

Spokane River TMDL Collaboration

Steering Workgroup

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The Steering Workgroup met to discuss the following agenda:

1. Status of Ecology's next version of the draft Managed Implementation Plan and the Collaboration's path forward
2. Discuss agenda and materials for June 29 Collaboration Full Group Meeting
3. Discuss Collaboration activities beyond June 29th

1. *Status of Ecology's next version of the draft Managed Implementation Plan*

Dave Peeler provided an update on the status of Ecology's draft Managed Implementation Plan (MIP). Ecology has received comments during its latest round of individual consultations and has now refined a final draft of the MIP. With the document now stable, just a few remaining numbers need to be added to the waste load allocation table and non-point source section before the document will be ready for release. Ecology anticipates that this document will be ready for distribution to the Collaboration no later than Monday, June 26. The Steering Workgroup discussed whether Ecology should provide a redline-strikeout version to the Collaboration to illustrate changes made since the last version of the MIP document. Dave Peeler and Mike Sharar explained that their attempts to produce a redline-strikeout version of the document were very complicated to read as many of the changes involved re-ordering the language. As an alternative, Ecology will provide a document with highlighted areas to indicate areas where edits to the language were made. Based on this progress, the Co-Chairs recommend the Collaboration convene as a Full Group on June 29 to discuss the final draft of the MIP and consider it as an Agreement in Principle.

2. *Discuss agenda and materials for June 29 Collaboration Full Group Meeting*

The Steering Workgroup discussed the agenda for a June 29 Full Group meeting. All agreed that the meeting should involve a summary presentation of the MIP document elements to the Full Group, to be followed by a question and answer session. Full Group members will then have the opportunity to speak to their support for the MIP document. The Co-Chairs will then describe the process for moving this MIP document as an Agreement in Principle for support from the various entities represented in the Full Group, either through formal resolution or letters of support. At this

time, the Co-Chairs will share the details of a transmittal letter and draft resolution language that are to accompany the Agreement in Principle. The June 29 agenda will then address the next steps in the process to secure the Agreement in Principle and begin implementing the details described within.

2. *Discuss Collaboration activities beyond June 29th*

The Steering Workgroup discussed the next steps for the Collaboration process after the June 29 Full Group meeting. As discussed during the development of the June 29 Full Group meeting agenda, the Co-Chairs are preparing a transmittal letter and draft resolution language that are to accompany the Agreement in Principle as they are delivered to the various entities represented in the Full Group. The transmittal letter will describe the Collaboration's process for arriving at its conclusions and ask that the Agreement in Principle be reviewed and supported through formal resolution or letters of support as quickly as possible. Other next steps include an informational briefing for regional elected officials on the contents of the MIP/Agreement in Principle, to be held on July 13, before the concurrent implementation of a number of additional activities, including: completion of the draft TMDL; enactment of agreements with Ecology and other inter-local agreements, as necessary; establishment of an oversight/monitoring committee; development and submittal of engineering reports and delta management plans; issuing of NPDES permits; establishment of non-point source control studies; and implementation of a conservation program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.