

ATTENDEES: Dave Myra, Carol Ready, RC&D; Mike Tobin, Justin Bader, NYCD; Anna Lael, KCCD; Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Rebecca (& Chase) Wassell, MC FEG; Henry Fraser, YN; David Gerth, KCT; Ken Schuster, Ecology; Marcella Appel, BCD; Alex Conley, YBFWRB; David Child, YBJB; Jason McCormick, WWT. Steve Kropp.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve July Minutes ✓
- c) Capitalization Document: Update of list for Nov 2009-Oct 2011. Send any project you would like included to one of the CDs or to the RC&D to incorporate into the list. DM e-mail current list around again. **Meeting - Sept 23, 9:30am** at RC&D.
- d) Accrual Report: Please send **best estimate** of YTAHP billing through Sept 30 **to DM by Sept 4th** (needs to be to BPA by Sept 10th). Needed to close out BPA FY09.
- e) Cost-Share Report: Send your cost share data **to DM by Sept 21.**

2. UPDATE PROJECTS, PERMITS AND MONITORING

a) NYCD (JB, MT)

Boyd Brown (Rattlesnake Crk): The landowner has agreed to proceed with the diversion removal. Bid solicitation went out the first week in August with a construction walk through conducted on the 6th, with all bidders attending. Contract was awarded to Ron Stiles Excavation, who will begin removal on the 24th.

Swart (Wenas Crk): We have received grant money from DOE for the implementation of riparian fencing, planting, and a hardened crossing. We have begun the cultural permitting aspect of this project by acquiring the services of Chris Landreau to complete a cultural resources survey. This project has become a two phase process with the planting and fencing taking place this summer/fall and the instream work taking place next year when we are able to obtain additional funding.

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge: The contract between the Nation and NYCD has been completed. Inter-fluve will begin field work and start formulating design alternatives next month. We will be having technical work group meetings November and plan to have a designs completed to begin permitting by December. We will be able to use A&E money awarded in a SRFB grant and \$10K from the Nation to pay for Inter-fluve's services. The remaining SRFB grant will go towards implementation of a design and we will pursue further funding if/when needed.

Cowiche Creek Water Users Association and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Hookup: Preliminary flagging of the pipeline was completed last month in preparation for a professional land survey which will take place in the next few weeks by Don Whilton. Once that has taken place, our engineers will be able to complete the designs for implementation of the pipeline.

Fines Diversion (Wide Hollow Crk): We have been in contact with the irrigator's lawyer, who will work the landowners to formalize a pipeline and O&M easement between the two. Once this has been completed and the JARPA has been signed, we will begin looking for funds to implement this project.

Cowychee Ditch (Cowiche Crk): We are currently working with Lisa Pelly to determine the best way to initiate an appraisal of water rights for those users on the ditch.

Blue Slough: We are currently working with Jim Pavlick to install an irrigation well as an alternative to a surface water right on Blue Slough that would have required a screen. Cost estimates of a well plus a pump has increased the potential cost of this project beyond our original estimates. Our board has determined that we will offer Jim a cost share agreement where we will be able to cover the cost of the well, but he will have to match that with the cost of the pump, associated parts, and electric.

b) KCCD (AL)

c) KCT (DG)

Bruton Diversion (Taneum Creek): Paul Tappel (Fish Consultants, Inc.) has completed final design for a roughened channel fish passage solution at Bruton, including Bruton Dam removal. Technical design and footer armoring issues raised by WA Dept. of Transportation about the I-90 bridge footings have been incorporated into the design. Reclamation will supply the stock water infiltration device for installation during rough channel construction. All environmental permits have been acquired with YTAHP (Jen Scott- WDFW) assistance. The project contract and plans and specifications have been advertised for bid. The mandatory pre-bid meeting saw 22 potential bidders in attendance. Engineer's estimate, including all add-ons from Reclamation and WSDOT, is \$512,000. Bid opening is August 21 in Cle Elum. Notice to Proceed is expected for about September 15, 2009.

