



## WISE Project Advisory Committee Meeting Notes (draft)

RVSS Conference Room, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 9:00 – 10:30 AM  
138 West Vilas Road, Central Point, OR 97502

**Attendance:** Steve mason (HDR), Richard Best (Ashland), Bill Ryan (Farm Bureau), Marilyn Rice (JSWCD), Anders Rasmussen (HDR), Leandra Cleveland (HDR), Jim Hill (Medford), Tom Suttle (Medford), Jim Pendleton (TID), Brian Hampson (RRVID), Maynard Flohaug (RVSS), Carol Bradford (MID)

### Funding for BOR and PE/EIS:

- Meeting with Congressional offices set for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Bob Jones suggested contacting Amy Wilson at the RC&D about assistance with grant writing/fund raising.
- Jim suggested that a new presentation was needed – something that focused more on the Rogue Valley and why The WISE Project is important. Add more depth to the story instead of relying so much on details.

### Technical Study updates:

- Environmental: Leandra gave an overview and update of the environmental task. This included listing the critical issues that will be addressed in the EIS. These issues will be evaluated based on the results of the engineering tasks, including conveyance.
  - Affects to fisheries, particularly anadromous species, from increases and decreases in base flows.
  - Loss of vernal pool wetlands and associated habitat for fairy shrimp (federally threatened) from potential realignments and increased storage
  - Potential loss of groundwater recharge from lining and piping.
  - Potential loss of property and structures, including a historic graveyard (Emigrant) and farmhouse (Howard Prairie) from increased storage and new dams.
  - Potential loss of existing stormwater conveyance.



- Conveyance: Anders gave a brief update on the conveyance task focusing on stream/canal intersections. He passed out a map showing all of the intersections that are in the current database. Anders asked the irrigation district managers to use the map and accompanying spreadsheet to correct any incorrect information and provide any missing information. This included defining the type of stream crossing, describing how water is managed at the site (diverted from the stream, into the stream, or both), and what deliveries are made downstream of the crossing. Anders also led a discussion about the potential need to realign or create a new lateral system in some locations based on the results of the stream/canal intersection updates. The districts were also asked to provide information about existing easements for these sites. Anders also discussed the fact that changes in the stream crossing will impact stormwater management.

**Other Business:**

- There were no subcommittee reports.
- Leandra asked that the instream committee be prepared to be active again as they will be required to provide input for the environmental task.
- The City of Ashland has an interest in becoming a member of the PAC.

**Schedule next meeting:** There will be no meeting in December due to the holidays. The January meeting will be scheduled for the latter part of the month.