

**Attendees:** Dave Myra, Carol Ready, RC&D; Richard Visser, Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Becca Wassell, Mid-Columbia RFEG; DJ Shook, Anna Lael, Kittitas County CD; Mike Tobin, Justin Bader, North Yakima CD; Alex Conley, Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; Pat Monk, Robes Parrish, USFWS; David Child, YBJB; .Ken Schuster, Ecology; David Gerth, KCT; Henry Fraser, YN, Ken Schuster, Ecology.

## **1. ADMINISTRATION**

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve February 09 Minutes ✓
- c) Update on SOW and Budget process - Submitted to BPA; in progress. Pisces database involved. Two revegetation projects included under Expense contract.
- d) Pre-Authorization – COTR Jay Marcotte. April 1 = ok to proceed and spend 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the budget as contract is in final preparation. Final contract anticipated by end of April.
- e) 4th Quarter update on 08-09 Projects: By mid-April, will need to compile period accomplishments.

## **2. UPDATES**

### **a) NYCD**

**Swart:** The property has been surveyed and staked. Our engineers are currently working on designs. Hopefully we will be able to start the permitting process by next month.

**North Fork Ahtanum Gauge:** We have decided to work with the Yakama Nation to contract the services of a third party engineering firm, to try and get this project completed. We had a site visit with Inter-Fluve last week to have them get a feel for the scope of the project and to give them the basics of what is needed for the project. I am currently working with the Yakima Nation and WDFW to compile a list of the primary goals and objectives of this project that we can send to Inter-Fluve for them to begin some conceptual designing and cost considerations. There will be a meeting scheduled next month to discuss conceptual designs and how they address the goals of the project.

**Cowiche Creek Water Users Association and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Hookup:** Last week 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. We will begin buying pipe this spring and have construction taking place this summer, with the goal of irrigation capabilities by next summer.

### **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. Hopefully this means that the two will sit down and come to some agreement that will provide access for the irrigator. This will probably include realignment and piping of the irrigation ditch from the diversion to the fields, which mean we may be able to plug in the Irrigation Efficiencies Program into this project.

### **Pump Screen Projects:**

We received cost estimates from A1 pump and will review them with our board this afternoon during our board meeting. We are hoping to get an extension on our HPA till April 31<sup>st</sup> for these pumps screens as we have had so many problems getting them built. We plan to have them completed and in use by irrigations season.

### **b) KCCD (AL)**

**Lower Reecer Creek:** Mark, Ryan and I continue to work on this project. Ryan is finalizing the design with the survey points from the City. Mark is working with the City and the Irrigators to finalize the agreement between all parties. They are both working with Fagalde/Wilson to include on-farm

irrigation system improvements. We've had Chris Landreau complete another letter of amendment to the cultural resources report for the on-farm work. I have confirmed that the SRFB funding is only available through June 30, 2009 and there is zero chance of an extension. Our tentative schedule is to put the project out to bid in early April and complete it by early June.

**Currier Creek:** The concrete bands were completed on the siphon. D.J. provided all the daily construction observation over the 2 weeks of construction. We executed an agreement with NYCD for the additional construction funds. We've received letters of acceptance from the project engineers and the Ellensburg Water Co. and are in the process of closing out the contract with Belsaas & Smith.



**Currier Creek Diversion Project (DJ):** This project is complete. A ~\$55,000 change order was implemented during the month of February that incased all of the field joints of the siphon in concrete. This method successfully sealed the siphon as well and weighted the siphon down. There is enough mass in the concrete to allow the siphon to be completely pumped out without the buoyancy forces damaging the structure. The planting crew is currently at the site repairing the drip line that was damaged during the flood and the change order work. Later this spring the disturbed areas will be replanted. The producer on the East side of the creek has submitted a bill to the Ellensburg Water Company for \$3,000 in crop damage. I am currently working with the Ellensburg Water Company to find pictures of the field last summer to show that the damage was not that dramatic. The Ellensburg Water Company is currently pouring the required 2' X 2' concrete pad around each of the dewatering wells to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Ecology.

**Jack Creek/Indian Creek:** I worked with BPA on the contract for the additional \$275,000. We've received a pre-authorization as of 3/1/09 and now have 60 days to complete the contract. We also published the bid package. The bids are due March 30, 2009. I have the updated cost estimate from the engineers and the cost has increased since last year. We may still be short funding, but will have to wait for the bids to know for sure. The pre-bid meeting was held yesterday and was very well attended.

