



Reminder:  
SAJB Meetings  
Start at 8 AM

SAJB MEETING

THIS THURSDAY

(July 26, 2001)

AT VERA POWER AND WATER

601 N. EVERGREEN

8 A.M.

# SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD

## AGENDA

July 26, 2001 @ 8:00 AM

Vera Water & Power 601 North Evergreen Road

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions  
Consideration of June 14, 2001, Meeting Minutes.

### 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Steve Skipworth, Treasurer

Approve Bills

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 2001-08 Business Assistance & Interlocal Agreement with Ecology  
Local telephone hot-line for Water Quality information

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

Election of SAJB Officers for two year term beginning in August  
Definition of majority and voting procedures.

### 5. WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Committee Reports  
Program Leader Report – Julia McHugh

- 1) Water Conservancy Board – three meetings to date; application fee for water rights change set at \$100; review fee at \$400
- 2) Watershed Resource Inventory Analysis WRIA – no meetings until September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Friends of the Aquifer – meeting with Governor Locke & Councilwoman Cherie Rodgers Tuesday July 24: ask Governor to contact STB in support of petition by Friends to STB to conduct an EIS on the refueling facility in Rathdrum.
- 4) Washington Citizens Action Committee – the Lands Council has organized a rally on July 28<sup>th</sup> to bring attention and voice demands to have the Coeur d'Alene Basin metals in the Spokane River cleaned up. Event begins at noon in Riverfront Park, and will include musical entertainment and possible speeches by Senators Murray and Cantwell.
- 5) Water Weeks – Opening event location is the Spokane Interstate Fair, on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, from open to closing; more details as they become available. **Letter requesting funds to support effort is attached.**
- 6) Water District map in 'Community Pages' of the phone book – recontact next April for possible inclusion in Qwest Dex.
- 7) Who wants to tour the AVISTA-Cogentrix Energy Plant in Rathdrum?
- 8) Household Contaminant Disposal Event Wrap-up – Gift Certificate giveaway on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> @ Hangman Valley Greenhouses; filmed, packaged, distributed to stations, viewed on KREM2, July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) ProActive Business Assistance – intern started at Ecology, press release submitted by Ecology announcing the cooperative agreement between Ecology and SAJB – report submitted by Luke Cayer, intern.
- 10) Education & Awareness – two video spots launched, two radio spots running. Kathy Small appearance on KXLY 'Newsmakers' radio/tv show, Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 11) Website
  - A. Posted individual District CCRs to website, or have linked to those who have own site
  - B. Assign task: check/respond to website email:  
Browser address: mail.netriver.net User name: [info@spokaneaquifer.org](mailto:info@spokaneaquifer.org) Password: ask Julia
  - C. Print Aqua Duck t-shirts for monthly website giveaway? Or have t-shirts for sale, at non-profit org price?
  - D. Still need your old/recent District PHOTOS for rotation on website**
- 12) Letter from KREM re:KDK ONE
- 13) Emergency Planning and Communications – discussed at recent AWWA Subchapter meeting; regional Disaster Committee meets monthly, Sept. – June, Water Purveyors welcome to attend. Received County Comprehensive Emergency Plan, possibility to provide input via a SAJB Subcommittee

### 6. ADJOURN

## SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### (1) CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

The Board of Directors of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) met in Regular Session at Vera Power and Water, 601 N. Evergreen, Spokane, Washington on June 14, 2001. President Ty Wick welcomed those in attendance and called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

### Board of Directors Roll Call and Introductions:

President Ty Wick, Treasurer Steve Skipworth and Secretary Kathleen Small. Vice-President Bob Ashcraft was absent. A total of 17 attended the meeting, twelve SAJB member representatives, Program Leader Julia McHugh and four guests, as per the attached Meeting Attendance Register. Secretary Small took the minutes of the meeting. Those present gave self-introductions.

**Consideration of the May 24, 2001 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the SAJB meeting held on May 24, 2001 were approved as presented.

### (2) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Skipworth gave the following report: The SAJB Checking account balance is \$2,627.49, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Wellhead Protection) balance is \$ 4,177.40, plus \$150 in dues not yet deposited. Treasurer Skipworth noted 21 of 22 SAJB members have paid their dues. The Wellhead Implementation Plan checking account balance is \$100.00, the Spokane County Investment Pool (Implementation) is \$ 277,340.23 and Implementation Savings is \$14,049.63. Treasurer Skipworth noted Brittany Garwood, who handles SAJB Implementation Plan monies, is leaving the Spokane Water Department to take a new job at the Veteran's Memorial Arena – those in attendance thanked Brittany for her work and wished her well in her new job.

### Approval of Bills:

Bills Presented: KDK-1 \$4,500 for media production - Task 1 & 2 and \$3,250 for Task 3. Program Leader Julia McHugh for \$3,169.35 for the period May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>, including mileage. A motion was made by Terry Squibb and seconded by Walt McKee to pay the bills. President Wick called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

### (3) OLD BUSINESS:

**Resolution 2001-08 Business Assistance & Interlocal Agreement with Ecology:** President Wick explained the tweaking done to the Agreement. Discussion followed. Walt McKee made the motion and Tim Schudel seconded that Resolution 2001-08 be adopted. President Wick called for a show of hands as follows: Approve: 10, Against: 0, Abstain: 1. Those in attendance directed President Wick to conduct a phone poll of SAJB members not present to complete the voting; President Wick will report back at the next meeting.

