

Attendees: Dave Myra, RC&D; Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Rebecca Wassell, Mid-Columbia RFEG; Anna Lael Kittitas County CD; Justin Bader, North Yakima CD; Henry Fraser, YN; David Gerth, KCT; Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; Jason McCormick, WWT; Pat Monk, USFWS; David Child, YBJB.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve March 2010 Minutes.
- c) April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010 Budget – Submit final Invoices ASAP.
- d) 2010-11 SOW & Budgets - BPA Contracts Signed and Returned to BPA.
- e) 2010-2011 Interagency Agreements Distributed and Awaiting Signatures.

2. UPDATES

a) NYCD (JB, MT)

Swart Riparian (Wenas Creek): Wildlands has completed their work. Over 10 acres were prepped and planted. Riparian fencing will begin in April. Have begun staking this week.

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge: Inter-fluve continues work on finalizing design. Currently working on a contract between NYCD and Inter-fluve for completion of design, bid prep, and construction oversight. We are also working with David Gerth on procuring some trees for the project. The project is on schedule for planned implementation in late summer early fall. Cost estimate drafted by Inter-fluve shows that we likely be within our budget provided by grants.

Cowiche Creek Water Users Association and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District

Hookup: On March 12th, the YTID board voted to not participate in the project. We are continuing to work with the Bureau of Reclamation in an attempt find options to keep the project active.

Matson (Nile Creek): Designs for the pipeline and fish screen have been completed from our Irrigation Efficiencies technical specialist. Environmental permitting is under way.

Cowychee Ditch: Our engineers have begun drafting permit designs for the fish screen. We will be hiring a third party to do a professional land survey of the ditch to allow for pipeline design. We are also currently working the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy to obtain temporary easement onto their property for implementation of pipe. Project is still planned to be implemented in the late summer of this year.

b) KCCD (AL, MC) (need to ask for update)

Greer Ditch (Fogarty Ditch/Yakima River side channel): project completed, took 7.5 hours to complete the work, fish salvage performed but no fish found

Coleman Ck – EWC: waiting for 95% designs, cultural resources survey has been started, the Parks has felt out of the loop, at this point there won't be a bridge as part of the design

Coleman Ck – Nisbet: nearly completed, waiting for electrical issues to be resolved

Coleman Ck – Burris: we be setting up fish screen in creek so water can be diverted in tight water periods for EWC, the water will need to be checked up enough for 20" of depth at screen, passage maybe taken care of later with a temporary ladder

3M Ditch (Teanaway River): met with most of the landowners to propose they form an Association so that one pump diversion at the upper end could serve them instead of each individual property having a pump in the river, the lower end is working on possible having a pump diversion for the three lower end properties, will be sending out an RFP for engineering

Cherry Ck: waiting on 30% designs and information on wind turbines.

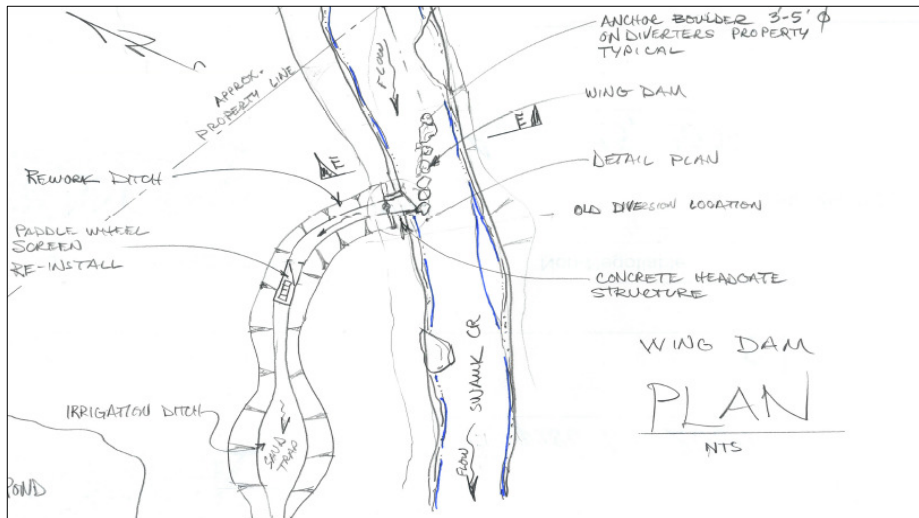
c) KCT (DG, YN/HF)

