

Attendees: Dave Myra, Carol Ready, RC&D; Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Becca Wassell, Mid-Columbia RFEG; Anna Lael, Kittitas County CD; Mike Tobin, Justin Bader, North Yakima CD; Henry Fraser, YN; David Gerth, KCT; USFWS; David Child, YBJB; Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; Jason McCormack; Ken Schuster, Ecology.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) Approve Agenda ✓

b) Approve Minutes – CR needs digital notes from at a minimum the CDs for easier preparation of minutes. CR ok'd to “bug” folks for notes (thank you folks! CR ☺) Jan minutes will be available shortly.

c) 2010 – 2011 SOW & Budgets – They are in Portland under review at BPA.

d) 2009 – 2010 Budget – April 1-March 31. The year ending 3-31-10 the KCCD has some extra dollars (~due to influx of other grant dollars, construction cost reductions). NYCD about on target. BPA is considering a 2 year budget cycle for 2011-2012.

2. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

a) NYCD (JB)

Wenas Creek (Swart): Wildlands was awarded the contract for planting at the property. Last Monday they began mobilization and staging and have begun mowing and tilling, with planting and further site prep happening this week. They anticipate the entire project will take approximately two weeks. Fencing of the buffer will begin in April by the WCC crew.

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge: Initial environmental permitting has begun. Inter-fluve is currently working on construction design for removal of the gauge and building of a roughen channel.

Cowiche Creek Water Users Association and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Hookup: On January 21st a YTID user informational meeting was held where NYCD and YTID presented the project to around 30 attendees. Several users voiced concerns over the Federal Government requiring YTID to supplement Cowiche Creek with irrigation water during drought years if ESA species were established in the creek, citing the events in Klamath Basin as an example. The YTID board will vote on the project on the 11th of February. NOAA and the Yakima Basin Joint Board Biologists have both submitted letters of support for the project. Outcome?

Nile Creek (Matson): Jack Myrick with the Conservation Commission is currently designing the pipeline for this project. We will begin permitting as soon as designs are submitted to us.

Wide Hollow Creek (Fines Diversion): A third party has showed interest in purchasing the parcel that the diversion is on to build a residential development. Ahtanum Ridge Business Park has developed a residential development plan for the parcel where the diversion exists. As part of their plan, they are proposing to move the current diversion upstream and pipe the water into a 5 acre pond to serve as a water feature to the development before going underground to serve the original place of use.

We will not expend any more resources on this project until the land owner and irrigator have figured out what is going to happen to this parcel and any associated potential water rights modifications or changes have been worked out.

Cowiche Creek (Cowychee Ditch): Our engineers have begun designing the fish screen, water meter, and pipeline for this project. We are currently working to get cultural resource permitting completed. We will continue to explore possibilities to get all the users off the ditch and using alternate sources of water in the future. We will also develop a suite of alternatives tailored to each user on the ditch that provides different ways to get their water as well as the approximate cost/value for potential buyout.

Also: Toured with the WCC crew, Brian, and Jeremy to sites in the Wenas. Explained the roles of YTAHP and salmon recovery in the watershed. Took the crew to Cowychee Ditch and N.F. Ahtanum Gauge to get them familiar with the projects.

Attended a Gap to Gap meeting. Was updated on current progress of the levy set back project. County is still looking for funding, asked all agencies/partners to provide a letter of support for the project that will be forwarded on to the legislature.

Attended the first Yakima Basin Steelhead Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. Meeting was set up by Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board in an attempt to get all agencies/groups involved in recovery and monitoring together to come up with a way to integrate all individual studies already being done and develop a standardized methodology to determine whether actions stated in the 2009 Yakima Basin Steelhead Recovery Plan were/are being met. Offered the assistance of North Yakima in whichever way would be beneficial.

b) KCCD (AL)

Coleman Creek (Ringer/Hernandez)- We will be contacting them to do a site visit on their fish screen.

Coleman (Nisbet)- The WCC crew is doing the planting this week.

Coleman (Burris)- We will need to install a fish screen in the creek to supplement the pump for the center pivots. We are waiting on the vendor to complete a cost estimate and design.

Coleman (Olmstead and downstream users)- We have conceptual designs for these sites, but do not anticipate going much further without strong irrigator buy in.

Coleman Creek (EWC)- We have the 60% designs out for review. There is a TWG scheduled for next Tuesday at 1:00. We want to start the cultural resources survey shortly.

Cherry Creek- We are moving forward with the pump option for all irrigators. The 30% designs should be ready by mid-march.

3M Ditch- We will be starting cultural resource surveys and the engineering work for this project.

Red Bridge & Lambert Road- We should receive Al Potter's designs shortly. Then we can schedule a TWG.

Greer Ditch- The low bidder has been accepted and the contract will be completed shortly. Construction should only take a couple of days.

Acheson Flood Fence- We are waiting on just the 401 Water Quality Certification.

Whiskey Creek (Kuchin)- We are working on a potential CREP contract at this site.