**Wellhead Protection Plan CD Cost:** President Wick reported two people were interested in a copy of the Wellhead Protection Plan CD, but objected to paying \$100 for a CD. Discussion followed. The Members in attendance decided to leave the price (\$100 per copy) as is.

**2001 Assessment for Wellhead Protection Plan Implementation:** President Wick explained that the projected costs of the Wellhead Protection Plan Implementation for 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 are lower than expected and he distributed a Budget Worksheet to those present. Discussion followed. George Stegemann made the motion, and Steve Skipworth seconded, that the assessment rate charged to members for Wellhead Protection Plan Implementation be reduced from the current level of 17¢ per customer per month to 12¢ per customer per month. This assessment rate effective January 1, 2001 with the first payment due June 30, 2001. It is intended that this rate will remain the same to the end of year 2004. President Wick called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**SAJB Letter to Spokane County Commissioners on Liberty Lake Well:** President Wick provided copies of the SAJB letter written to Spokane County Commissioners commenting on the placement of a gas station near a Liberty Lake well.

### 4) NEW BUSINESS:

**Nominations for SAJB Officers for election at next meeting in July:** President Wick stated nominations for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary would be accepted at the July meeting. He explained the term is for two years.

**Local telephone hot line for Water Quality Information:** Those in attendance discussed the need for a central location for people to call on water quality issues. It was suggested that the Inland Empire Subsection of the AWWA would be the most logical group to address this issue. Ideas were discussed on how to inform customers of who their water purveyor is. Emergency management was also discussed. President Wick appointed Program Leader McHugh and Secretary Small to the Water Quality Hot-Line Committee. PL McHugh stated she would be attending the next IESS AWWA Board meeting.

## **SPOKANE AQUIFER JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES; continued:**

### **(5) WELLHEAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

#### **Committee Reports**

**Education and Awareness Committee (EAC):** President Wick reported EAC met with KDK-1 on June 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the media campaign and EAC is moving forward.

**EAC Website Subcommittee:** Carl Jackson explained the website committee met yesterday and they are pleased with changes made to the website, however, it is still under going changes but is available for viewing and he suggested members check it out.

**Pro-Active Business Assistance Committee (PBAC):** Frank Triplett reported PBAC is working on the interlocal agreement with Ecology (see Resolution 2001-08). Also, he is working on a table top display booth to take to shows, he explained the cost would be about \$1,500 and all of the committees could make use of it; he stated he is requesting \$500 each from PBAC, HHWC and EAC budgets. PBAC is working on purchasing give away pens, pencils, notepads, etc. for trade shows.

**Potential Contaminant Source Inventory Committee (PCSIC):** Spokane County is behind schedule, but is working on the CSI. Spokane County will present task 1 at the July meeting.

**Household Hazardous Waste Committee (HHWC):** Lloyd Brewer reported HHWC has extended the household hazardous waste pick-up around wellheads to July 1<sup>st</sup> and this effort did result in an increase in the net tonnage of household hazardous waste taken to Waste to Energy transfer stations. Mr. Brewer explained household hazardous pick-up boxes are available should purveyors want them; also Scott Windsor (Solid Waste Management) stated he would take the leftover boxes at the transfer stations. Mr. Brewer explained the boxes were difficult for the volunteers to assemble and people did not always want them. Consequently the HHWC is considering door hangers for the next effort. Next will be a media event when gift certificates are awarded at a local nursery to wellhead household hazardous waste pick-up participants.

#### **Program Leader (PL) Julia McHugh reported as follows:**

- 1) Distribution of leftover boxes from the Household Contaminate Disposal Event at the end of June, boxes are available – see HHWC report above.
- 2) Water Weeks Planning: Local State Kickoff event details unknown; SAJB teaming with County WQMPP for two-day event at Upriver Dam, tentatively Friday September 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Ice Age Floods and Center Point Interpretarium: Meetings to be held on a quarterly basis rather than monthly. Current Mirabeau funding and focus is mostly on Center Place; still waiting for the legislative session to finish. We don't want to burn our task force out by meeting too often until we can put the time and energy toward the Interpretarium. Next meeting: September 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at the Rockwood Bakery.
- 4) Friends of the Aquifer: Appeal still pending, public comment to be accepted. N. Idaho citizens lining up to oppose 1800 and 1300 Megawatt power plants.
- 5) Rick Barlow with Panhandle Health has requested receiving SAJB Agendas and Minutes (approved by those present); reports work on Greenspace Planning for clustering of homes to reduce infrastructure, with either sewer hookup or land application of seepage.
- 6) Query to District Managers: Can you think of ways in which to use Senior and Retired Volunteers at your site? Discussion followed.
- 7) Check DRAFT Website: [www.perfectapplications.com/aquifer/](http://www.perfectapplications.com/aquifer/) - send comments/ideas to Julia.

### **(5) OPEN FORUM**

Steve Skipworth reviewed Vera Water & Power's measurements of current aquifer levels; which are 5 feet below last year's levels at this same time.

Lloyd Brewer stated the amount of water being considered for use at the proposed power plants in Idaho would be about 1/3 of the City of Spokane's current production. Discussion followed on water rights, and what role Kootenai County plays in aquifer protection and how they might contribute to any of our committees.

Walt McKee requested that the issue having a 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s majority for voting purposes be placed on next month's agenda.

### **(6) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business this 14th day of June 2001 President Wick adjourned the meeting at 10:05 PM.

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President Ty Wick

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Secretary Kathleen M. Small