

**Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council Meeting  
December 18, 2023  
Meeting Minutes (draft)**

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:** James Baker, Sara Harris, Nathan Viavant, Joel Huesby, Ed Chesnut, Ralph Perkins, John Zerba, Clark Lampson (Zoom), Caty Clifton

**Staff:**

Troy Baker, Emily Tilden, Luke Adams, Eric Hoverson, Tara Patten, Graham Banks

**Guests:**

Amy Charette, Jon Brough (Zoom)

**(0:2:25) The Meeting was called to order by John Z. at 7:01 pm.** Attendance of a quorum noted. Moved by Ed to approve minutes from Nov, seconded by Ralph.

**(0:3:42) Flow Report by Luke Adams**

Quick update for the 11/18/2023 – 12/18/2023 window.

SITE	CURRENT (12/18/23)	MEASURED FLOW & DATE	30-DAY MEDIAN
South Fork WW near confluence	139 cfs		123 cfs
North Fork WW near confluence	41 cfs		25.6 cfs
Couse Creek @ RM 1.1	8.1 cfs	3.0 cfs on 11/20/2023	3.2 cfs
WW @ 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge (Grove)*	220 cfs		172 cfs
Little WW Diversion *	55 cfs		
WW below Nursery Bridge	<i>Not collecting data</i>	<i>Not collecting data</i>	<i>Not collecting data</i>
WW below Tum-A-Lum	98 cfs		99.6 cfs
Pine Creek below Schubert	6.2 cfs	15.8 cfs on 12/5/23	2.3 cfs
Mill Creek (USGS data)	78 cfs		76.2 cfs

\*OWRD data

\*\*NRCS/SNOTEL- overall at 77% of the median water equivalent snowpack value.

- Emigrant Springs @ 33%
- High Ridge @ 81%
- Milk Shakes @ 75%
- Touchet @ 75%
- Spruce Springs @ 88%.
- Sourdough Gulch @ 50%

*\*\*was asked if data could be provided about total precip (rainfall during these times too), Luke said he'd look into it*

NOAA/NWS update- Slight degradation; overall Umatilla was warmer than normal. Looking ahead, temp is likely to continue to be above normal in warmth with normal chances of precipitation.

**(0:13:42) 2023 Year-in-Review**

- Mill Creek watershed; most of the summer through Oct. Data combined on map with N and S Fork watersheds as well, from previous years.
- North Fork as a whole; restoration construction first reach completed, second reach design close.
- Big and Little Meadows assessment funding work
- Couse Creek RM4 low tech restoration
- Cup Gulch Assessment
- Dry Creek Landowner Engagement project groundwork
- Watershed Stewardship Workshops
- Recharge
- PSP Sampling
- Basin Trend Monitoring

**(1:10:39) Board member appreciation**

**(1:17:04) Announcements**

- December photo contest: let it snow
- The next board meeting is January 15th, 7- 8:30p.
- Bi-State Flow meeting January 23rd
- BAC meeting January 24th

**(1:19:04) Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.**