

Walla Walla Watershed Management Partnership *Water Resource Panel Meeting Minutes*

Date: December 17, 2009

Time: 2:00PM–4:00PM

Location: WWCC Water and Environmental Center, 500 Tausick Way, Walla Walla, WA

Present: Gerald Anhorn, Greg Kinsinger, Bob Bower, Greg Farrens, Gary James, Chris Marks, Eric Quaempts, Judith Johnson, Victoria Leuba, Kay Mead, Jack Myrick, Bill Neve, Matt Rajnus, Cathy Schaeffer, Jim Barrow, Steve Martin, Ed Chvatal, Terry Bruegman, Mike Bireley, Paul LaRiviere.

Minutes: The WRP discussed draft 4 of the guidelines and criteria document for Local Water Plans and Water Banking, making editorial changes, and substantive changes noted below, and recommended the draft with changes for approval of the Partnership Board.

Consensus Recommendations:

- Add an introduction section.
- Modify State agency participation was identified to occur without requiring attendance at WRP and PAG meetings.
- Update focus fish species to include species of interest.
- Modify the baseline water use determination to a 15 year lookback and utilize solely the most current Washington Irrigation Guide data and cropping records to determine Qa.
- Require data logged meters as part of participation in a LWP.
- Require photo documentation in annual reporting.
- Remove all reference in the water banking section to monetary transactions.
- Recommend that the WRP, revisit the guidelines periodically.
- Recommend the updated guidelines with changes to the Partnership Board.