MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, July 19th, 2010
PLACE: Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building
TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Review minutes of the last meeting – June 21st, 2010

Oregon Solutions Team and the Milton-Freewater Levee update – The USACE inspection has occurred and identified several new structural problems since the last inspection. The final inspection report is not yet available. The Oregon Solutions team met June 30th. Also, there has been a meeting and tour with Congressman Walden and Federal staff from the Corps, FEMA, NOAA Fisheries, and USFWS to assist with developing solutions. There is a need to develop a funding strategy to assess, design, and fix the additional structural problems with the levee and the Federal agencies need to agree on how vegetation needs to be managed. A next step is getting cost estimates to repair levee damage. An initial quote has come in on clearing all vegetation off the levee.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Department of Natural Resources First Foods Mission – presentation by Eric Quaempts, CTUIR DNR Director

Update on the Corps/CTUIR Walla Walla River Flow Improvement Project – estimated costs for final design and construction have increased to $500,000. There is a need for local input to find ways to cut costs. Separate meetings occurred with Governor Gregoire and Senator Cantwell to describe the need for the project and that we will work to develop a reasonable project. A technical workshop will be announced soon.

West Little Walla Walla River water rights – water rights 1895 and newer on the lower end of the West Prong were shut off June 30th. This started occurring in 2005 and now occurs each year. Streamflows for fish and wildlife have also diminished. Designs for measuring devices and headgates are being developed. Efficiency, storage, and groundwater recharge are being investigated to help solve the problem.

Announcements

Next Meeting: August 16th, 2010 at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St., 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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