



WISE Project Advisory Committee Meeting Notes (draft)

RVCOG Conference Room, January 28th, 2009, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
155 N 1st Street, Central Point, OR 97502

Attendance: Steve mason (HDR), Jeff Griffin (GERT), Phil Van Buskirk (OSU Ext.), Maynard Flohaug (RVSS), Bill Ryan (J. Farm Bureau), Richard Best (CoA), Susan Rust (LWV-Ashland), Bob Hunter (Waterwatch), Keith Corp (TID), Craig Harper (RVCOG), Anders Rasmussen (HDR), Carol Bradford (MID), Brian Hampson (MID), Larry Menteer (OWRD), Jim Pendleton (TID), Tom Suttle (CoM), Jim Hill (CoM), Dave Nelson (BOR), Marilyn Rice (JSWCD), Bob Jones (MWC), Eric Dittmer (SOU), Meg O’Leary (ICFJSA), Ted Shannon (HDR – phone)

Funding for BOR and PE/EIS:

- Executive Committee met with the congressional aides and discussed how to apply for funding through their offices. Molly McCarthy of Wyden’s office was very interested in the project.
- It was suggested that Title II funds be looked at for WISE.
- Dave Nelson described some funding sources available through BOR including Water for America and the Rural Water Program. These funds would be used by BOR to staff the project work on WISE.

Technical Study Updates:

- Conveyance: Anders gave a detailed description of how he is addressing the issue of canal/stream intersections in the conveyance design task. With assistance from the districts he is defining the different types of intersections and how common they are throughout the project. He is then going to develop preliminary designs for how to address these sites in the three project alternatives. The main issue is that if the streams are no longer going to be used as part of the conveyance infrastructure then the existing lateral system will need to be modified, including the layout. Richard Best suggested that RBFATT and the City of Ashland may have some more data regarding the location of stream/canal intersections.



- Modeling: Ted described how the stream/canal intersection designs would be incorporated into the modeling. He also described how he is incorporating climate change into the model.

Subcommittee Reports:

- The instream committee began addressing the first question posed by Leandra Cleveland: will some streams have flows augmented by releasing flows at siphons.
- Meg gave an update on the revised outreach contract with Jones & Stokes. She will be working to update the website and the stakeholder database. She will be coordinating with the outreach committee (Eric Dittmer and Bob Jones).

BOR Reorganization:

- Dave Nelson gave an update on the new organization plan for the Pacific Northwest Region. Basically, the Portland Area Office is being closed and the Portland Area will be merged with the Yakima Area and managed out of the Yakima Office. This means that Dave will no longer be a BOR employee within a few months. Dave said he would work to find a new activity manager within BOR for the WISE Project.

Schedule next meeting: The next meeting will be scheduled for the latter part of the month.