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**Walla Walla Watershed Planning Unit**  
**Planning Unit - Meeting Notes**

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**Date:** January 26, 2004

**Time:** 6pm-7pm Potluck/Presentation  
7pm- 9:15pm Regular Meeting

**Location:** Washington State Department of Transportation, Walla Walla

**Attendees:** Ben Floyd (EES), Bob Carson, Bob Hutchens, Cathy LaRoque (W.W. County), Chad Fisher (WDOE), Chris Hyland (USACE), Dave Duncan (WDOE), Dayle Rainwater, Dick Ducharme, Don Howard, Elena Escalante (W.W. County), Gary James (CTUIR), Gene Warren, Hal Thomas (City of Walla Walla), Janet Howard, John Warinner (Fountainhead Irrigation), Judith Johnson (Kooskooskie Commons), Kevin Scribner (W.W. Watershed Alliance), Mark Grandstaff (WDFW), Mark Wachtel (WDFW), Mike Buckley (WSU), Rick Jones (W.W. County Conservation District), Roland Schirman (WSU Extension Office), Russ Bergevin, Kathy Bergevin, Scott Bauer (W.W. County Prosecuting Attorney's Office), Stuart Durfee (Gardena Farms Irrigation District #13), Terry Bruegman (Columbia Conservation District), Tom Page (Native Creek Society), Victoria Leuba (WDOE), Yancey Reser (Native Creek Society), Brian Wolcott (WWBWC), Dan Evans (W.W. Watershed Alliance), Carol Winkel (NPCC), Kathryn Brigham (CTUIR).

**Handouts:** Agenda; Draft November 24, 2003 Planning Unit Meeting Minutes; List of upcoming meetings for February and March; Print-out of email sent by Kim Hansen (EES) to Planning Unit members; Article entitled "Sustainable Needs A Definition For Agriculture;" print-out of Washington State's Water Quality Assessment [303(d)] list.

**Potluck/Presentation:** The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) holds one voting seat on the Planning Unit, with Gary James as the CTUIR representative and Jed Volkman as the designated alternate. During the potluck portion of the meeting, Gary James and CTUIR Council Member Kathryn Brigham presented a PowerPoint with information on Tribal culture, accomplishments, treat rights, and fish restoration activities in the Umatilla and Walla Walla basins.

**Housekeeping:**

- The sign-in sheet was passed around and introductions were made. The last meeting's notes from 11/24/03 were reviewed and approved by consensus.

**Agenda Items:**

Outreach Committee Update:

- Cathy LaRoque (W.W. County) introduced Carol Winkel (Northwest Power and Conservation Council) as a guest at tonight's meeting. Carol will be interviewing Planning Unit members at 8:30 p.m. for the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's quarterly newsletter (Winter 2004). She will be writing a human interest story on the Subbasin Planning efforts in the Walla Walla Subbasin.
- Judith Johnson (Kooskooskie Commons) presented a draft "Walla Walla Watershed Planning" brochure that has been developed. Judith asked the Planning Unit to review the brochure and provide comments to her. Judith also mentioned that she has been developing a PowerPoint presentation for the Speaker's Bureau and requested that the Planning Unit provide feedback on scheduling presentations for different stakeholders and interest groups.

### Subbasin Planning:

- The last Subbasin Planning Team Meeting was held on January 22, 2004. Two Management Workshops are scheduled for February 18, 2004 and March 17, 2004; dinner will be provided at these workshops. The Subbasin Planning Management Plan Workshops will focus on the aquatic portion of the Walla Walla Subbasin Management Plan. Mark Wachtel (WDFW) is looking at specific areas for biological objectives/specific reaches. The reaches will be reviewed for accuracy by the Planning Unit and the public. The Walla Walla Subbasin Plan is scheduled to be completed by May 28, 2004. Cathy LaRoque encouraged people to attend the upcoming workshops as a quorum is needed to make decisions and to continue moving the process forward. A workshop for the wildlife/terrestrial portion of the Subbasin Plan will be held at a later date with time and date to be determined.
- After significant discussion, the vision for the Walla Walla Subbasin Plan was approved by consensus. The vision reads:  
**“The vision for the Walla Walla Subbasin is a healthy ecosystem with abundant, productive, and diverse populations of aquatic and terrestrial species that supports the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the communities within the Subbasin and the Pacific Northwest.”**

### Other Items:

- Ben Floyd (EES) reviewed the list of the upcoming meetings. The February 4, 2004 Instream Flow Subcommittee meeting is rescheduled to March 3, 2004.
- Victoria Leuba commented that the numbers for the WRIA 32 Management Points developed by EES are different than the gauge numbers used by the Department of Ecology. Victoria stated that the management point numbers and gauge numbers should be the same.
- The next Planning Unit meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds- Youth Building.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and Carol Winkel (NPCC) interviewed participants until 9:15 p.m.