



## WISE Project Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Lausmann Annex, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, 9:30 – 11:00 AM  
200 South Ivy St., Medford, OR 97501

**Attendance:** Jim Hill (COM), Dave Nelson (BOR), Brian Hampson (RRVID), Jim Pendleton (TID), Bob Hunter (WW), Steve Mason (HDR), Marilyn Rice (JSWCD), Keith Corp (TID), Bob Jones (MWC), Ronan Igloria (HDR), Anders Rasmussen (HDR), Susan Rust (LWVA), Pieter Smeenk (COA), Richard Best (BCWC), Heather Tugaw (DEQ), Lin Bernhardt (JC), Paul Kay (IRA), Bill Ryan (JCFCB), Tom Suttle (COM), Russ Logue (JC Roads), Roger Thom (COM), Jeffery Kee (OWT), Steven Parrett (OWT), Larry Beskow (COM), Mike Kuntz (JC Roads), Eric Dittmer (SOU), Jeff Ballard (PWM)

### **Funding for BOR and PE/EIS:**

- Grant application was submitted to OWRD for \$500K. Results should be known sometime in October.
- Bill Ryan suggested looking at the Farm Bill for additional funding.
- A meeting with the local congressional delegation still needs to be coordinated. Also OWEB, the Governor's Office and EPA (Joel Salter).
- It is believed that Sen. Smith is pursuing funding during the continuing resolution.

**Technical Study updates:** Ronan and Anders gave updates on the technical studies that are underway.

- Storage: No work has been done on this study since the "restart". The locations for new storage listed in the 1980 BOR report are both on-channel (Walker Creek and Lake Creek). This makes building either of these unlikely.
- Modeling: This work is going to begin this month. Ted Shannon will call together a new subcommittee for this work. Bob Hunter, Carol Bradford, Brian Hampson, and Jim Pendleton volunteered to be on the committee. Dave Nelson will see if Leslie Stillwater (BOR) will be available to participate. Ronan asked the PAC about the need for incorporating Climate Change issues into the model. This would mostly affect crop demand numbers.



- **Environmental:** A field visit was conducted of the entire delivery infrastructure. The initial list of potential environmental concerns will be narrowed down to a list of “critical environmental issues”.
- **Groundwater:** The initial groundwater report was finished prior to the WISE “restart”. This report will be updated as needed.
- **Conveyance:** Anders gave a presentation on the potential conveyance alternatives. He broke it down into three basic alternatives: (1) line/pipe various canal reaches in current alignments, (2) line/pipe all of the canals in current alignments, or (3) provide new pipeline alignment on outer boundaries of the three districts using existing locations as possible. The question was raised as to the cost difference between lining and piping. Anders said he would look into this. Anders proposed to develop a questionnaire that would allow for WISE Stakeholders to provide input into the development of the alternatives. The PAC approved this. The questionnaires will be sent out in time for the results to be provided at the next WISE PAC meeting in September.
- **Stormwater:** Anders led a discussion on the role of stormwater as related to the conveyance alternatives. Anders stated that there should be engineering solutions for each stormwater issue within the districts infrastructure. If the canals are piped in existing alignments, there are still options for managing stormwater within the same alignment including burying the irrigation pipeline below the canal or placing it in the access road ROW. More details will be developed as the conveyance alternatives are refined.

**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:** Steve Parrett introduced Jeffery Kee as the new Southern Oregon OWT representative.

**Schedule next meeting:** September 24<sup>th</sup>. 9:30-11:00am