

WRIA 56 Planning Unit Members (current as of 3/8/04)

Lead Agency: The lead agency is defined as the entity that coordinates staff support of its own or of other local governments and receives grants for developing a watershed plan.

- Spokane County Conservation District (1 vote)

Initiating Governments: The planning process could only be initiated if the following entities unanimously agreed to proceed with assessing the status of the water resources of WRIA 56. The initiating governments must include all counties, the largest city or town, and largest water supply utility obtaining the largest quantity of water in the WRIA. For WRIA 56, the following are defined as the initiating governments by RCW 90.82.

- Spokane County (1 vote)
- Whitman County (1 vote, no participation or response to letters)
- City of Spokane (1 vote)
- Hangman Hills Water District (1 vote)

Other Voting Members (date instated)

- Agricultural/Rural Town Interests - Fairfield Triangle Grange – Gary Ostheller (7/16/02 – 1 vote)
- State Caucus – Doug Allen (Ecology) (1 vote)
- Private Residential Landowner - Peter Grunte (9/19/02 – 1 vote)
- Commercial Development - Mike Barber (8/15/02 – 1 vote)
- Tribal Interests - Coeur d’Alene Tribe (9/19/02 – 1 vote)

Affected Tribes: – Tribes that do not have reservation lands in the management area, but may be impacted by planning process.

- Spokane Tribe (offered voting status, but declined 8/02)
- Coeur d’Alene Tribe (9/19/02 – 1 vote)

WRIA 56 Voting Member Summary	Votes	Standing
1. City of Spokane	1	In
2. Spokane County	1	In
3. Whitman County	1	Out
4. Hangman Hills Water District	1	In
5. Gary Ostheller (Grange - rural interest)	1	In
6. Coeur d’Alene Tribe	1	In
7. WA State Department of Ecology	1	In
8. Spokane Conservation District	1	In
9. Peter Grunte (private residential interest)	1	In
10. Mike Barber (commercial development)	1	In
11. Bruce Carmack (agricultural interests)	0	In

Voting Requirements: A Quorum is required to make key decisions for the management plan. The Planning Unit has defined QUORUM as follows: 60% of voting members must be present at each meeting to constitute a quorum.

