

IDAHO WASHINGTON AQUIFER COLLABORATIVE

OUR WATER. OUR FUTURE.

PARTNERING IN SHARED STEWARDSHIP OF THE SPOKANE VALLEY RATHDRUM

PRAIRIE AQUIFER AND SPOKANE RIVER WATERSHED

SUZANNE SCHEIDT, IWAC PRESIDENT



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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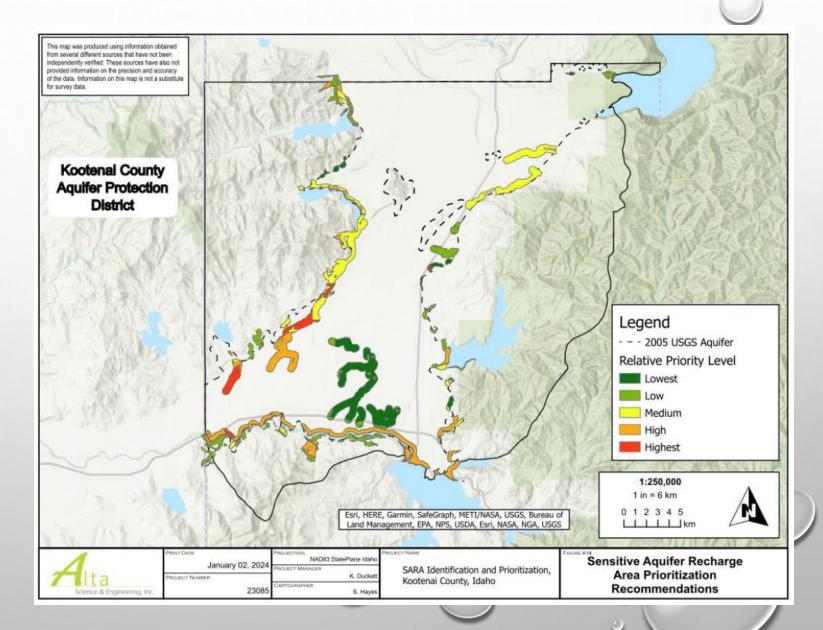
- THE TARGET OUTCOMES FOR THE MODEL ENHANCEMENT EFFORT ARE:
 - INCLUDE THE BEST FEATURES OF PRIOR MODELS (USGS, CITY OF SPOKANE, SAJB)
 - OBTAIN AN UPDATED AND DEFENSIBLE CALIBRATION BASED ON RECENT/CURRENT CONDITIONS AND DATA
 - NATURAL HYDROLOGY (LAKES, PRECIPITATION)
 - LAND USES
 - GROUNDWATER PUMPING
 - 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