



## WISE Project Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

RVCOG Conference Room, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 9:30 – 11:00 AM  
155 N 1<sup>st</sup> St., Central Point, OR 97502

**Attendance:** Jim Hill (COM), Dave Nelson (BOR), Brian Hampson (RRVID), Bob Lewis (City of Phoenix), Steve Mason (HDR), Marilyn Rice (JSWCD), Bob Jones (MWC), Anders Rasmussen (HDR), Richard Best (BCWC), Tom Suttle (COM), (COM), Jeffery Kee (OWT), Steven Parrett (OWT), Craig Harper (RVCOG), Maynard Flohaug (RVSS), Steve Johnson (COID), Ted Shannon (HDR), Heather Tugaw (DEQ), Phil Van Buskirk (OSU Ext.), Eric Dittmer (SOU), Bob Hunter (WW)

### Funding for BOR and PE/EIS:

- The WISE Ex. Comm. Met with John Snider of Rep. Greg Walden's office. Walden "likes" the WISE Project. The paperwork for Congressional funding opportunities is open from mid-January through mid-February.
  - Snider recommended that the WISE PAC apply for funding for both the \$2.1M for the FS/EIS and the \$500K for the BOR to act as lead agency.
  - A meeting will be set for early December with Walden and Wyden's offices as well as any staff from Merkely's planned office.
- Also look at potential funding from OWEB (TA and SIP), the Governor's Office and EPA (Joel Salter).

**Water Banking in Central Oregon:** Steve Johnson, Manager of Central Oregon Irrigation District, gave a presentation on the water-banking program COID is a part of in the Deschutes Basin. When water rights from the District are up for transfer, the District makes sure that they have enough water rights in their reserve to meet any project need and the rest are made available to the water bank. The open market, including sales between landowners within COID, sets pricing. Once a water right is transferred out of the District, the acreage of the District shrinks. Once acreage is transferred out of the District, the District's assessment is proportionately reduced. COID has funds available to manage their role in the Bank. For more information, please contact either Steve Johnson or Steve Parrett.



**Technical Study updates:** Ted Shannon gave an update on the modeling work.

- Ted described the basic function of the modeling effort. He described how the function of the model is to show the availability of water throughout the system, including stormwater, and to show how water availability and reliability changes as the delivery infrastructure, reservoir storage, or system operations are altered. Ted participated in a tour of the WISE infrastructure prior to the meeting and described some of the physical conditions his model will incorporate, including the commingling of canal and stream water as well as the collection of return flows and an estimate of groundwater-surface water interactions.
- Anders and Steve M. discussed the issue of piping the lateral system. The PAC had previously approved the motion that the laterals should be considered for piping in the Feasibility Study. The level of work for designing this within the FS/EIS may be considerable (perhaps beyond the existing scope of work). As Anders works through the conveyance task, he will develop a greater understanding about the level of work that will be required to completely model the entire lateral system. This will be reported to the PAC by March, 2009.

**Other Business:**

- The WISE Ex. Comm. will examine updating the MOU between the PAC member.
- The PAC recommended the formation of a stormwater subcommittee.
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**Schedule next meeting:** November 20<sup>th</sup>. 9:00-10:30am. RVSS Conference Room.