

## **PBAC CAG CHARTER**

### **A) Mission**

The mission of the PBAC-CAG is to enhance the overall management of the Palouse Basin aquifer system through dialogue among a broad range of interested parties.

### **B) Objectives**

The primary objective of the PBAC-CAG is to develop recommendations and provide constructive comments for consideration by PBAC to effectively implement water management goals.

### **C) Reporting Responsibilities**

Idaho and Washington State ex-officio members of PBAC and PBAC-CAG will be the primary reporting avenues for the CAG to PBAC. Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) and Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) will be given the opportunity to fill ex-officio member seats on PBAC and PBAC-CAG, and if accepted, will fulfill the responsibilities as the ex-officio members as they relate to the CAG. The State ex-officio representatives, as well as CAG members designated by the CAG, will give an update on the recommendations and comments of the CAG at each regularly scheduled PBAC meeting and at special meetings as deemed necessary by PBAC or the CAG. Likewise, the State ex-officio members will report back to the CAG on the proceedings of PBAC meetings.

### **D) Oversight Responsibilities**

The Executive Manager of PBAC, in consultation with the PBAC Chair and PBAC Vice-Chair, will cooperate with the IDWR/DOE ex-officio members and CAG representatives to assist the CAG in operating effectively within the guidelines of this charter.

### **E) Budget**

Funding requests from the CAG will be made to PBAC and will be evaluated by PBAC on a case by case basis. PBAC may set up regular funding for the CAG at its discretion.

### **F) Deliverables**

CAG will keep and publish detailed minutes of their meetings. PBAC will submit issues for CAG analysis and feedback. The analysis and feedback may contain both objective and subjective content. The CAG may also present reports and suggestions of its own production for consideration by PBAC.

### **G) Operation Rules**

The CAG will develop and publish its rules for operation and deliver a copy to the PBAC Executive Secretary.

### **H) CAG Membership**

In order to ensure that a broad range of interests are represented on the CAG, PBAC will advertise for nominations to fill no more than 12 seats on the CAG. Persons may self

nominate for any open seats. PBAC will evaluate the nominations and select representatives that cover the broadest range of community interests possible. PBAC is interested in attracting participation from those groups and individuals who may feel that their views have not been addressed by PBAC in the past. These interest groups may include, but are not limited to, rural and other water purveyors, conservation groups, rural residents, business interests and agriculture interests. Interested parties in Washington and Idaho are encouraged to respond. Members of the CAG will serve at the pleasure of PBAC. Vacant seats will be filled by PBAC appointment on an as-needed basis.

#### **I) IDWR/DOE Involvement**

It is anticipated that the IDWR/DOE representatives will act as 'consultants' to the CAG to ensure that any recommendations made by the CAG are crafted in accordance with applicable state laws. The IDWR/DOE representatives will not act as advocates for or against any particular interest groups represented on the CAG.

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