

MINUTES
WISE PAC MEETING

September 1, 2004 at 9:30 A.M.

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

Attendance

Carol Bradford, Medford Irrigation District
Craig Tuss, USFWS – Roseburg
Lu Anthony, Little Butte Watershed Council
Bill Ryan, J. C. Farm Bureau
Jim Hill, City of Medford
Steve Mason, WISE Coordinator
Bonnie Hays, Jones & Stokes via telephone
Stephanie Brearley, Jones & Stokes via telephone

Marilyn Rice, JSWCD/Landowner
Ken Phippen, NOAA Fisheries – Roseburg
Norma Fascilla, City of Medford
Terry Buchholz, HDR Engineering
Brice Perkins, City of Medford
Philip VanBuskirk, OSU
Alan Solbert, Jones & Stokes via telephone
Janet Barbieri, Jones & Stokes via telephone

1) Introductions

2) Outreach Update

- Steve Mason reported that the site tour of the project infrastructure will take place September 8, 2004. Twenty people are confirmed to attend (only two are PAC members). There is room for another 24. TID still has \$480 available for outreach, which is being used to fund this site tour. Bonnie Hays suggested taking photos on the tour for the Mail Tribune to use in their article.
- Open houses will take place on September 15 and 16, 2004. Jones and Stokes will be sending out invitations. Bonnie also suggested sending open house invitations to all of the irrigation district users.
- Bonnie announced that she is leaving Jones & Stokes at the end of this week. Janet Barbieri, Associate Principal, along with Stephanie Brearley will continue the outreach work.
- Steve Mason will be making several presentations throughout October. They are listed on the WISE website.
- Outreach funding for next year has been approved. These are Title II funds in the amount of \$100,000 - \$151,000.
- Three options are available for funding Steve Mason's position as WISE Coordinator.
 1. Continue funding thru the WISE Partners

2. A grant thru NRCS - due 9/10/04. (There are some questions regarding match).
3. Have Jackson County create an environmental position for Steve, which would include working on the WISE Project, but this would not be a full-time coordinator position for the WISE project. Carol Bradford suggested that Steve make a presentation at the next Medford Irrigation District Board Meeting regarding funding for his position, (separate from the EIS on 9/14/04). Also mentioned was Talent Irrigation District has a \$5,000 grant that can be used for WISE.

3) HDR Update

Terry Buchholz recapped the overall project status and time frame. We are currently in the middle of developing the project elements. There are 13 project elements which have been developed to a preliminary level of detail. From that, a combination of these elements will be addressed as alternatives. Screening against project criteria will then take place. After the first level of screening, HDR will prepare a pre-scoping document, which will be used to create the document for the scoping process. The time frame for the formal scoping process will be initiated by January 2005 at the latest, but that is contingent on BOR's authorization. Jim Hill stated that not only is it a matter BOR's authorization, but funding as well.

Terry explained that each of the 13 project elements will contain the following:

- Contributing activities
- Opportunities for improvement
- Project benefits
- Project challenges

Terry asked the PAC to give each of the 13 fact sheets a thorough review and respond with comments and suggestions by 9/17/04. There will be six levels of alternatives to start. The highest being platinum, (encompassing all of the elements with optimum solutions), then gold, silver, bronze, etc. The alternatives will be available at the next WISE meeting, 10/6/04. Terry reiterated that it will be extremely important for all PAC members to be at that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.

The next meeting will be October 6, 2004 at 9:30 AM – Medford City Hall, Rm. 340.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Fascilla
City of Medford-RWRF