**SCOPE:**

- IWAC is a collaborative of Idaho and Washington drinking water and reclaimed water purveyors. Rathdrum Prairie Spokane Valley Aquifer (the Aquifer), a drinking water source for over 500,000 people.
- Collaborative efforts between utilities, government agencies, and nonprofits within Spokane and Spokane Valley to protect the Aquifer.
- Goal is to facilitate regional dialogues and studies towards stewardship of the Aquifer and Spokane River.

**COLLABORATIVE FORMATION:**

- In 2009, the Idaho Water Resource Board sponsored a 50-year aquifer management plan (CAMP) for the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer (RP-CAMP)
- An advisory committee comprised of local citizens created the RP-CAMP. One objective of the RP-CAMP was to create a bi-state organization working towards a regional aquifer management approach.
- IWAC was created out of meetings between utilities, members of the Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (Kaiser, Honeywell Electronic Materials, others), and nonprofits.

**MEMBERS:**

A coalition of nineteen water purveyors that protect the Spokane Valley—Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer and 122 underground wells.

- Carnhope Irrigation District No. 7
- City of Millwood
- City of Spokane Water Department
- Consolidated Irrigation District No. 19
- East Spokane Water District No. 1
- Honeywell Electronic Materials
- Hutchinson Irrigation District No. 16
- Idaho Water Resource Board (part of Idaho Department of Water Resources)
- Irvin Water District No. 6
- Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District No. 1
- Moab Irrigation District No. 20
- Model Irrigation District No. 18
- Modern Electric and Water Co.
- North Spokane Irrigation District No. 8
- Orchard Avenue Irrigation District
- Pasadena Park Irrigation District No. 17

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» Spokane County Water District No. 3
» Spokane River Forum
» Trentwood Irrigation District No. 3
» Vera Water & Power
» Whitworth Water District No. 2
» “Ad hoc resource network” of local utilities and government agencies

WATER CONCERNS:
» Equitable allocation of water for withdrawal by municipal water services
» Decline of Spokane River in-stream flow
» Impact of increased population growth and industry on water quality

STRATEGIES:
» Provide safe, clean drinking water to residents of Spokane, Washington
» Coordinate efforts and perform and sponsor investigations
» Provide discussion forums regarding wellhead protection, conservation, and protection of associated Water Rights
» Members of IWAC may hold regular meetings with their constituent group (a formal caucus); provide copies of IWAC meeting notes to their constituents and request comments; and communicate informally with their constituents.
» IWAC meetings are open to the public and include two periods for public comment, one at the beginning and one end of each meeting.

RESULTS:
» Completed a Wellhead Protection Plan
» Created an extensive website including mission statement, objectives, meeting agendas and minutes, aquifer specifics, education/outreach descriptions, maps, photos, and contact information.