



Yakima Tributary Access & Habitat Program

Core Team MINUTES

November 18, 2009

Ellensburg

Attendees: Dave Myra, Carol Ready, RC&D; Anna Lael, KCCD; Mike Tobin, NYCD; Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; Becca Wassell, MC FEG; Richard Visser, Pat Monk, USFWS; David Child, YBJB; Marcella Appel, BCD; Heather Simmons-Rigdon, NRCS.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve Minutes: October Minutes not available at this time
- c) Capitalization Document: No BPA guidelines, See previous sheet. Focus on "Install Passage"
- d) 2010-2011 Projects: List of NEW projects (2 pg form with WE for each project), First cut to BPA by early Jan. (April 1, 2001-March 31, 2011) – Dec YTAHP meeting to focus on FY2010; finalize and submit in Jan 2010.

2. UPDATES

a) NYCD (JB, MT) UPDATE

Boyd Brown (Rattlesnake Creek): We are working with Ecology to finish up water right changes/transfers with Boyd and his neighbors. Several water rights holders have had to move due to the landslide, leaving in question what will happen to their water rights. Ecology is taking the lead and we will work with all involved when landownership, infrastructures, and right of ways are determined.

Swart (Wenas Creek): We are continuing to work on the permitting of this project. We are also applying for Ecology money through Clean Water Act funds. 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.

Gauge Station (North Fork Ahtanum): Inter-fluve conducted a site visit last Tuesday to expand on existing elevational and cross sectional data. They are currently working on design alternatives and a decision matrix for the project. We will be holding a technical work group in the first of December to analyze the design alternatives and decide on the best one. 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: Our engineers are working on construction designs and have the surveyors follow up with a layout survey. We will be wrapping up all the engineering design and surveying this fall and winter, with the intent on implementation when SRFB money becomes available for construction and as soon as the ground thaws in the spring. We will have the system functioning before the start of the irrigation season.

Matson (Nile Creek): We will be using Jack Myrick with the Conservation Commission to design the pipeline for this project. We conducted a site visit with Jack to discuss the layout of the pipeline, location of a pumping station on the Naches River, and the requirements for a fish screen. Due to the amount that needs to be withdrawn and the nature of the site (large back eddy w/debris) we are looking at using a river-screen.

Fines Diversion (Wide Hollow Creek): We are modifying our designs to accommodate the addition of a pipeline which will convey water from the diversion to the place of use. We are still waiting for a formalized O&M easement between the irrigator and land owner. Once this has been completed and the JARPA has been signed, we will begin looking for additional funds to implement this project.

Cowychee Ditch (Cowiche Creek): We will begin the process of designing a screen that will meet both the minimum and maximum requirements for water withdraw for the users on the 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.

b) KCCD (AL)

Lower Reecer Creek: This project is **officially complete**. I'm still working on the letter to the irrigators and the City to transfer responsibility for the project to them. I worked on a letter to the Wyatt's regarding a release of interest on the Durand diversion structure. The City wants to remove this structure this winter.

Jack Creek/Indian Creek: The striping and transverse seals were **completed** last week. The contractor is (or may have already) patched the tears in the Indian Creek culvert. The planting crew completed all the planting work at both sites. The last pay request from the contractor has been submitted to us and we've submitted the vouchers to our funding sources. This project is officially complete!

Nisbet Project (Coleman Creek): Construction started the first week of November. The rock weirs, the pump vault and the fish screen are in. The automated gates and all the associated electrical work still needs to be completed.

Burris Project (Coleman Creek): We are working with the landowner to determine options for a supplemental diversion in the creek.

3M Ditch Project (Teanaway River): Mark C. and I met with Mr. & Mrs. Tidwell, irrigators on the 3M Ditch. They are exploring options including the sale of their water right. I also met with the Badda's at their property to look at locations for a pump station.

Cherry Creek: I've sent requests for approval of wind turbines as an eligible expense on this project to both BPA and the SRFB

Fogarty Ditch (off Yakima River sidechannel): We are working on the Greer Ditch decommissioning.



Jack Creek- Before



Jack Creek- After



Indian Creek- Before



Indian Creek- After



Indian Creek Reveg.



Coleman Creek - Nisbet



c) KCT (DG/HF)

Bruton Project Dedication Party - Put on by project engineer, Paul Tappel.

Taneum Canal Company – Seeking funding to redesign for passage. DG would like to revisit YTAHP's contribution to project (part of Bruton and TCC). BOR is looking at headworks.

Swauk – Ecology money for riparian management plan implementation.

d) RC&D (CR):

Reecer Floodplain – Reecer – pursuing transfer of grant agreements from RC&D to Middle Columbia REG for administration and construction implementation.

Annual Report: is quite delayed in part due to difficulty in assigning the FY in which projects are completed. I will send around a list of my best guess as to projects completed in FY 2008 and a second list of projects that received significant design, permitting and funding activity funded by BPA..

e) Mid Columbia Fisheries (BW N/A)

3. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife – Update (JS)

2008 Monitoring Report near completion. Turbidity Reports (NTU) from project sponsors due. Project Status Report will be e-mailed soon. **From e-mail:** Hank and JS walked Reecer Creek from the confluence with the Yakima upstream to the Casino (so a bit of Currier as well) today. Conditions were great and we flagged 20 coho redds. Four carcasses were observed; one large male (fairly fresh) was right under I-90 and visible from the new pathway! We also saw 16 live fish (at least). All of the action was downstream of Dolarway. We'll keep you posted!

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

a) Pat Monk (USFWS/BOR): TCC: Nov 17 meeting with Taneum Canal Company to discuss passage and headworks plus instream flow (PM and Walt Larrick, BOR). **Taneum Pit Tag** detector at mouth on

west side – a JARPA has been drafted. **Bruton Pipeline** – still working on delivery point with drainage problem at vault. Change in Point of Diversion in system, within 30 days will go to well.

b) Greg McLaughlin (WWT): Working on late season water right temporary leases. Farmers harvest first cutting of Timothy, then plants go dormant and water stays in stream.(Manastash).

c) Alex Conley (YBFWRB): YRBWEP “Phase III” attempt to compile a list of ‘perfect world’ activities to prepare legislation for Congressional funding of Yakima Basin for the next 30 years.

d) NYCD (MT): Request for 2 projects need to be “ok’d” as YTAHP projects:

1. Landslide at Nile River affected landowner. Looking to plant a cottonwood grove and add fencing. RESPONSE: This is an expense item project and we don’t have any more expense budget, but ok to explore.

2. BOR Opportunity – BOR-Nelson Dam Diversion Fish Screen Redesign and Diversion Consolidation at Naches River/Cowiche Diversion (handout). Stimulus money is available for 3 month for DESIGN – asking for some YTAHP support for design also – RESPONSE: Nodding heads, with the understanding it doesn’t negatively affect other funding commitments.

e) River Rat Training: BPA has ok’d this as an expense. Additional information on date, location (possibly Portland), cost pending. DM suggested he reserve 5 spots for YTAHP members to attend training.

5. NEXT MEETING: December 15, 2009, 9:30 a.m. – noon
Location: Yakima