February 28, 1990

MEMORANDUM

TO: Watershed/Riparian Task Group
FROM: Fred Gifford, Chairman
SUBJECT: Abbreviated minutes and comments from meeting held in Reno on February 10, 1990.

The Watershed/Riparian Task Group met from 7-9 PM on February 10, 1990 in Reno. Those in attendance were as follows:

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After some discussion, proposed activities for 1990 were outlined as follows:

1. Seek co-sponsorship with Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. of meeting in Reno on Dec. 12-14, 1990, entitled "Riparian Confluence ... Full Stream Ahead". Meeting will feature presentations from a variety of publics throughout the West regarding improved riparian management. Emphasis will be on rebuilding watersheds, cooperation, and where the success stories are.

2. Explore the development of educational materials that include elementary and secondary school levels as well as general lay audiences. The materials would focus on how streams function and their general importance and the verbiage and illustrative materials would be simple and easily understood.

3. Join with the Public Affairs Committee in writing to the EPA regarding grants to States in implement nonpoint source (NPS) management programs under section 319 of the Clean Water Act. The letter would stress some needed changes in how the $40 million grant fund is administered.

4. Possibly seek to hold another symposium at the next SRM annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

5. Continue to serve in a review capacity for the SRM on matters related to riparian management.

Comments

1. The Riparian Symposium held on Wednesday, February 14, was a huge success. Several hundred people attended. A good exchange followed the presentations by Johanna Wald, Steve Johnson, Rose Strickland, Jane Leeson, and Sherm Swanson.

2. The Riparian Resources in Arid Lands technical session held in New Orleans on February 19 had a much smaller turnout, but the papers were excellent. Discussion followed the presentations, and Ms. Kathryn R. Tollerton, Associate Conservation Director for Government Relations for Defenders of Wildlife, was an active participant in the discussions.

What Can You Do?

1. Feed me with some ideas. A couple of good ones have already come in that I think we can work on.

2. If you have any ideas for a symposium for the Washington, D.C. meeting, let me know soon.

GFG/jaf