

PUBLIC MEETING
WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

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AL MURREY: So, we will start with those who have indicated that they would like to present testimony, and I'll take them in the order in which they're shown on the sign-up sheet. So, we would like you to, again, when I call upon you to come up to the mike, identify yourself, if you are associated with a group or agency or whatever, we would appreciate it if you would also identify that, and then go ahead and give your testimony. So, to begin with, I would like to call on Mr. J.S. Griffith. Mr. Griffith.

MR. GRIFFITH: Rather than make a statement now could I just ask one or two questions? First of all commenting about the structure of the hearing. Several of us here have been waiting since 6:30 for the hearing, which we understood the published time was starting at 6:30. I was wondering what the problem was and why there was a lack of communication? If you could just reply to that and I'll just ask another question later.

AL MURREY: OK. I would appreciate it if you'd hold any technical type questions until we have, you know, received all the testimony this evening. As far as timing, I have no idea what may have happened because my understanding was it was published for 7:30 p.m., and if there was a mistake there, I apologize.

HENRY MORAN: Jim, I would like to comment that I heard that also earlier this evening, but to the best of my information, it has been set at 7:30 for a good month.

J.S. GRIFFITH: It says on the door 6:30 and downstairs 6:30.

HENRY MORAN: I know. In fact, I was told earlier that somebody came over earlier in the day and found it as 6:30 downstairs.

DENNIS GRAY: I know what happened. That's when we reserved the room for. When we reserved the room to give us time to, a little time to set up if it was necessary. But we didn't say, say the meeting was going to start at 7:30.

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AL MURREY: Again, if we go back to meeting the federal requirements, it would be 1983.

JOHN POSTLEWAIT: 1983. That's another one we better get in. Okay, that's all I had to say. Thank you. We will have a written statement.

AL MURREY: One point of clarification on that last thing about mixing zones. It does note that those aren't requirements. Those are principles that are to be considered in establishing a mixing zone.

JOHN POSTLEWAIT: They're not a cold, fast requirement?

AL MURREY: They're not a cold, fast requirement. In other words, we have to consider every river separately, individually.

JOHN POSTLEWAIT: Thanks Al.

AL MURREY: Let's see, who was it? Mr. Griffith, right?

MR. GRIFFITH: Right, I'm from Pocatello. I have two questions. One that bothers me and the other one I just thought we'd get some, get some more clarification. The concept of designating some waters as outstanding resource waters makes some sense. The problem might come in, though, if you can explain how easily or difficult it would be to change these designations after they've already been made. As I read it, just a majority vote of the Board would be sufficient to drop a designation or drop a particular water. Do you realize public input at that time, or just what the process would be?

AL MURREY: OK. First of all, once a water would be designated an outstanding resource water. Then we'd have to go back to the same rule-making process to say, delete that from being an ORW water, to change it back. Or, if we go through this set and the Board adopts certain waters as outstanding resource waters and certain waters that aren't, somebody could later on come back and say, well, I would like this water designated an ORW water, and we'd go back through the same process again. But, there is something, I think, which is not real clear in my mind on the, what he was referring to about the Board.

DENNIS GRAY: The reconsideration.

AL MURREY: Right. There is one provision in there about reconsideration.

DENNIS GRAY: OK. Actually when the Board adopts this proposal in whatever form it is when they finally adopt it, what's established is the water quality standards of the State, any of the segments listed on