

Wood River Water Exchange Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at The Nature Conservancy, Hailey

11:00 – 11:15 Brief Introduction, why we are here, and current situation:

Overview of the current status issues affecting demand on our water supply in the Wood River watershed including Silver Creek. Examples: conjunctive management, changing climate and drought – Peter and Kevin

11:15 – 11:30 Discussion of ongoing activities

- GWD update – Patti
- Water Calls – Kevin
- Innovative Mitigation Solutions proposal – Peter

11:30 – 12:00 Overview of water exchange and round table discussion:

- End goal: Exchange framework – administration, target flows
- Pilot projects: general, no names used, just ideas
- What do you like/not like about the concept?
- Discussion of how we can bring the water user community together around a solution.
- What types of water conservation projects should we be considering?
- Formalize this group as an advisory type committee?
- Who are we missing?

12:00 – 12:30 Proposed next steps for moving forward and what is needed.

- Solution oriented partners who are willing to put aside differences to create an improved water management framework for the future.
- Commitment to actively participate in regular work sessions.
- Build support throughout the watershed for our shared vision.
- Bring the concept to the Idaho Water Resource Board for their support.

GWD update: South Valley GWD has been approved by CC Commissioners – Nov Ballot
Galena GWD first meeting. Very eclectic group.

SVGWD: 125 users, 80% irrigate more than 20 acres for a total of 516 cfs

Galena GWD: 380 users, with < 240 cfs for 31% of total cfs in the valley . Multitude of uses

Important: you can and should support the formation of GWD and opt out without any problems. We need all people to support GWD formation, even if you are doing private mitigation, so that others have options for collaborative mitigation.

Consideration of Assessment timing is important. Assessments would be due to county early September, 2016. Earliest monies would be January 2017. Taxes billed once a year. Morgan Drague 788-5530