

SRRTTF Joint Work Groups

DRAFT Meeting Notes

April 3, 2013 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Spokane County Water Resource Center
1004 N. Freya Street | Spokane, WA 99202

Attendees:

Jim Bellatty, Ecology

Adriane Borgias, Ecology

Mike Cannon, City of Spokane

Aubri Denevan, Ruckelshaus Center

Adrienne Fernandez, Ecology

Kelsey Gray, Ruckelshaus Center

Kris Holm, City of Coeur d'Alene (on phone)

Bud Leber, Kaiser

Rob Lindsay, City of Spokane

Dave Moss, Spokane County

Mike Peterson, Lands Council

Lynn Schmidt, City of Spokane

Elizabeth Schoedel, City of Spokane

Election of Funding Work Group Co-Chairs

DECISION: Tom Agnew and Mike Peterson were elected Co-chairs of the funding work group.

Boiler Plate Language

The boiler plate language is basic language that can be used for the first draft of grant opportunities as they arise. Some language has been submitted already. Having this language ready will help reduce the amount of time needed to respond to grant opportunities as they come up.

ACTION ITEM: Mike and Tom will resend the boiler plate language draft out to the work group.

Identify Grants and Timeframe

Boiler Plate Language - The funding work group will need to discuss who would write future grants. Cynthia Wall would be willing to help the person who takes on the grant writing. The funding work group would like to put a spreadsheet together of upcoming grants, including deadlines.

ACTION ITEM: Mike Peterson will send work group the upcoming grants timeline used at the Lands Council

Innovative Projects: EPA - Adriane lead the discussion. She recommended focusing on different areas, such as: a better understand the watershed: Where PCB is coming from (Globally, locally); a better understanding of sources (literature review, white paper); Models (Limno Tech); Education: How does that work; who's the audiences; regulation; sharing information; and treatment technologies.

The work group brainstormed possible issue areas to prioritize funding requests. Lisa recommended breaking these pieces out, and assign the different topic areas to those best suited to understanding. She also suggested having a visioning session to outline and rank the issues of importance to the funding work group. There was another proposal that after the different segments have been outlined, the Task Force could potentially approach researchers at the regional universities to help apply for grant funding.

{see appendix for brainstorm session notes}

Working with Universities

Adriane made a few University researcher contacts from the Spokane River Forum. In particular, she met green chemists at WSU and Gonzaga. She felt that finding the sweet spot between their work and the work of the Task Force would be the challenge. She's doing some outreach right now at the Universities.

Key Messages

The work groups looked at the draft key messages Remove the term "inadvertent." This should be consistent with what the city is putting out. Make sure that Brooke has shared this with the rest of the PIOs.

ACTION ITEM: Kelsey Gray to share the key messages document with the PIOs group.

ACTION ITEM: Kelsey Gray to send the key messages document draft to the Task Force.

EPA Regulation

The NACWA letter outcome triggered a new thought process that similar things. At a task force meeting send a signup sheet around to sign up orgs that might be interested in targeting the letter.

Limno Tech

Ariane asked how will the Tech Track group oversee the work of the technical consultant? How is the work group going to integrate Limno Tech into the monthly meetings. Maybe there's going to be a need for a weekly conference call to check in to see where they are at. At the next WG meeting this should be discussed. Bud could call together the tech track WG meetings with Limno Tech. The Work Group and/Task Force could need to meet more frequently and by phone if needed.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Next Full Task Force meeting is April 24, 2013, 9:00am – 12:30pm
- The next Tech Track and Administrative work group meetings are May 1, 2013

Appendix Notes: Brainstorming Session

Manage Discharge

- Treatment technology/permit

References & Science

- Product List
- Reference list for SRRTTF

Green Chemistry

- Biochar (to treat stormwater)
 - Algae
 - PCB Free Pigment
- } Research Funding/SBIR FarmPower Synthegeen

BMPs

- Preventative
- Treatment

Campaign

- Eliminate PCB from pigment
 - TSCA “reform”
- Eliminate PCB in other products

Regulation

- Analytical vs. Compliance methods of analysis
- “Ununified” Standards

Increase Quality in Characterization

- ? David Dilks Phase II, III, IV (check in with Cynthia Wall and Mary Lou Socia)
- Sampling Methodology
- Data Interpretation

(Understand/ID) Sources

- Aerial Deposition
 - Regional/global (Local vs. ambient)
 - Permitted (water energy plants)
 - Aerial Sources (snow vs. rain, vs. particulate (dry vs. wet))
 - Understand fate & transport (why do we see hits at certain times/seasonality)
 - Stormwater
 - Waste water
 - Dr. Rosenberg
 - Pattern links with fate & transport
- } Link to BAP research

- SW
 - WW
- WS/GW interactions/transport

Education & Outreach

Labeling Market Choice

- City of Spokane
 - Integrated Clean H2O plan
- Spoke. Reg. Health Impacts
- Ecology
- Lands Council
- RiverKeeper
- River Forum