

Attendees: Dave Myra, Carol Ready, Heather Simmons-Rigdon, RC&D; Richard Visser, Jennifer Scott, Paul LaRiviere, WDFW; Becca Wassell, Mid-Columbia RFEG; DJ Shook, Kittitas County CD; Mike Tobin, Justin Bader, North Yakima CD; Alex Conley, Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; Pat Monk, USFWS; David Child, YBJB; Jason McCormick, WWT; .Ken Schuster, Ecology; David Gerth, KCT; Marcella Appel, BCD; Robes Parrish, USFWS.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve November 08 Minutes ✓
- c) SOW Format – e-mailed to everyone. **DEADLINE Jan 15**. Match Report into BPA for FY08.

2. UPDATES

a) NYCD (MT, JB)

Shelly Ward Drilled Well Project The ringwell will be decommissioned the last week of December. A new fence was built around the new well.

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge Barry Southerland completed his site visit on the 25th of November. He collected elevation and morphological data of the stream that will aid him in classifying the stream, as well as assessing the stability of the stream and risks associated with removal of the structure. A report of his finding will be released this week.

Herke Ranch Fish Screen Project This project did make it as an alternate for funding from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. We will still have to wait and see what final ruling will be in the Conditional Final Order of the court regarding a definition of excess flows, due out in January. At this time we will engage the land owner in further pursuing a screening project.

Cowiche Creek Water Users Association / Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Hookup Another Cowiche Creek Restoration meeting took place earlier this November in which a Fish Restoration Strategy for the Cowiche Basin was released for review by members of the meeting. Several key restoration strategies set forth within the plan, including but not limited to irrigation diversion screening, barrier removal, and increased instream flows would benefit anadromous fish and overall health and productivity of the watershed. All these could be achieved with the CWWUA hookup with YTID. Another meeting was scheduled for YTID and BOR to discuss, identify, and address specific issues regarding the hook up and how to move forward with the process.

Naches Cowiche Undershot Siphon and telephone siphon on Cowiche Creek Plans are in motion for removal of the Alaska Steep Pass at the mouth, infrastructure change, diversion consolidation, as well as purchasing of land that would allow for the lower end of Cowiche Creek to reclaim a portion of its original floodplain. At this point we feel it would be better to hold off on a YTAHP project for the siphon until more progress is made in the reworking of the lower end of the creek.

Pump Screen Projects Cantu, Kisner, and Scheibner pump screens are awaiting HPA. Have had no communication with Riley.

Cowychee Ditch Fish Screening and Water Conservation Project Communication with the Cowychee Ditch Association indicates that users are still trying to decide whether they want to remain on the ditch or sell their water, which may greatly increase in value, depending upon whether CWWUA switches over to YTID.

b) KCCD (DJ, AL's notes)

I worked with Dave to get the match numbers for FY08 to BPA. It was a scramble, but we did it. We also held the SOW meeting on December 5. We'll be working on our project list and filling out the forms.

Lower Reecer Creek The issue regarding the Jewett pump capacity to be at the full water right was discussed by the Board of Supervisors at our December meeting. They agreed that no on-farm improvements should be funded, but they went further and directed us to check the cost savings for a low head pump, instead of designing the project to deliver pressurized water. If the landowner is requiring the full 0.5cfs water right for a 2 acre parcel, there will clearly need to be flood irrigation. The actual demand of sprinklers for that size parcel is approximately 20% of the instantaneous right. The Board's opinion was that there is no reason to expend additional public funds on a pressurized system if it will not be used and no reason to obligate the City of Ellensburg to the potentially higher electrical costs to deliver pressurized water. We will be checking into those potential cost savings. We'll be submitting the agreement to the City before the next YTAHP meeting.

We attended the meeting of project sponsors for Lower Reecer Creek. Ryan has been working with the City to ensure that the placement of the pump stations and pipeline do not interfere with the bridge replacement.

I sent letters to Paul & Brenda Wyatt and the landowners with property along the ditch that will be decommissioned by the removal of the Durand Diversion. We asked the Wyatt's to contact us and tell us whether or not they are or will be using that diversion for their water right. The other letters stated that we did not think they had a water right, but were sending the letters to confirm that. We included this statement: "If you do not respond to this letter by January 9, 2009, we will assume that you agree with our research showing that you have no water right associated with the above referenced diversion structure on Reecer Creek." All letters were sent by certified mail.

Coleman Creek (Nisbet) We've executed a change order with our engineers to incorporate the gravity screen from YSS into this design. The change cost is about \$6,300. Awaiting new designs.

Caribou Creek The WCC crew has working on planting at this site.

Currier Creek We talked with the engineers at R2 Resource Consultants about the status of the project. Glen Anderson came out on December 8th and did a final walk through. The remaining substantial issue is the leak in the siphon. At the recommendation of the engineers, DJ collected proposals and estimates from 3 dive contractors for inspection of the siphon and potential repair. The costs for inspection ranged from \$5,000 to \$7,600 In the meantime, the de-watering wells were put out to bid again. The first time around, only one bid was received, and it dealt with only 2 of the 4 wells and was about \$19,000. That bid was rejected and after meeting and talking again, it was decided that the wells should be put out to bid again. This time, all four wells were included and the pre-bid meeting was not mandatory- allowing the bids to be as inclusive as possible. Four bids were received, with the lowest just shy of \$20,000. The Board accepted the low bidder and decided to proceed with dewatering of the site and application of the product to seal the leaks in the dry. We'll be working with EWC to dewater and another contractor to apply the product.

Jack Creek and Indian Creek We've requested an updated cost estimate from the engineers, so we can determine our funding status. We are also waiting for word from BPA about additional funding.

c) KCT (DG)

Hank is at a construction management training class.

Last of 7 barriers on Currier Creek downstream of siphon ready to go (~January). Pautske. Deneen draft Riparian Restoration Plan from GeoEngineers. ~100ft buffer along property.

Swauk Creek Restoration Plan from Hererra.

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d) RC&D (CR)

Ecology Contract for Reecer Floodplain Signed, Dec 4, 2008 (\$223,246). RC&D will have a Reecer poster at the KEEN e3 event on Sat, Jan 10 at Hal Holmes, Ellensburg. BW will cover the supplemental engineering RFP. I will prepare a project description for Yakama Nation as part of its funding process.

e) Mid Columbia Fisheries (BW)

RFEG, City, WDFW, RC&D interviewed 4 candidate A&E firms and selected Anchor Environmental to provide engineering services on the Reecer Floodplain Project. RFEG will hold construction contracts, as

RC&D cannot. Will prepare a no-cost contract with Task Orders. Seeking Christmas Trees (800-1,000) for use in channel for short-term bank stability and on floodplain for roughness. Discussion re transport, other options for small wood (Cherry trees from old orchard RV; slash piles) and its storage and handling. Spring Creek

3. PROJECT MONITORING (JS)

Herbicide Proposed uses for 2009 (Ryan + DJ?) Please let me know by Jan 19.

4(d) Permit obtained for 2009 Monitoring

2008 Monitoring data entered. Preparing 08 Report. Data is consistent, strong coho returns.

Discussion Data will become more valuable over time for trends (RV). Can be used to show landowners and elected officials the types of fish currently present. Suggestion to AL to mention 08 results in KCCD Annual meeting to community (CR). Helpful data to present to ISRP for next round of funding (AC).

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

a) Alex Conley - Ecology Funding Proposal

b) Pat Monk - Update on Bruton

5. NEXT MEETING: January 2009, 9:30 a.m. – noon Kittitas County Fire Dept.

CONGRATULATIONS to Richard & Family

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