

MINUTES
WISE PAC MEETING

February 2, 2005
Medford City Hall
411 W. 8th St., Rm. 340, Medford, OR 97501

Attendance

Bob Hunter, WaterWatch	Philip VanBuskirk, Oregon State University
Lu Anthony, Little Butte Watershed Council	Jim Hill, City of Medford
Bill Ryan, J. C. Farm Bureau	Norma Fascilla, City of Medford
Keith Corp, Corp Ranch	Tom Suttle, City of Medford
Steve Mason, WISE Coordinator	Jeff Eicher, RRVID
Ed Olson, Rogue Valley Sewer Services	Jim Pendleton, Talent Irrigation District
Charlie Boyer, Jackson SWCD	Marilyn Rice, Jackson SWCD
Carol Bradford, Medford Irrigation District	Dave Nelson, US Bureau of Reclamation
Keith Emerson, Bear Creek Orchards	Terry Buchholz, HDR Engineering
Stephanie Brearley, Jones & Stokes	Paul Kay, ScienceWorks
Valerie Holcomb, Jones & Stokes	Craig Harper, RVCOG
Steve Parrett, OWT	

1) Introductions

Stephanie Brearley announced that she is leaving Jones & Stokes. Valerie Holcomb will be taking over the outreach.

Steve Mason thanked the six partners for agreeing and signing a contract for the WISE Coordinator position.

2) Approval of January 5, 2005 Minutes

Jim Pendleton made a motion to approve the 1/5/05 minutes. Lu Anthony seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3) Outreach Update

Stephanie Brearley reported that scoping for Phase II ended 1/31/05. It is being extended to March 2005. Jones & Stokes is preparing a project area map with GIS layers. HDR is creating the base map. Jones & Stokes will take that and incorporate several layers into that and prepare a large project display board for Steve Mason to use at conferences and fairs. A similar map will be used on the website. Charlie Boyer asked if this map can be tied into the county maps. Terry Buchholz explained that the Jackson County GIS maps will be used by HDR as a base and then layers will be integrated into it.

Regarding funding, Steve Mason reported that funds have made it from DC, thru the state BLM offices, and should be available to us shortly. The amount we will receive after the BLM and TID cuts will be \$81,900 for our Phase III outreach.

Jeff Eicher asked if the television program that Steve Mason and Jim Hill were on fell under the outreach program. Jim Hill responded that it was actually something the City of Medford did on it's own since the city is interested in securing additional funding for Phase II of the Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement.

4) HDR FS/EIS Update

Terry Buchholz distributed packets with the comments she had received from PAC members on the pre-scoping documents. The first item discussed was Charlie Boyer's comment on whether to add alternatives that include piping the entire system within the existing right-of-way. Ed Olson added that the comment "Utilize Reclaimed Effluent" is not necessarily a fixed element and should be changed to "Utilize RWRf preferred alternative". Jim Hill sees utilizing reclaimed effluent as a fixed element. Jim Pendleton would like lined and piped irrigation canals listed under fixed elements, or remove the reference to fixed variables in document and list them all under common project elements. The WISE conceptual alternatives were discussed at length. HDR's recommendations are as follows:

- Add "Utilize RWRf's Preferred Alternative" to Common Project Elements – Fixed
- Move "Utilize Reclaimed Effluent" to Common Project Elements – Variable

Charlie Boyer commented that if water rights or the cost to the public are not protected, then there is no benefit to the patrons. He added that those with water rights shouldn't have to carry the burden of the cost. Recommendation:

- Add "with no additional costs to the irrigation districts and patrons" to Common Project Elements – Fixed

The next meeting will be March 2, 2005 at 9:30 AM, Medford City Hall, Rm. 340.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Fascilla
City of Medford-RWRf