

**Snake/Salt Basin Advisory Group  
Meeting Record  
Alpine, WY  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Welcome**

Facilitator Sherri Gregory-Schreiner welcomed the group and the meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m. All attendees introduced themselves, followed by a review of the overall meeting agenda. A sign-in sheet was passed around to record attendance. The next meeting is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> in Jackson.

**Water Development Commission Report**

Barry Lawrence updated the BAG on the status of the plans for the other basins. The BAG meetings for the Wind/Bighorn, Powder/Tongue and Northeast Wyoming Basins will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> in Lander, April 7<sup>th</sup> in Buffalo, and April 8<sup>th</sup> in Beulah. Barry discussed the status of all basin studies and agendas for future meetings. Handouts from the last meeting were distributed.

John Jackson presented the results of 2004 Legislative Session. 33 planning project requests were approved. The Small Water Development Projects Program was amended and funding was increased. The changes included adding irrigation as a purpose and increasing the eligible size of the project. Projects were limited to an estimated cost of \$50,000. That limit was raised to \$100,000, however, WWDC participation was held at \$25,000 maximum. The funding for the program was increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000. Funding is split evenly between new development and rehabilitation.

In the Snake River Drainage, the following projects were approved:

**Planning:**

Statewide Water Research	\$200,000
Alta Test Well	\$ 65,000
Kennington Springs	\$100,000

**Construction:**

Bedford Water Tank (50% Grant only)	\$500,000
Turnerville Water Supply (50% Grant only)	\$587,750

More information about these projects can be found at:

<http://wwdc.state.wy.us/legreport/2004/approvals.html> .

**Water Planning Website Update – Debra Cook, WRDS**

The 2003 Snake/Salt Water Plan website is now finished and Debra gave an overview of the new features. The Water Plan consists of an Executive Summary, Final Report, GIS products, Hydrologic models, and 26 Technical Memoranda. All items are online and can be viewed at: <http://waterplan.state.wy.us/plan/snake/snake-plan.html> . Of particular note is the Future Water Use Opportunities Technical Memorandum

(<http://waterplan.state.wy.us/plan/snake/techmemos/futwater.html> ), which includes the long and short list of opportunities, as well as a map with locations of these opportunities.

**Snow Telemetry and Current Conditions – Dave Taylor**  
**See Bear**

**Drought – Jan Curtis**  
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**Water Supply Forecast – Mike Beus**  
Feb 2004 forecast at 88% with a 77% floor, Corp of Engineers showed 102%, coordinated effort of the two agencies was 94%. March 2004 forecast 82% with a 73% floor. Mike presented a series of Powerpoint slides which showed the levels of the reservoirs. The current forecast is that Palisades may fill by half.

How Jackson Lake – Sue O’Ney  
See Slide handout