

Ag meeting 8/11/2016 in Shoshone

Present: Dayna Gross, Steve Miller, Keri York, Lynn Harmon, Rod Hufsmith, Sharon Lee (phone), Alex (phone), Brett Stevenson, Rob Struthers, Dale Ewerson

We covered the agenda loosely but the main things we talked about were:

- **Proposal that the SVGWD is going to present to the BWCC. We didn't hear about what it includes, just that it will be presented soon (it has been presented).**

- **Including the tributaries in the ESPA boundary:**

- a. Sharon did not think this would be helpful for the ESPA or us, and she is supportive of finding a local solution. Some did not agree and commented as well (but I did not get all the comments). Letters in support and opposition can be read here:

<https://www.idwr.idaho.gov/water-rights/ground-water-management-areas/proposed.html>

- **Projects:**

- a. The HWY 93 project is clearly a priority for most everyone. **Let's discuss asap.** Mark, maybe you could also give an update on the Silver Creek Alliance, there was some discussion of that group as well.
- b. North Shoshone: Lynn and Rod offered to do a tour of the area and look at potential projects (that are small enough might be easier to fund but big enough to make a difference)
- c. Rob Struthers talked about the Camas dam project. Funding seems to be the limiting factor for this and most projects.
- d. We talked about including some projects in an NRCS grant we are applying for but it does not appear that they will fit into the scope of work at this time.

- **Outreach:**

- a. It was agreed that the panel discussion in Ketchum was great and we should do at least two more—dates this fall?
- b. There was some concern about coverage in the Mt.Express and whether the collaborative would be communicated correctly. It was suggested we all sit down with Greg Moore (we may be too late for this as his article came out this week). Maybe follow up with a press release or paid article.

c. We talked about doing some bus tours ‘follow the water’ for the community so people can really understand the whole system.

● **Data needs:**

- a. All agreed that Pat Purdy’s idea of tying snowpack to aquifer levels is a good one and would be worth understanding/ investigating.
- b. Most agreed that more measurement (in stream, groundwater) is needed (more locations, more often). I agreed to share a bid we received for more instream flow measurements (coming).