

Attendees: Heather Simmons-Rigdon, Dave Myra, Carol Ready, RC&D; Jennifer Scott, WDFW; DJ Shook, Anna Lael, Kittitas County CD; Mike Tobin, North Yakima CD; Pat Monk USFWS/BOR; David Child, YBJB

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve March Minutes (delayed, not yet available)
- c) BPA Contract: previous year closed out with \$11-12,000 in capital and ~\$4,000 not spent. 2009-10 Contract Agreements ASAP only BPA-RC&D Agreement is set (anticipated by 4-20/22). Can bill ~\$63,000 (1/12th) of \$758,000 capital. April 14 – submitted 4th Quarter Cap/Exp Report for 2008/9.

2. UPDATES

a) NYCD (MT)

Swart: Permitting designs have been completed. We are currently working with WDFW and the engineers to address concerns over some design elements and how to approach this project concerning the amount of time the instream structures should stay in place.

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge: A meeting was held between key stakeholders and Dan Miller, an engineer with Inter-fluve. Each stakeholder was able to express and discuss the critical objectives that need to be addressed during the design of this project in order to make it a success. It was useful to help Dan understand the intricacies and scope of the project. The next steps are for Dan to conduct a site survey and reach assessment to build upon the data that has already been gathered. He will use this information and the list of objectives provided by the stakeholders to generate a list of alternatives and then rank them based upon their abilities to achieve as many objectives as possible. There will not be enough time for permitting to take place for implementation this year, but we will hope to have designs ready for permitting and implementation by the following summer.

Cowiche Creek Water Users Association and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Hookup: Last month the Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Board voted to move forward with signing the Memorandum of Agreement that defines the specifics of the project and sets forth the framework to establishing contracts involved in construction and operation of the project. Our engineers are working on designs for the layout and specifics of pipeline functionality amongst the Cowiche Water Users and producing bid packets for implementation. NYCD went out for bid and purchased enough irrigation pipe for the first phase of the project. We will begin updating the permitting for laying pipe as necessary and provide additional information needed to permit location where the pipe crosses the creek. We plan for construction taking place this summer, with the goal of irrigation capabilities, water metering, and abandonment of the upper and lower Lust diversions by next summer.

Cowychee Ditch: We met with the members of the Cowychee Ditch Water Users Association to discuss how the CWWUA/YTID project will affect the status of their fish screening and metering project. They expressed that there are several members that already lie within the YTID's boundaries and have abandoned use of the ditch and have switched to using YTID water. They also expressed that there are several others that may choose to do that as well. Since we need to know how many users the ditch needs to service in order to size a fish screen properly, we asked the members to provide us a list of those that use the water and those that may opt out for YTID water, or possibly sell water and discontinue farming.

Fines Diversion: We recently had contact from the landowner's business manager, who expressed his willingness and agreement that easement issues needed to be resolved between the landowner and irrigator. We conducted a short site visit to assess the feasibility of piping and burying the open channel on the land owner's property, which would be a condition for the land owner to sign a JARPA. We feel this would be a straight forward process and should be able to make it part of the overall project.

Pump Screen Projects: Three pump screens for Cowiche Creek water users are currently being fabricated and should be completed and in the water within the month.

b) KCCD (AL/DJS)

Currier Creek Diversion Project: Project is complete. The 60 day waiting period to release the retainage ends May 1st. There will be a small planting this spring in the area of disturbance for the siphon repair. Maintenance of the existing planting will continue this summer.

Jack and Indian: Bids were due on March 30th. Seven bids came in for this project. The low bidder was Belsaas and Smith. The same bidder as last year with a bid of **\$693,252.00**. This is about \$61,000 less than last year. We have been pre-authorized for about \$213,000 from BPA and are waiting for the contract. We are currently working on developing a construction contract for the contractor to sign. We hear back from the Department of Revenue. DOR said that the county road improvement is not subject to sales tax but the contractor is subject to use tax. This shouldn't change the bottom line of the contract price but it will change the bid sheet.

Lower Reecer: Ryan has completed the designs for this project. Mark has been working with John Ufkes, our attorney, and the City and the irrigators to finalize the easement exhibit of the agreement. We hope that the City Council will approve the agreement next week. We will put this project out to bid next week.

Coleman at Nisbet: Designs are final. We are waiting to construct this project in the next fish window.

Caribou Project: The contractor has a few more things to do to complete this project. We have the plants ready to complete the planting as soon as the contractor is finished this spring.

