

Planning Workgroup for Root River One Watershed One Plan
Friday, September 4, 2015, 9:00 AM- Noon
Conservation Building, 912 Houston Street NW, Preston
Agenda

1. Discussion Item: staff perspective on 1W1P coordination and funding
 - a. How do we as staff want to see ongoing watershed coordination?
 - i. Tom made the comment that the state is not going to fund the coordination components of the plan. Other discussion centered around our ability to function solo but coming to our own coordination... until or unless stable funding comes along.
 - b. Review funding option #1: no new money request (Donna's spreadsheet)
 - i. Donna reviewed 'no new \$' spreadsheet. Tom asked about the necessity of needing a FTE to accomplish coordination. We thought it might be a matter of how big to go. There seems to be a concern about how the other counties are planning the use of the \$100k already.
 - c. Discuss other options
 - i. Outside funding sources (ie: grants)
 1. Can we accomplish water plan goals without structured coordination? MOA structure – coordinated on our own.
 - ii. Dedicated funding?
 1. Are we comfortable taking this advice to PC? Presented as a minimum, starting point. Consider the possibility of a stronger entity in the future. MOA can include some equitable way to make sure coordination costs are covered (figure out how many hours are needed w/\$).
2. Discussion Item: How and when do we bring our local advisory groups back in?
 - a. Should they review plan sections? Which sections?
 - i. There was some hesitation about the relevancy considering most counties advisory groups are technical stuff. Online access to plan sections can serve that purpose.
 - b. How should we use the online surveys?
 - i. Let's move on the online surveys now. Let's get a press release done too.
 - ii. ***Let the PWG know when this is done.
3. Review of Draft Plan: Section 3 (main focus on sub-sections 3.3 and 3.4)
 - a. Numbering of Section 3 consistent with Priority Table. Completed Groundwater Section Strategies 1 & 2.
 - b. Sort action items into one of three categories
 - i. Actions that we are doing now and will continue to do
 - ii. Actions that we are not doing but either want to or should do in the future
 - iii. Actions that we are not doing and/or likely will not do in the future
4. Next meeting, facilitator(s), agenda items