Taneum Canal Co. Diversion Dam: *Fisheries Consultants, Inc.* submitted the Taneum Canal Fish Passage Preliminary Design Report with six engineering sheets on March 1, 2010. The design proposal was distributed to stakeholders and interested agencies via email and/or hard copy. Bureau of Rec. and WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife submitted detailed written comments which were responded to by the design engineer, Paul Tappel. Taneum Canal Co. signed a letter of authorization to proceed with the TCC fish passage designs and also commented on the plans. Tappel modified designs where appropriate. YTAHP Technical Work Group meeting held in Ellensburg on March 30, 2010 with 14 in attendance. Minor design changes resulted from the feed back gathered. Construction funding proposals submitted to various fish passage fiscal opportunities. Permitting processes underway including Section 106 report from Landreau. Project requests continued engineering support from YTAHP for the balance of the project's development, and a renewal of the agreement with KCCD for reimbursement funding for *Fisheries Consultants, Inc.*

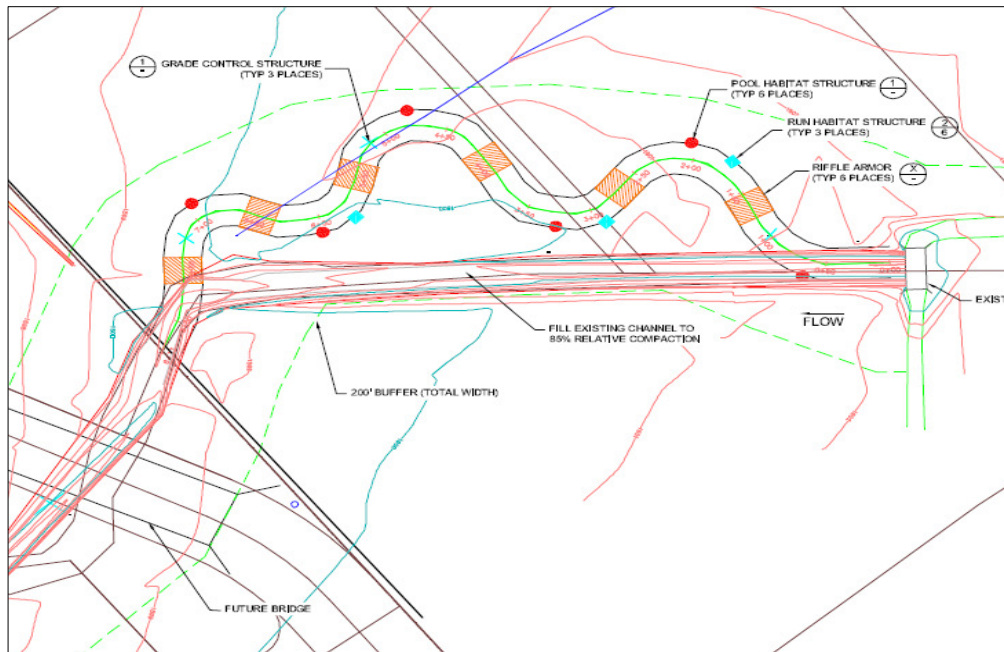
Cle Elum River Engineered Log Jams: KCCD continues to plant vegetation at the ELJ sites on both federal and non-federal; property. Beavers have settled into the head end of the reactivated side channel and are busy falling feed trees.

