

## IDAHO WASHINGTON AQUIFER COLLABORATIVE

## OUR WATER. OUR FUTURE.

PARTNERING IN SHARED STEWARDSHIP OF THE SPOKANE VALLEY RATHDRUM

PRAIRIE AQUIFER AND SPOKANE RIVER WATERSHED

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## WHERE IT BEGAN...

AT THE DIRECTION OF THE IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD AND IDAHO LEGISLATURE, THE RATHDRUM PRAIRIE AQUIFER MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS FINALIZED IN 2011

#### Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer

Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan

Vision: Provide a sustainable source of highquality groundwater for current and future economic, social, and environmental benefits, and preserve the exceptional quality and reliability of the Rathdram Prairie Aquifer.

IDWR Website link



## RP CAMP RECOMMENDATION FOR REGIONAL FRAMEWORK & IWAC

IWAC CREATED IN 2012 THROUGH CONSENSUS BETWEEN:

- ID & WA WATER PURVEYORS
- SAJB
- COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE
- AVISTA
- SPOKANE RIVER FORUM
- IDEQ & WA DOE
- U OF ID AND WSU
- NON-PROFITS

A regional framework should look for ways to constructively integrate with other local and regional efforts, such as water system planning, watershed planning, ongoing adjudication, and similar efforts.

- 2011 RP CAMP, Appendix 7

## I WHAT ?

IWAC IS ORGANIZED AS A NON-PROFIT 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION

OUR COLLABORATIVE IS COMPRISED OF WATER AND WASTEWATER PURVEYORS ACROSS SPOKANE AND KOOTENAI COUNTIES

WE ARE SUPPORTED BY ADVISORY MEMBERS INCLUDING:

- COEUR D'ALENE TRIBE
- IDEQ
- IDWR
- WA-DOE
- ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS
- UNIVERSITIES





## IWAC'S PURPOSE AND GOALS



• TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN AND/OR ENHANCE WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS BY <u>DEVELOPING</u> <u>MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES THAT BENEFIT THE SPOKANE VALLEY</u> <u>RATHDRUM PRAIRIE AQUIFER AND THE SPOKANE RIVER REGION</u>.

#### <u>GOALS</u>

• THE OBJECTIVE OF DEVELOPING MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IS TO <u>ADDRESS</u> REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND DEMAND NEEDS OVER THE NEXT 50 TO 100 YEARS.



## EFFICIENT IRRIGATION & LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

A MENU OF OPTIONS FOR PREPARING AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE OR STANDARDS

# Outdoor Watering

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The Adventures of 文 Drippy the Water Drop!

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#### MODFLOW USG – RATHDRUM PRAIRIE EXTENT OF SVRPA

- THE NEW GROUNDWATER FLOW MODEL FOR THE PURVEYORS WILL INCLUDE ELEMENTS NOT IN PRIOR MODELS:
  - O GREATER SPATIAL AND VERTICAL RESOLUTION
  - REPRESENTATION OF CURRENT CONDITIONS (LAND USES, GROUNDWATER PUMPING)
  - ABILITY TO ACCOUNT FOR FUTURE GROWTH AND CHANGES IN CLIMATE/HYDROLOGY
  - DESIGN THAT FACILITATES WATER SUPPLY PLANNING (I.E., WATER PURVEYOR PLANNING NEEDS)
  - **O ENHANCED PARTICLE TRACKING FOR WELLHEAD PROTECTION**



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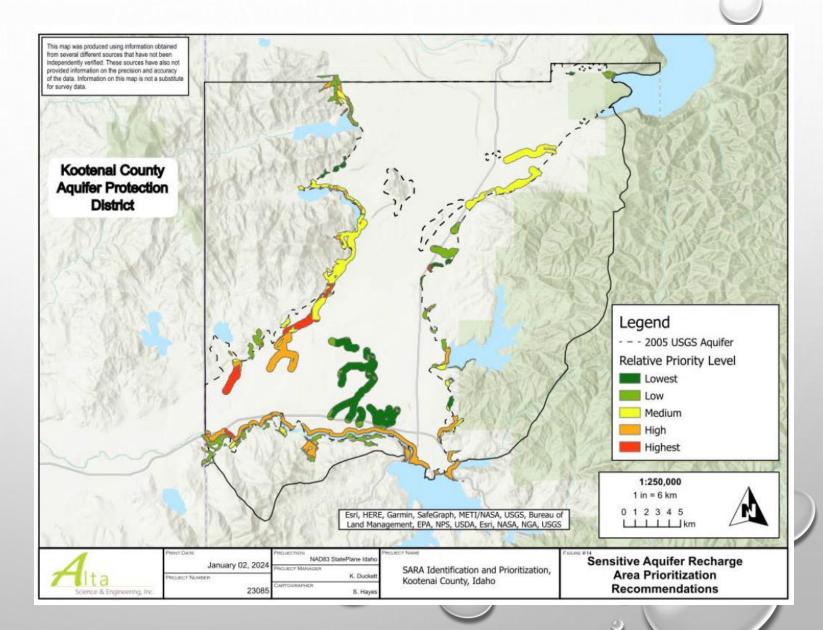
- THE TARGET OUTCOMES FOR THE MODEL ENHANCEMENT EFFORT ARE:
  - INCLUDE THE BEST FEATURES OF PRIOR MODELS (USGS, CITY OF SPOKANE, SAJB)
  - OBTAIN AN UPDATED AND DEFENSIBLE CALIBRATION BASED ON RECENT/CURRENT CONDITIONS AND DATA
    - NATURAL HYDROLOGY (LAKES, PRECIPITATION)
    - LAND USES
    - GROUNDWATER PUMPING
    - GROUNDWATER LEVELS AND THEIR FLUCTUATIONS
  - ACQUIRE AN UPDATED PLATFORM (I.E., A NEWLY-REFINED MODEL) THAT IS A COMMON STARTING POINT FOR STAKEHOLDERS TO USE FOR PLANNING AND PROJECT-LEVEL ANALYSES





## THE MODEL AS A COLLABORATIVE TOOL

 SUPPORTS KOOTENAI COUNTY AQUIFER
PROTECTION DISTRICT'S
ENDEAVORS TO PROVIDE
FOR ENHANCED PARTICLE
TRACKING WITHIN
SENSITIVE AQUIFER
RECHARGE AREAS





### CALL TO ACTION