

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #17 Minutes

North Fork Payette River Watershed Coalition – A VSWCD Initiative
USBR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Grant



“To mobilize a diverse group of North Fork Payette River Watershed stakeholders to identify watershed challenges, develop Watershed Restoration Plan and identify funding sources for plan implementation.”

Date/Time: July 25, 2024 | 1PM-3PM MST

Location: Zoom & VSWCD Office

Purpose: Summary of June 12th Workshop, Summary of Work Group status, Identify September tour date and goals, recognize other watershed events by the Coalition and Conservation District.

Agenda:

Discussion Items

1. June 12 Workshop Summary
 - a. Need to develop wetlands group more (Dan Coons could be a good resource)
 - b. Open communication about other work groups so that more people can participate in different groups
 - c. Record technical talks from meetings for others to watch at their own time, have available on website.
 - d. Provide information from Dr. Frank Wilhelm’s presentation on Payette Lake research
 - e. Have Mike Reno give presentation on septic information
 - f. “where’s the money” response- start gathering information on grants to show the public what we are aiming for.
 - g. Start applying for smaller grants now to get the ball rolling.
2. Coalition Activity Summary
 - a. Send out more emails
 - i. Meeting agendas and minutes from the different work groups
3. Workgroup Status
 - a. Land Use and Development
 - i. Lenard asked if McCall was familiar with the U of I, S.E.E.P program. Stormwater Erosion Education Program.
 - ii. The group discussed the example plans distributed (Utah Smart Watershed Plan, Ketchum and Blaine Co zoning ordinance special provisions).
 - iii. How can the language be crafted to encourage positive development and limit the number of penalties; more carrots, less sticks.
 - iv. Check with ID American Planning Association for legal requirements and limitations for this document.
 - v. A good start would be that everything with a TMDL is required to have a buffer from development.
 - vi. Documents to review in forming this working group’s recommendation: Valley County Waterways Plan, Payette Lake data collection, McCall Parks & Open Space Plan, County Comprehensive Plan, etc.
 - vii. If anyone has good example ordinance/plans from other communities, please forward them to the group.
 - b. Human Wastewater Management – Tracy Talbott (Not present for recap, is emailing me with summary of action items).
 - c. Stormwater Management – Lenard Long
 - d. Water Quantity, Quality, and Temperature
 - i. Introductions and interest in the topic
 - ii. Prioritized topics with land use and development becoming of top priority
 - e. Drought Planning, Conservation and Climate Change
 - i. Looking into valley country greenhouse gas assessment
 - ii. Involvement with McCall Climate Plan
 - iii. IDWR water table mapping
 - iv. Looking into Boise and Bozeman drought and conservation plans
4. September Tour Date
 - a. Survey is to be sent out after meeting to set time and date

- i. Possible dates include Sept. 21st, 28th, Oct. 4th, 5th
 - ii. Possible times include 10am-2pm or 9am-1pm
- b. Follow up meeting to establish goals/route/details.