

SRRTTF Funding Work Group

DRAFT Meeting Notes

November 6, 2013 | 10:00am – 12:00pm

Department of Ecology

4601 North Monroe Street | Spokane, WA 99205-1295

Attendees:

BiJay Adams, Liberty Lake

Tom Agnew, Liberty Lake

Adriane Borgias, Ecology

Aubri Denevan, Ruckelshaus (*video conference*)

Chris Page, Ruckelshaus (*video conference*)

Mike Petersen, Lands Council

Lynn Schmidt, City of Spokane

Susan Spalinger, Terragraphics Environmental Engineering (*on phone*)

Lisa Dally Wilson, Dally Environmental (*on phone*)

Lynn Schmidt reported that the City of Spokane received the stormwater grant they applied for earlier this year. They will work with other municipalities over the winter to put together a sampling list of 25 samples. Agreement will be needed on that list by early December. After that, the City of Spokane will work with partners to prioritize the list. Spring sampling will happen for summer products (used on roads); fall sampling for deicers, etc. The report finish date is slated for Jan. 2015.

ACE Funding

Tom Agnew gave a quick overview of the last ACE meeting talking about their funding situation. Spokane River Stewardship Partners (SRSP) will be paying into ACE to help with cash flow.

Washington Department of Ecology Grant Opportunity, Applications due Dec. 4

Possible proposal on outreach for Oil Leaks; Mike LaScuola indicated some interest and would have to review with management. Discussion: there is sensitivity to the inequities of funding with respect to Idaho participation. What about a tie to emissions testing facilities? What are the criteria for selecting projects for 319 funding?

Urban Waters – We don't qualify for any of the EPA grants right now because of geographical limitations in the eligibility criteria.

EPA – Office of Research and Development (ORD), Region 10

ORD will possibly be attending the workshop in December. Adriane Borgias thinks it is important to start to tell "our story" (SRRTTF story) to EPA so that EPA has a better understanding of our research needs.

Adriane will receive more information today about who from EPA will be attending the December workshop.

Ecology's Environmental Assessment Program (EAP)

If there's a list of projects the Task Force wants to pursue for EAP, they will need to be prioritized by the entire Task Force.

Adriane submitted three requests last year; one was funded (Avista project removing carp from the lake Spokane). The other two fall into what LimnoTech identified in their data gaps (PCB Concentrations in stormwater, and aerial deposition testing). We can make a better story this year than last year. We need to have our list of projects and a rough prioritization for January. These projects fit in with LimnoTech's memo "Identification of Data Gaps" bullets.

Mike Peterson was at meeting earlier today with the EAP group that discussed rain gardens for stormwater filtration using biochar to remove contaminants. They will be creating a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for this project.

Mike Petersen has a project of interest and can submit it for the list Action Items:

- Look at LimnoTech Recommendations to see if there are projects there that fit EAP
- Peer review for advance pattern techniques (suggested)

ACTION ITEM: Mike Peterson will send Adriane his project ideas, so she can put it into her list for EAP consideration.

ACTION ITEM: Adriane to review projects with Jim Ross, the EAP representative for this region

ACTION ITEM: Send out an email asking to think about this topic before the next meeting

ACTION ITEM: Add Ecology's EAP to the agenda for the Nov. 20 SRRTTF meeting (*Complete.*)

ACTION ITEM: Adriane Borgias will send Aubri Denevan these drafts to post on Nov. 13 (*Complete.*)

ACTION ITEM: Add Susan Spalinger to the mailing list. (*Complete.*)

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Full Task Force meeting is Nov. 20, 2013, 9:00am – 12:30pm at Water Resource Center
- The next Funding Work Group meeting is Jan. 8, 2014 from 10am – 12pm
- The next Tech Track Work Group meeting is Nov. 13, 2013 from 10am – 12pm