



## IDAHO WASHINGTON AQUIFER COLLABORATIVE

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The Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) is a non-profit organization working to maintain and enhance water quality and quantity for present and future generations by developing management strategies which benefit the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer and the Spokane River region.

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### Who we are, why we are here, and why your participation in IWAC is important.

Water managers and residents alike are facing many complex issues in the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. Recently, scientists conducting a study commissioned by Washington, Idaho and USGS came to the conclusion that our greatest challenge will be in aligning the different values we place on the Spokane River and water resources. Finding management solutions in the face of competing values could prove costly and contentious. Our region's best hope is to bring together stakeholders to find bi-state, collaborative solutions.

The Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative (IWAC) is a bi-state, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote region-wide solutions to water resource issues throughout the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer watershed. The Collaborative is unique, in that it is the only bi-state organization looking at the aquifer and river as a system, incorporating both water purveyors and wastewater treatment and discharge operators. Our goals include:

- developing, through a consensus process, an ongoing mechanism for water managers to research and discuss topics impacting the aquifer and river,
- promoting regional water conservation, and
- developing a coordinated public awareness and education campaign

More detailed information on our goals can be found at: [www.spokaneaquifer.org/idaho-washington-aquifer-collaborative-goals](http://www.spokaneaquifer.org/idaho-washington-aquifer-collaborative-goals).

IWAC's members include Idaho and Washington water and water reclamation (wastewater) service providers. Advisory members include Avista, the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Tribes, and regulatory agencies. The Collaborative is made up of the professional and regional leaders in water resources. Our customers are the citizens of the region, who count on us to provide essential services to their homes and businesses.

Funding comes from member dues and contributions and covers operational costs. Board members and officers are volunteers. We hope your organization will become an active participant in IWAC. Our combined leadership and all voices at the table will lead to regional solutions that support all of our interests.

Sincerely, IWAC Officers

President, Mike Galante; Vice-President, Ty Wick; Secretary, Bryan St. Clair; Treasurer, Alan Miller

**IWAC Goals:** In order to develop management strategies to address regional water supply and demand needs over the next 50-100 years, IWAC has developed the following goals:

**IWAC Organization:** Establish a working relationship between Idaho and Washington water entities with agreed upon IWAC goals, outcomes, products and interim objectives.

**Water Quantity:** Develop a BiState Aquifer (baseline) Status Document to validate objectively-determined and scientifically supportable data on the quantity and availability of the aquifer water system. Develop appropriate management strategies for maintaining/enhancing in-stream flows in the Spokane River.

**Water Conservation:** Promote regional water conservation. Municipal purveyors and partner organizations develop a comprehensive regional conservation strategy, and work in concert on implementation within respective service areas. Develop recommendations for regional conservation efforts that include a menu of suggestions for local jurisdictions to adopt in their respective conservation plans.

**Water Quality:** Promote water quality. Identify future impacts on water quality as the area population grows, and commercial and industrial uses diversify in our area. Identify how water purveyors and partner organizations can have a positive impact on water quality in groundwater and the Spokane River.

**Public Awareness and Education:** Develop a coordinated awareness and education campaign for the aquifer system.

## IWAC Membership Application / Contribution Form

Organization Name:	
Mailing Address:	<b>Membership Options: (Choose one)</b>
City, State, Zip Code:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 = under 2000 connections
Phone:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 = 2000+ connections
Representative Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Member
Email:	<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution
<b>Mail membership dues and application form to: IWAC Treasurer Alan Miller 2160 W. Dakota Avenue, Hayden, ID 83835. For questions, please call 208-772-2612.</b>	

Your participation in the regional water resource dialogue is important. IWAC meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District - 22510 E. Mission Ave., Liberty Lake, WA 99019.