

Attendees: Dave Myra, RC&D; Anna Lael, KCCD; Brent Renfrow, Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Henry Fraser, YN; David Gerth, KCT; Patrick Monk, USFWS/BOR; Ken Schuster, Ecology; Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; Rebecca Wassell, Margaret Neuman, MCFEG; Karen Harvey, Adrienne Acosta, USACE.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda: ✓
- b) May Minutes: Approved – No June meeting
- c) BPA request to update Capitalization project listing – Will hold special meeting and provide additional information as it becomes available.
- d) First quarter Pisces report has been completed and submitted for both the Expense and Capital projects.
- e) Annual Report for 08-09 period needs to be prepared and submitted – Carol is working on pulling together.

2. UPDATES

- a) **NYCD** (JB provided written report)

Boyd Brown: The landowner has shown interest in continuing with the transfer of his water rights from Rattlesnake Creek to the Naches River, as well as moving forward with the abandonment and removal to the diversion of Rattlesnake Creek. He has expressed concern over the performance of the associated irrigation wells during low water in late summer. We will work towards permitting and being able to implement later in the year, once we know the performance of the wells during late summer. Our engineers are currently updating plans and bid packets for distribution in the first of August.

Swart: Permitting for this project is ongoing. There will be grant money available from DOE for the riparian fencing and planting to take place. We will continue to look for other funding sources to complete the instream habitat/bank stabilization work.

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge: We are awaiting legal consent of the contract between NYCD and the Nation over contacting with Inter-fluve to complete design alternatives for this project. 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: District engineers have met with YTID to discuss further engineering needs, particularly pipe placement and connection at YTID turnouts. We have begun the permitting process for pipe placement and creek crossings. A landowner meeting with CWWUA was held to update them and answer any questions. We have been working with a few landowners located on the East Phase of the project in determining new alignment of the pipe and turnouts to make sure the system address their needs. We have recently put in an application to the SRFB.

Cowychee Ditch; 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 have been working with BOR and USFWS on tracking the additional water that BOR has been diverting into the slough. We have also been engaged in assessing habitat and passage condition from Sportsman's State Park to BOR land south of the highway. Currently, there is decent flow of water making its way from floodgate 30 at Sportsman's Park to the Gerdes property. There are many challenging passage issues that we will address in the future throughout the course of the slough.

We are currently working with Jim Pavlick to install an irrigation well as an alternative to a surface water right on the Blue Slough that would have required a screen

Fines Diversion: We have received permission from the landowner to move forward with the project provided that we realign and pipe the ditch. We are currently waiting to hear back from the irrigator on their continued interest to move forward. Once we have a commitment from the irrigator we will have the JARPA signed by the landowner, incorporate piping as an element of the project, and look for funding for the implementation of the project.

b) KCCD (AL)

Jack and Indian: Construction is underway.

Lower Reecer: The pump stations and pipelines have been installed and are operating. The on-farm work for Fagalde/Wilson is complete. The upper diversion structure in Reecer Creek was removed. The lower diversion (Durand) will be removed by the City this fall.

Coleman at Nisbet: This project is moving forward with construction planned for this fall.

Coleman-EWC Intersection: We will be scheduling the first Technical Work Group meeting for this project.

Fogarty Ditch Payne Ring Well: This project is nearly complete and the well driller is demobilizing.

Wilson Creek Restoration Project: This SRFB funded project recently ended. We completed a project report that detailed what worked and what didn't on the riparian planting.

c) KCT (DG)

Bruton Diversion (Taneum Crk): 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 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.

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

Cle Elum River Engineered Log Jams (ELJs): Final design is complete, all environmental permits have been acquired, and the construction contract has gone into the bidding process. The pre-bid meeting was held 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 of Suncadia of live large trees, boulders, rocks and access to the site has been vital to the progress of the project. A reds survey and fish salvage during construction will be implemented by WDFW.

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

d) Mid Columbia Fisheries : (MN) Margaret presented an update on the MCFEG work on the Younkens project on the Kauzlarich ditch and the Spring Creek project in Union Gap.

3. WDFW – Update (JS): Jen indicated the monitoring information for the year has been processed and she is working on getting it ready distribution.

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST : Karen Harvey and Adrienne Acosta from the US Army Corps of Engineers attended the meeting to introduce themselves and get an idea of some of the projects YTAHP is working on. Karen has a very interesting background with work as a aquatic biologist in

the San Joaquin Valley, City of San Francisco and a couple of years being stationed in Antarctica. Jen has a tour of some of the team's projects lined up for a visit in the afternoon.

5. NEXT MEETING: [August 19, 2009, 9:30-noon, Yakima](#)