

Upper Snake Basin Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

BAG Tour

Attendees

Jay Barlogi – Twin Falls Canal Company
Jason Brown – City of Twin Falls
Sonny Buhidar – DEQ, Regional Water Quality Manager
Shell Howard – DEQ, TMDL Implementation Coordinator
Gary Marquardt – BAG, Non-Municipal Permittee
Ralph Myers – BAG Hydropower
Troy Saffle – DEQ, Idaho Falls Regional Office
Steve Smith – DEQ, Pocatello Regional Office
Sue Switzer – DEQ, Twin Falls Regional Office
Lynn Van Every – DEQ, Regional Water Quality Manager
Matt Woodard – BAG-Environmental, Chairman

The attendees met at Ridgeway Exit (Hazelton) off of Interstate 84 between 9 and 9:30 a.m. to caravan to the various locations on the tour. Jay Barlogi led the group through the morning sites. They first toured Milner Dam, followed by a drive through of Britt Ponds and ending up at Lower Perrine Coulee Wetlands.

Lunch and business meeting were held at Shoshone Falls Park. Matt Woodard, BAG chairman, conducted the business meeting.

Bag business

- The minutes for the October 7, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- The minutes for the January 20, 2016 were reviewed. It was noted that the information given by Shell Howard at the meeting on the 319 projects funded for 2016 was incorrect. The projects listed were for 2015. No funding has occurred for 2016 projects. Dave Pisarski will inform all the Regional Offices once EPA moves forward with the funding. Motion was made by Gary Marquardt to approve the minutes noting this incorrect information. It was seconded by Ralph Myers and the motion passed.
- The BAG discussed Katy Bergholm's position on the BAG representing mining. She has indicated that she would most likely resign her position. Matt would like a formal resignation letter. Lynn will follow up and contact her.
- There was discussion concerning the super BAG being discontinued. It was felt that feedback for funding on statewide projects from the various BAGs was very important. Matt had sent letters to the other BAG chairman to get their view concerning the super BAG, and received little response.
- The next meeting for the Upper Snake BAG will be October 5, 2016 in Pocatello.

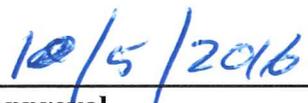
DEQ Updates

- The 2014 Integrated Report public comments are due by June 29, 2016.
- Sonny informed the BAG of Microplastics monitoring effort on the Snake River by Central Wyoming College-Jackson Outreach (Professor Kristen Kapp).

Matt Woodard adjourned the business meeting at approximately 1:05 p.m. to continue the tour. Jason Brown with the City of Twin Falls led the attendees through the Lateral 26 – Twin Falls Phosphorus Offset Project. Then Shawn Moffitt with CH2M Hill directed the tour at the Twin Falls POT Phase 2 Upgrade. The Tour ended shortly after 3 p.m. and attendees departed.



Chairman



Date of Approval