Cle Elum River ELJs (engineered log jams): Final Design is complete, all environmental permits have been acquired, and construction contract has gone into the bidding process. The pre-bid meeting was August 7, 2009. Bid opening is set for August 21, 2009. About 435 trees have been designated for removal from the uplands and those will be unearthed and transported before September 10, 2009. The crossing of Domerie Creek by the project access road has been upgraded from a ford to a temporary bridge as per the HPA. The contribution by Suncadia of live large trees, boulders and rocks, and access to the site has been vital to the progress of the project. A redds survey and fish salvage during construction will be implemented by WDFW.

Currier Creek Restoration Plan: Discussions with the landowner are underway to implement riparian protections before the property is subdivided on developed. The proposed conservation easements would be modeled after the format being introduced on the Ranch on Swauk Creek property (same landowner).

Swauk Creek Riparian Protection: The extents of a 36 acre riparian conservation easement are being staked for landowner approval. Ranch on Swauk Creek has requested the staking and draft agreement.

d) RC&D (CR)

Working on Annual Report using metrics and Monitoring Report (~early Sept). Reecer grant writing – current deadline Sept 8. Previous grant deadline(s) taking precedence over some other tasks. Please send me you Core Team updates.

e) Mid Columbia Fisheries (RW)

Yakima Riparian: We are working to revegetate mainstem and tributary riparian habitat through a Community Salmon Fund grant that expires this December. Thus far, we have supported plantings along the mainstem Yakima River at Elk Meadows II, and along Lmuma Creek. We are coordinating with Jim Evans at The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on riparian planting along Swauk Creek on Jerry McNaul's property, where there is concern about continuing bank loss and reduced shade. We are also planning to support planting along the mainstem Yakima in Richland, coordinated by the Tapteal Greenway, and fence installation and planting along the NF Cowiche Creek, coordinated by the NYCD.

Lamas (Cowiche Crk): Mid-Columbia Fisheries is partnering with the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy (CCC) to implement restoration work on Cowiche Creek. At the Lamas property, we hired a contractor to remove the old orchard (May) and have another contractor treating weeds. In the coming month we will put out a bid package to remove the dike and rip rap, along with a house and shed.

Simon (Spring Creek): The Army Corps of Engineers has determined that the actions associated with this project do not fit into the Nationwide 27 permit, and that an individual permit will be required.

Younker (Naches River): Unease on the part of the SNID has caused us to look at other options for this project; implementation this year seems unlikely, though still possible, but riparian planting is expected.

Salmon in our Backyards: This CSF-supported project will allow us to develop riparian planting "templates" for the Northern Kittitas County, Ellensburg, and Yakima areas. We will seek one

demonstration site for each template. It will also support the installation of a web camera to view salmon spawning at the Holmes property, and salmon education days in both Ellensburg and Naches.

Large Wood Replenishment: The first stage of this SRFB-funded project will be a small demonstration treatment on the Cle Elum Ranger District, along Taneum Creek. Approximately 4 acres will be thinned from below, with the trees moved by hand into the creek.

Wilson Creek Flash Grazing: The Cascade Land Conservancy documented pre- and post-grazing conditions in the riparian zone this summer, and WSU established test and control plots for planting and flash grazing. The timeline for planting not yet determined, but the grant period is Sept 2009 – Sept 2010.

Jack Creek Floodplain Restoration, RM 0 to 2: This project is unlikely to receive SRFB funding in 2010; we are pursuing other funding options. The unresolved cow issue is a challenge for funders.

3. WDFW Update (JS):

Monitoring volunteers needed, JS will e-mail a signup sheet. Lots of projects!

Reminder of the ACOE Specific Project Information Form "SPIF" requires NTU monitoring every 20 minutes up/down stream during in-water work and dewatering activities. (Turbidimeters...see CDs.)

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

a) YBFWRB (AC): Ecology Supplemental EIS + post-Black Rock efforts – habitat workgroup could provide guidance on funding.

If Basin Recovery Plan referenced the YTAHP Capital Projects List, this might provide increased support for these projects.

There is an RFP for Subbasin Plan revisions.

b) Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Program (YRBWEP) 2009 Workgroup is meeting 2X/mo at the Arboretum to develop a request to Congress re funding of Yakima Basin projects.

c) Ecology has GPS/mapping data of adjudicated water rights.

5. NEXT MEETING: September 16, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – noon
Kittitas County Fire Dept. 102 N. Pearl Ellensburg