



Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee

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January 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Moscow UI Facilities Services Center, Jack's Creek Meeting Room

Attendance

	UI: Michael Holthaus, Water Systems Manager		WSU: Mike Leonas (Vice-Chair), Project Manager, Capital Planning & 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, Director of Public Works
X	Moscow: Walter Steed, City Council Member		Pullman: Art Garro, Maintenance & Operations Superintendent
X	Moscow: Les MacDonald, Director of Public Works	X	Pullman: Barney Waldrop, City Council Member
X	Latah County: Paul Kimmell (Chair), County Representative	X	Whitman County: Mark Storey, Director of Public Works
	Latah County: Tom Stroschein, County Commissioner		Whitman County: Michael Largent, County Commissioner
X	Colfax: Carl Thompson, City Administrator		Colfax: Andy Rogers, Public Works Supervisor

Visitors and Others

Attila Fohnagy, UI; Katie Moran, UI; Robin Nimmer, Terragraphics; Dale Ralston, RHS; Chris Sneider, Golder; Rusty Post, WDOE; Guy Gregory, WDOE; Bob Haynes, IDWR; Jim Bartolino, USGS-Boise; Dave Morgan, USGS-Portland; Steve Robischon, PBAC

Call to Order

Paul Kimmell, PBAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

1) Approval of the December 17, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Draft December minutes were approved by consensus.

2) Presentations/Discussion –

USGS Columbia Plateau Ground-Water Availability Study – Dave Morgan

Morgan presented an overview of the study and its results to date and answered Committee members' questions about both the larger study and its connection to the Palouse.

USGS Boise Office Activities – Jim Bartolino

Bartolino described some of the recent work completed by the Idaho Water Science Center USGS office, and explained the co-op program in which the USGS can cost share (up to 50%) projects involving data collection and interpretive studies. Co-op funds for this fiscal year (thru September 2010) have been mostly committed, but if PBAC is interested in partnering on a project next fiscal year, Bartolino indicated that could likely occur.

3) Unfinished Business

Framework Project – Grant/Services Contract changes

Robischon summarized a meeting with the UI Contract Review Officer concluding the procurement method PBAC needs to use to accomplish Framework project supplementation is a subaward. At UI all Research Office subawards are to be managed as though the project is federally funded, and as such significant administrative and monitoring requirements are imposed. Kline indicated UI Facilities would be able to manage such a project without such stringent requirements, and Workman reported that Pullman may also be able take on the administration of such a project. Robischon announced a meeting of the Framework project steering committee is scheduled for January 26 to discuss potential alternate strategies for accomplishing the work.

Tritium Testing Project – Scope Change

Workman reported he had been in contact with Jim Osiensky after last month's PBAC meeting, and Osiensky characterized the scope evolution he described at the December meeting as not a scope change, but more of a no-cost scope addition. No motion was made to require a formal scope change request for the project at this time.

4) New Business – None

5) PBAC Projects Progress Report –

Framework Project

Nimmer reported progress on the project. Nearly all documents have been scanned, reports are being reviewed, and a meeting is scheduled January 26 to begin discussions about the details of the Data Gaps task.

Basinwide Aquifer Test

Moran reported most of her work on the project in the past month involved working to develop a database that will be capable of storing and manipulating the large quantity of data that will be collected. At this point, data collection equipment appears to be functioning well.

Tritium Testing Project

Robischon displayed an email from Lauren Carey reporting she has been doing background reading on Oxygen-18, Deuterium and Tritium studies, and is preparing to begin sampling at a few wells that might be experiencing recharge.

WoW System Dynamics Modeling Project

Robischon reported Beall has released a link to the latest version of the model for review by the group participating in its development. The next workshop is scheduled for January 22.

6) Citizens Advisory Group Report

Kimmell reported the group discussed bylaws and goals at the last meeting. The group is working to define their next task to focus upon, and they plan to bring proposals/recommendations to PBAC soon.

7) Budget Report

Robischon reported the budget is in order, and Latah County has approved payment of this year's assessment. With receipt of the Latah County payment, the payment status of all entities will be up to date.

8) Other Reports and Announcements –

Moscow Surface Water Reservoir Feasibility Study Project

Les MacDonald reported on a meeting between Moscow, Terragraphics and IDWR to discuss possible water rights implications of a storage reservoir. Terragraphics continues to gather information and is working with the topography data to identify preliminary candidate basins.

Pullman/WSU Wastewater Reclamation Project

Workman reported the WDOE grant has not been lost in the last round of Washington budget cuts. The project team is moving ahead on the streambank mitigation and design development document update portions of the project. Once these tasks are complete there will be additional money remaining in the grant that can be used as seed money for project construction.

Palouse Basin (Water) Leadership Roundtable

Kimmell announced the roundtable will take place the afternoon of February 26 at the Bell Tower in Pullman. The intent of the roundtable is to build upon the work of the past five Water Summits by informing the group on the local resource and providing a forum for further discussion among community leaders.

Other

In response to a question from Kimmell, Haynes reported the North Idaho adjudication is moving forward, and Robischon displayed a press release announcing distribution of notices to file claims in the Coeur d'Alene area.

9) Next Meeting –

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2010 in Pullman.

10) Adjournment -

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Submitted for review and approved at the February 18, 2010 PBAC meeting.

Steve Robischon, Executive Manager