



WISE Project Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Lausmann Annex, July 17th, 2008, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
200 South Ivy St., Medford, OR 97501

Attendance: Jim Hill (COM), Dave Nelson (BOR), Carol Bradford (MID), Brian Hampson (RRVID), Jim Pendleton (TID), Bob Hunter (WW), Steve Mason (HDR), Marilyn Rice (JSWCD), Keith Corp (TID), Craig Harper (RVCOG), Bob Jones (MWC), Rose Marie Davis (RBCC)

Funding for BOR and PE/EIS:

- A funding subcommittee (Bob J., Craig, and Steve) was formed. They will begin the process of prioritizing funding opportunities and begin drafting the first grant application (OWRD's water storage initiative).
- A meeting with the local congressional delegation still needs to be coordinated. Also OWEB, the Governor's Office and EPA (Joel Salter).
- Based on communications with Senator Smith's office, there have been no appropriations for WISE included in any congressional bills.

Review and Approval of PR/EIS Documents: The group reviewed each of the technical memos. There were numerous comments on the groundwater and stormwater memos. The PAC agreed to table the discussion until the following meeting at which HDR will present the current status of the memos as well as the concept for the final product. In particular, stormwater and groundwater impacts will be discussed at some length. The PAC agreed to invite stormwater representatives from each of the local municipalities as well as RVSS.

Also, it was noted that a more proper title for the work in process is Planning Report and Environmental Impact Statement (PR/EIS). This will be used from this point forward.

On-Farm EIS work needed?: The NEPA specialist for Portland does not believe that an EIS will be required for on-farm improvements, however, this is being confirmed.

WISE Coordinator: Medford, by rule, may have to solicit for the WISE coordination position. However, HDR previously proposed and was selected for



this work. Jim Hill will determine if the previous selection process can be used. Funding for the coordination position will be through an IGA with the WISE Partners (Medford, MWC, Jackson County, MID, RRVID, and TID) for a total of \$30K for 2008/2009.

Other Business: The Outreach subcommittee is working with Jones & Stokes to refine the existing scope of work so that work can restart on the outreach program.

Bob J. suggested that the by-laws and the MOU between the WISE Partners should be reviewed and updated as needed.

Schedule next meeting: August 21st. 9:30-11:00am