**Coleman Creek – Nisbet:** Mark has been working with the engineers and the landowner to finalize the designs. This project will not be constructed until this fall.

**Coleman – EWC Intersection:** We have received the contract from the SRFB for the grant to design and engineer a fix to this intersection. We'll be moving forward with the project in the next two months.

**Cherry Creek:** I was contacted by Les Perkins, with FCA. He is promoting the Farmers Fish Screen and is interested in the Cherry Creek diversion. We are asking him to visit the site and talk with us about his fish screen. All YTAHP members are welcome to join us if you are interested.

**Fogarty Ditch: Payne Ringwell:** Mark has been working on this project for several years now. The funding for this project ends June 30, 2009. Ecology is expressing some concern about constructing a ring well.

**Caribou Creek:** The fish screen project on Caribou Creek at S Main Street in Kittitas is nearly complete. The engineers may still need to complete the programming, but all of the construction is complete. D.J. has worked with the WCC crews to complete the planting in the riparian areas.

**c) KCT (DG)**

**Cle Elum ELJs:** TWG on 3-19, Tim Abbey, Jenna Schulz of Entrix. Permits – federal property. Phase 1 staging on Suncadia (July). Phase 2 in-water after Flip-Flop. **Bruton:** Proposed constructed channel design (copies available). **Taneum:** mention of “extravagant use of head”

**d) RC&D –** Reveg meetings, draft Reveg Plan prepared. Invoices nearly done, advance prepared (for City of Ellensburg to re-survey parcels abutting Dolarway Rd).

**e) Mid Columbia Fisheries – Spring Creek:** Anchor hired (they will not do the stormwater management element with this project). **Naches:** Joel Freudenthal, Richard Visser; The landowners own the ditch, not the Ditch Company. Smeda Assoc. to be used. **Wilson Creek:** Demo riparian (flash grazing) at Helen McCabe State Park. **Olmstead ALEA:** To remove bridge on Coleman Creek. Try by April 13. **Reecer:** Coordination meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at Hal Holmes). Awaiting full funding to start dirt work and planting. Have SRFB, Ecology; awaiting word on NOAA, YN and new NOAA stimulus source. TWG Mar 23. Gina McCoy’s design to Anchor last week. JARPA ~ready, Reveg Plan in draft. G&O levee redesign in the works.

**f) BOR/USFWS (PM):** Bruton: BOR Survey data will go to Boise for design and cost estimate, then to water users. Water Court to partition water. BOR will supply water during construction. Cole Creek/Keechelus: Roughened Channels were built then ‘blown out’ with in a week or so in high flow.

### 3. PROJECT MONITORING

**Permits:** Draft Contact Statement (Beth D, BPA) re MOA. Read and comment by March 31.

**RCO-DAP Agreement –** Exempting from Executive Order 05-05. Likely will still need approval if you use a shovel or have a non-state nexus.

**ACOE** new person (Amy went to Honolulu; Joe Brock may or may not be available anymore)  
Irrigation exemption under consideration that if you have zero

### 4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

**a) NOAA Stimulus Funding** (Alex, Angie) NOAA process is evolving, maybe \$120M. What is already earmarked? What will be available to WA? ~\$15M. State is applying directly to NOAA; then if project is on RCO list it could get funding. The could go through Grants.gov. Preferred to go to the State.

Primary list to RCO Today, unprioritized list that meets criteria. April 6<sup>th</sup> state submittal to NOAA.

**b) Root Wad Availability –** (CR) Rusty Marshall, 509-470-0430, is doing a blow-down timber harvest near Wenatchee. Call for quantities, sizes and cost. He can transport.

**c) Farmers Fish Screen** (DJ) Date in April to display.

**d) Recent Adjudication Decision** Attempt to sell consumptive right from Naneum to lower, downstream watershed. Outcome: INSERT HERE

**5. NEXT MEETING:** April 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – noon, Yakima Ag Service Center

### Other

**1. Benton Conservation District** (Marcella) BCD plans for several projects, looking for YTAHP permit assistance. Fish screens on Overlook Drive. Walla Walla CD will assist with screening (Nancy Martinez/Klinge riparian on Yakima River).