Coffee	1:30 PM	Palouse Basin Water Supply Current Studies & Research:
8:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kamiak Butte Infiltration Feasibility Study • Pullman Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project • Moscow Reservoir Feasibility Study
8:30 AM	Outline the Plan for the Day		
8:45 AM	<i>History of Groundwater Management on the Palouse</i>		
9:30 AM	Water of the West- <i>Results of "Water on the Palouse" Survey & Modeling the Palouse Water Resource System</i>	2:30 PM	North Idaho Adjudication <i>Director David Tuthill, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources</i>
10:45 AM	BREAK— Refreshments/Exhibits		
11:00 AM	Panel: <i>Water Resource Mgmt. – A Business Perspective</i>	2:45 PM	BREAK— Refreshments/Exhibits
12:00 PM	Lunch – Hosted Deli Buffet	3:00 PM	Panel: <i>Ask the Experts Question & Answer Session</i>
12:30 PM	Palouse Watershed Planning	4:30 PM	Closing Remarks
1:00 PM	Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee & Citizens Advisory Group Update	5:00 PM	Exhibits Close

Registration Form

Please Pre-register by September 28th

You can register:



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