Swauk Creek Riparian Restoration (ROSC): Responses to the Request for Proposals for engineering and construction oversight services were received March 24, 2010 from Herrera and ENTRIX. Yakama Nation is preparing a contract for services with the ENTRIX team lead by Tim Abbe and Jenna Scholz. Kittitas Conservation Trust is a partner in the stream restoration project and had 125 "fish logs" delivered to the site on April 5, 2010 for use in grade control and habitat log structures. Environmental compliance permit acquisitions are underway, including a Section 106 report from Landreau (YTAHP funded through KCCD). Permit level exhibits will be created by ENTRIX as soon as Yakama Nation has a contract.

Swauk Creek Fish Screens (ROSC): Yakama Nation (Fraser) has engaged Chinook Engineering (Jay Kidder) to develop instream diversion, screening and fish passage alternatives for the Deneen diversion (Burke) from Swauk Creek at the Lauderdale junction. Fraser has called a TWG meeting for Wed. April 28 in Ellensburg at 9:30. KCT is a partner in the screening project and has an updated agreement with the landowner for the YTAHP screens that were originally placed in Swauk in 2007.



Currier Creek Riparian Restoration: A pending SRFB Amendment request (05-1573C) to move remaining funds from the Pott/Pautzke project reach to the adjacent upstream reach (Deneen/Green) is due for decision soon. The proposed actions include creating stream meanders, instream complexity with LWD, extensive plantings of semi-mature trees and shrubs, and facilitating natural restorative instream processes. Landowner has verbally agreed to the restoration project process. NYCD has been contacted about a large order of plants for autumn 2010.



d) RC&D

e) Mid-Columbia Fisheries (RW)

Reecer Creek Floodplain: Technical Workgroup held April 1. Bid package should be available 5/1. Construction expected July/August timeframe. Transfer of the SRFB grant to MCFEG almost complete. The Ecology grant will remain with RC&D since it cannot be transferred. Large wood has all been delivered.

Lamas Property: Irrigation is being established.

Helen McCabe Park: WCC has been planting for (3) weeks, more than 5,000 trees and shrubs have been installed.

Swauk, Jack and Iron Creek Restoration Projects: Interfluve has completed draft reports. They suggest loading Iron Creek with woody debris to enhance habitat. The Swauk Creek alternatives are all large-scale, and would mostly require alteration of Highway 97. On Jack Creek, the upstream suggestions are to place wood in the areas of the creek that have been degraded by road maintenance. Below the culvert, two alternatives are presented. In the review of alternative on April 13, the project partners requested a third alternative, and expressed general skepticism about the alternatives offered.

3. PROJECT MONITORING (OVER ALL PROCESS, JS)

Project Update available for meeting –

(10) Steelhead Redds have been surveyed in Cowiche Creek in the Snow Mountain reach

There is a natural resource class at YVCC looking for community type projects related to assisting with natural resource issues – Weeding at the Lamas property and cleaning of waterways in the urban area were suggested as possible project activities –

The state will have rootwads available – Will notify when and where -

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

a) SRFB (AB): Pre-applications due by 5/3 – Will make **appointments** around 5/11 to review with individual applicants (NYCD & KCCD) -

b) USDA Farm Bill has provisions to allow private landowners **tax incentives** for implementing projects which assist in enhancing habitat opportunities for animals/plants recognized by the ESA.

5. NEXT MEETING: [May 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m, Ellensburg](#)

Project Discussion:

Cowiche Creek Levee Removal & Riparian Restoration Project (BW) – Presented a project for possible YTAHP support (permitting) on Cowiche Creek – The project is known as the Jenner/John/Funkhauser project – The properties were acquired by Cowiche Conservancy and are currently held by the City of Yakima due to its interaction with the conservancy on development of the trail system. The project involves the removal of a levee constructed after the 1996 flood event, removal of concrete and other debris and establishment of riparian vegetation.

The County is currently doing a flood assessment on the impact to downstream properties if the levee is removed - this assessment should be available soon and pending that determination the project will either move forward, modified or abandoned.

Should the County and City determine to move forward with the project, MCFEG will sponsor and YTAHP will assist with the permitting aspects of the project.