

**Wastewater Solutions Forum  
Working Group  
BSW&S Conference Room  
April 16, 2008**

**Minutes**

**In attendance: Scott Bosse, Ron Edwards, Kristin Gardner, Marne Hayes, Jon Holtzman, Bob Ritter, Bob Sumpter, James Taylor, Mike Unruh, Devon White; Guests: Ray Armstrong, HKM and Tim Roark, environmental health director, Gallatin City-County Health Department**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. The minutes of March 18 were motioned, seconded and approved.
2. **Jon Holtzman** reviewed summer TMDL monitoring plans which will be undertaken by the Montana DEQ. Earlier monitoring has indicated elevated levels of e-coli and nitrates at locations near Mountain Village (below Lake Lewinski) and lower on the Big Sky Golf Course. Summer monitoring will attempt to more clearly identify sources of the findings. DEQ representatives are considering a pharmaceutical screen to see if one source might be runoff of spray irrigation from Big Sky Water & Sewer.
3. **James Taylor** discussed a proposal for a community presentation based on the final report from HKM Engineering, expected by the end of May. Comment was solicited, suggestions accepted and James is preparing a revised draft for further consideration. A final cannot be completed until the HKM report is completed.

The group also discussed the goals of an outreach plan to gain community awareness, understanding and support. Members were anxious to avoid polarization and felt it was important to identify opinion leaders living in the area to be served by a development of central sewage collection along the canyon.

Members of the working group also agreed that it was important to present a united front to state and county government in securing any legislative or regulatory changes needed, gain a working partnership with DEQ, and research potential sources of financing assistance.

**Jon Holtzman** was asked to develop a communications plan to include handling of the initial HKM report, identifying and contacting canyon opinion leaders, identifying other stakeholders and proposing a basic content plan for information and materials needed. This will circulate before the next meeting of the group.

4. **Ray Armstrong, HKM** updated group members on wastewater management options including direct discharge and subsurface disposal. A copy of his memorandum is available at the Big Sky Water & Sewer office and will be posted on the Blue Water Task Force website.
5. The next meeting will be in early June (date to be proposed and delivered via e-mail).
6. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.