Cherry Creek: We have a site visit scheduled for this Friday at 1pm with Less Perkins. He is promoting the Farmers Fish Screen. Paul Cross of RH2 Engineering will also attend the site visit. All YTAHP members are welcome to attend. The district is looking into wind turbines to off set the pumping power costs for pump and fish screens at this project. Neighboring landowner has a wind turbine on there property. Each turbine costs about \$13,000 to install. Three turbines offset the average power use of one home. Each landowner is only allowed one turbine per tax parcel. (new/pending county rule)

Coleman-EWC Intersection: We plan on having RH2 begin engineering work on this project soon.

Fogarty Ditch Payne Ring well: This ring well is ready to go. Avery Richardson has been working with Mark to make sure that this ring well is a success. Based on Avery's experience in Yakima County he is suggesting that the landowner uses a contractor from the west side of the mountains. This project needs to be done by the end of June.

Waste Water Treatment Plant: We will have one more season to maintain this planting as the grant will expire by the end of June. We will turn back some of the funds for this grant.

c) KCT (DG)

Bruton: The Preliminary Design Report for the Bruton Roughened Channel was reviewed on April 14, 2009 by the Technical work Group. The design engineer, Paul Tappel of Fisheries Consultants, Inc. was in attendance to respond to questions and comments. The Bureau of Reclamation, Yakima Field Office was well represented and Eugene Humbles participated on speaker phone from Boise BOR. Other agencies represented included Yakama Nation, USFWS, WDFW, NOAA, Ecology, and Joint Board. The roughened channel fish passage design will incorporate some changes that were proposed at the TWG meeting. The design engineer expects to bring back the Final Design by June 2009. WDFW, Jen Scott, will be assisting with permit acquisition.

d) RC&D (CR)

Significant transition of project implementation is now with Rebecca Wassell at the Mid-Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group is handling design, engineering contract (Anchor) and submitted for "stimulus money." The City of Ellensburg is working with Gray & Osborne to redesign the original levee (with a city street on top) to a much smaller version with a dual purpose asphalted maintenance road-walking trail. G&O timeline ~June 09. Implementation target is Fall 09 if funding materializes. (City did not receive \$500-600,000 for flood management that really hit the project.)

e) Mid Columbia Fisheries

f) WA Water Trust (JM) Reecer Creek: no contact with Paul Wyatt (Durand div), no intend to use water; ~15gal/min. Suggestion to see if you can get a Release of Interest. **Teanaway:** major flooding

changed the river's path, blew out diversions and access road. Six on 3M Ditch interested in trusting water, changing POD. Use the last push-up dam on the river. **Swauk: 1st** and William and Prices Creeks.

3. PROJECT MONITORING

NEW JARPA:

http://www.epermitting.wa.gov/site/alias_resourcecenter/jarpa_jarpa_form/9984/jarpa_form.aspx

Wapato reach planting by Wildlands Co. is using STINGER (10-Noon on Friday).

RV, JS, Joel Frudenthal, DNR discussed money that is available for "Restoration" (new program); focus on State owned aquatic lands, which means mainstem Yakima, up Naches, and tributaries close to mainstem. Up to \$100,000 for E. WA. Could be used as quick match; \$5,000 to \$25,000 per project (project can be on private land that feeds onto state lands(?)).

Monitoring Report is pending.

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- a) 5/4 SRFB Pre - Applications
- b) 4/17 Farmers Fish Screening Presentation in Ellensburg – 1 pm, Friday at Cherry Creek and Moe Rd
- c) Construction Management Training – UofW (College of Civil Engineering) sponsored 2-day training locally for ~20 folks. Please e-mail a synopsis and try to get a head count.

5. NEXT Mtg: **May 20, 2009, 9:30 am–noon**, Kittitas County Fire Dept. 102 N. Pearl **Ellensburg**

Other

1. **Bruton (PM):**Construction ~Sept/Oct. Roughened channel (RC) with winter stockwater provided by infiltration gallery pump screen buried into PC. Irrigation water to be provided under agreement with Kittitas Reclamation District through its system. Water Users meeting 4-28-09. Cost info on pipeline (KRD to I-90) - \$300,000 purchase and construction + ~\$200,000 for pressurized water to each users. Some concern about the water users costs for on-farm irrigation systems.
2. **Yakima Science & Management Conference** (June): Interest in a session "panel" with RC&D, KCCD, NYCD, YN, RFEG. (Note: CR asked to give talk on Reecer Floodplain Project, will prepare a Reecer abstract and talk, but can help accommodate a YTAHP presentation if that is scheduled.)