

**MOA Ad hoc committee meeting  
July 8, 2019 – Spokane City Hall**

**Attendees:**

Cadie Olsen, Logan Callen – City of Spokane  
Craig Borrenpohl – City of Post Falls  
Mike Anderson – City of Coeur d’Alene  
Karl Rains – WA Department of Ecology  
Ben and Lara Floyd – White Bluffs Consulting

Cadie shared the purpose of the meeting, which is to discuss a few potential changes to the MOA the group might recommend to the Task Force (TF) to make the MOA more current, and then to also discuss information provided on TF codification (to provide more stable funding from the State Legislature in the future).

**Ideas Shared on Potential MOA Edits:**

- Karl mentioned it may make sense to call it a change to the Operational and Organizational Concepts attachment of the MOA instead of an overall change to the MOA and the group liked the suggested wording he provided.
- Craig said it might be good to have specific language on how to withdraw or join the TF as an MOA signatory.
- The role of ACE isn’t well defined in the MOA – should it be?
- Add somewhere about how interested parties may approach the TF to join along with an outline of what is expected as a TF member? Could be nice but may not necessary to include at this point since some language already exists.
- Craig said they anticipate continued participation, but they are not a signatory at this time due to ambiguity in the MOA around how they would join/sign on.
- A recommended process for joining the Task Force could be outlined in a memo instead of the MOA
- Next permits will be done by Idaho DEQ and this next round of permits are expected to continue to require participation on the TF.
- Outline project management roles and responsibilities better
- The group identified three main objectives to accomplish with potential changes/updates to the MOA:
  1. Add “implementation” as part of TF focus
  2. Clarify/verify how Idaho dischargers and others can sign onto the MOA/join the TF as voting members
  3. Address funding.
- Ben will take out the word invitation in the introduction on page 7 of his track changes suggestions and add that the goal of the TF is to develop and coordinate implementation of a comp. plan...
- Add in the word Washington before permits on page 7 in first 2 paragraphs.
- Take out “2012 through 2016” by TF Vision Statement and add in “support implementation” of the Regional Toxics TF Comprehensive Plan.
- Change wording under Specific TF goals relating to NPDES Permit Compliance with acknowledgment that some have been done but not all of them as suggested by Karl and mention applicable for current NPDES permits/permittees.

- Under TF Operating guidelines take out the “2011 to 2016 NPDES wastewater permit cycle” sentence.
- Under Stakeholder membership could add information about organizations interested in joining by saying a new member may request in writing or do we leave as is? Delete ID permit holders out of additional government agency memberships and under NPDES permittee membership change it to IDPES? Think about this and come back to discuss.
- Under EPA roles and responsibilities change to “Provide regulatory oversight of water quality standards.”
- Under Ecology, do we need to define what appropriate means under the fourth sentence? Do we also include this provision for IDEQ?
- SRHD and DOH, does there need to be more consistency?
- Under stormwater agencies, should Stevens County, City of Millwood, City of Spokane Valley be on here still?
- Facilitation paragraph – may have done too much editing; needs to be further refined
- Committees/work groups update it to reflect current practices and that ad hoc groups will be convened and disbanded as needed? List work groups? Discuss further at next meeting.
- Under Develop Task Force Work Plan section, last paragraph will add “and implement” after “develop”
- WBC will send out to the group the updated version with comments from July 8 meeting incorporated by Thursday, July 11

**Codification:**

When the State Legislature or the Governor sets up a task force or other special organization they have specific purposes outlined for the organization, along with who will be on it, how long the organization will exist (in some cases) and other direction or guidance. The group asked White Bluffs to prepare a white paper on the different examples considered, common elements and other background information to present to the TF. A draft will be shared the MOA group first.

Have another MOA committee meeting after Tech Track meeting in the pm on July 31 around 2:30 pm or 3 pm. WBC will send out appointment after Tech Track agenda is set/meeting end time is more clear. Meeting will be held at the Ecology office, which is the same location as the Tech Track meeting.