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From: Lester, Steve
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 8:16 AM
To: 'Dave Tuthill'
Cc: watermaster67@hotmail.com; Peppersack, Jeff; Luke, Tim; Clark, Cynthia (Bridge); Grimm, Angie
Subject: RE: Weiser Basin Flow Measurements

Dave:

A quick reply before I wrap up my time here.

IDWR is working on an initial package for WD 67: map of Weiser River main stem & major forks showing all the PODs, major storage, known gages etc. Will include a river rights delivery list matching the map. All of this type of information will be funneled thru the Watermaster as it appropriately should be. We will not be "reporting" separately to any Assistant Watermaster since that would not be appropriate. The Watermaster and WD 67 working group can distribute the information provided by IDWR to interested parties, including Assistant Watermasters.

Our department working group continues to be in touch with Brandi as the project develops. Other aspects of delivery lists will be developed for the project, i.e. comprehensive list, Assistant Watermaster area lists etc.

A river rights delivery list is not ready at this time.

Best regards,

Steve

From: Dave Tuthill [mailto:dave@idahowaterengineering.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2015 9:01 AM
To: Clark, Cynthia (Bridge); Broesch, Randy; VanGreuningen, Stuart; Miller, Nick; Grimm, Angie; Luke, Tim; Lester, Steve; Jay Edwards
Cc: Jim Brock; Jacque Wray; Hal Anderson; Ernie Carlsen
Subject: Weiser Basin Flow Measurements

Good morning, all.

I am following up on our meeting on February 17th at IDWR regarding flow measurements in the Weiser River Basin.

As shown in the email chain below, on February 18th Randy received the 2014 records from Jim Brock, so this reporting process was completed. In future years we anticipate Jacque will submit the records using this format.

As late-breaking news, I met with the Lost Valley Reservoir Company last night in Council. Their Board subsequently voted to cost-share in the installation of a measuring device for the reservoir level (like the one for Crane Creek Reservoir), with the understanding that Water District 67 will cost share in the device for Lost Valley Creek. Thus, we have the following potential funding sources for additional gaging in the Weiser River Basin:

- Water District 67 (flow measurement was discussed at the annual meeting)
- Lost Valley Reservoir Company (see above)

- Weiser Irrigation District proposal for funding has been made to WID Board -- no action taken yet)
- Idaho Water Resource Board
- Other state and federal agencies

What was remarkable about the meeting last night (to me) was that Harmon Horton and I had the same message. Harmon expressed support for broad-based instrumentation of the Weiser River Basin to "come out of the dark ages" (his term). Harmon and I often have different viewpoints so this is a change.

At this point I would propose two steps:

1. Jacque has requested a listing of water rights in the Weiser River Basin above Galloway Diversion. Her understanding has been that Steve would provide this prior to his retirement. Is it possible to make that happen?
2. Conduct a follow-up meeting to further discuss automation in the Weiser Basin. This does not mean that IWE must be selected to do the work. While we would like to do this work, we do understand that a bid process is preferable, if IDWR does not have the people power to do the work. My interest, on behalf of Lost Valley Reservoir Company, is that the devices on Lost Valley Reservoir and Lost Valley Creek be installed ASAP this summer, to begin to build a record of flow information. Raising Lost Valley Reservoir has the support of the County Commissioners in Adams and Washington counties and the support of many others. Flow measurement is a critical element of this investigation. Additional flow information will also be helpful in the Galloway Dam analysis.

Thanks,

Dave

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On Wed, Feb 18, 2015 at 4:42 PM, Broesch, Randy <Randall.Broesch@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:

Jim,

Thanks for the information. I have downloaded the files and saved them to the project folder.

Thanks again

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From: Jim Brock [mailto:jim@idahowaterengineering.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 1:00 PM
To: Broesch, Randy
Cc: VanGreuningen, Stuart; Jacque Wray; Dave Tuthill; Clark, Cynthia (Bridge)
Subject: Submission of Weiser Basin Gaging Station Reports via FTP

Hi Randy,

I followed the instructions you provided and have put the four files with gaging results from Weiser Basin stations into the Incoming folder on the ftp1.idaho.gov site.

The file names are listed below:

Crane_Ck_Res_Pool_11Feb2015.xlsx

CCR_Tail_Flow_2014_11Feb2015_jb.xlsx

Weiser_Galloway_Flow_2014_rev11Feb2015_jtb.xlsx

Weiser_Sunny_Flow_2014_rev11Feb15_jb.xlsx

Attached is a screenshot of the folder.

The files contained in the dropbox are intended to meet the requirement of WID, Sunnyside Ditch and the Crane Creek Adm. Board to make an annual electronic report to the State as required by the Memorandums of Agreement with IDWR.

Please let me know if you have questions or any problems accessing the files. Further, please advise if any changes to the format or content of the files would be useful. We thought the use of an Excel spreadsheet was an efficient way to present the data.

Jacque would appreciate an email for her records that the files have been received and meet the requirements for delivery of an annual electronic report.

Thanks and best regards,

Jim Brock

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