

PNCWA Abstract Submittal – Due February 14.

2020 Track: Approaches to Innovative Stakeholder Involvement

OR

Tried and True Tracks:

Regulatory Challenges

Treatment Innovation and the Future

SRSP—A Collaborative Effort to Address Water Quality Challenges and Regulatory Drivers

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Founded in 2009, the Spokane River Stewardship Partners (SRSP) is a bi-state consortium of private and municipal organizations with a common goal of working collaboratively to improve the water quality in the Spokane River and Lake Spokane. The SRSP includes Spokane County, the City of Spokane, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District, the City of Coeur d’Alene, the City of Post Falls, Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board, Avista Utilities, Inland Empire Paper and Kaiser Aluminum.

These individual entities actively participated in the development and implementation of the Spokane River and Lake Spokane Dissolved Oxygen Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), using the SRSP as a venue to discuss and collaborate on approaches to address water quality challenges in the Spokane River. An example of this includes installation and optimization of state-of-the-art water reclamation technologies. Additionally, and along with other community stakeholders, entities within the SRSP participate in the Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (Task Force) as part of a direct to implementation approach in lieu of a PCB TMDL. The goal of the Task Force is to identify sources of toxic compounds in the Spokane River and to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to bring the Spokane River into compliance with water quality standards. This presentation outlines the SRSP’s approach to navigate complex regulatory drivers and practical challenges of meeting water quality standards in the Spokane River and highlights the benefits of developing trust and a collective voice.

Please note we prefer the following title, but it is too long to qualify for the submittal:  
‘Improving Spokane River Water Quality – A Collaborative Effort to Address Regulatory Drivers and Practical Challenges’