Dry Creek (Hand)- We have 2 potential new projects on Dry Creek. They are gravity diversions that are unscreened. We'll plan a site visit with our staff and maybe YSS staff.

c) KCT (DG, HF)

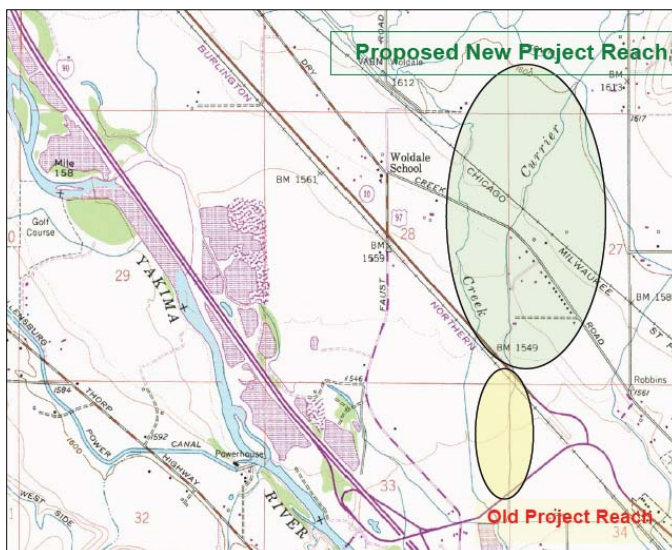
Taneum Canal Co. Diversion Dam: Project engineering for TCC fish passage project is contracted with Fisheries Consultants, Inc. (Paul Tappel) using YTAHP funds passed through the KCCD. The reimbursement contract is in place with a not to exceed \$ 22,792 as shown below for Items 1-8. The contract runs through March 31, 2009. The TCC fish passage component is part of an integrated project to make the diversion, screens and fish passage a better system. Partners include BOR, USFWS, KRD, Taneum Canal Co., Ecology, SRFB, YN.

Taneum Canal Co. has invited KCT and others involved in the TCC project to attend their annual meeting on March 13, 2010 in Thorp. After that meeting and when Design documents are complete a YTAHP TWG meeting will be scheduled (late March).

Fish Passage Project for Taneum Diversion Dam Engineering Cost Budget (Exhibit B)					
Date of Budget Estimate		12/1/2009			
Scope of Work Task	P. Tappel Hours @ \$104	P. Tappel Hours @ \$52	K. Tappel Hours @ \$20	Expenses	Total Cost
1 Site Data and Surveying	12	4	8	\$180	\$1,796
2 Hydrology	4	0	0	0	\$416
3 Concept Development	22	0	0	40	\$2,328
4 Initial Meeting(s) with Stakeholders	12	8	0	240	\$1,904
5 Preliminary Design and Report	48	0	4	40	\$5,112
6 Design Meeting(s) with Stakeholders	12	8	0	240	\$1,904
7 Assistance for Permits	6	0	2	60	\$724
8 Fish Passage Final Design	80	4	0	80	\$8,608
9 Preparation of Construction Documents	16	0	0	32	\$1,696
10 Assistance During Bidding	8	4	0	140	\$1,180
11 Construction Management	100	16	20	1,500	\$13,132
Total:					\$38,800

CLE ELUM RIVER ENGINEERED LOG JAMS: YTAHP administrators Myra and Ready and KCCD reveg staff Brent visited the ELJ site on the east bank on Feb. 24, 2010. Brent gained a greater understanding of the tasks he inherited from D.J. Shook.

SWAUK CREEK RIPARIAN RESTORATION (ROSC): A Request for Proposals for engineering and construction oversight services was distributed to four qualified firms: Herrera Environmental, InterFluve, GeoEngineers, and ENTRIX. The RFP was distributed by Yakama Nation, the recipient of the Dept. of Ecology Water Quality grant that is funding the project. Responses are due to HF by March 24, 2010 in Ellensburg. HF is exploring Cultural 106 permit processes and expects to call for a YTAHP TWG meeting soon. Flood damage to existing screen, which has been transferred to WDFW shop (Pat S) for repair. Riparian restoration did get Ecology funding. (?)



CURRIER CREEK RIPARIAN RESTORATION: A SRFB Amendment request (05-1573C) has been submitted to move remaining funds from the Pott/Pautzke project reach to the adjacent upstream reach (Deneen/Green). 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. ENTRIX (Tim Abbe) has been contracted for stream modeling, technical exhibits, and preliminary design/build tasks. Construction planned for 2010.

Rattlesnake Creek project: working on bypass water right.

d) RC&D (CR)

Reecer Creek Floodplain: Working on Reecer Temporary Water Right and billings. The SRFB grant will be transferred to MC, the RC&D will keep the Ecology grant. RW at MC is talking over the bulk of the Reecer work; I am providing support.

e) Mid Columbia Fisheries (RW)

Yonker: Installed a barrier to prevent fish from accessing the area..

Cowiche Canyon Conservative: Change in Jenner/John property purchase. SRFB funding is pending to MC for restoration.

Jack Creek Floodplain: Interfluvial design and feasibility ongoing. USFS will change road location.

Reecer Creek Floodplain: Anticipated bid package for April '10. City has agreed to fund any not funded by grants through its stormwater utility bond. There are three loads of LWD onsite. 4 more yet to be delivered.

Helen McCabe-Wilson Creek Project – March 21 WCC crew for planting.

3. WDFW – Permitting, Monitoring, Report (JS)

JS – Attended training on River Restoration, a synopsis is pending.

Awaiting designs to finalize 2010 permits for construction season!

Screening and Passage Training ~June/July? Olympia on "SHHEAR" Assessment. Changes to priority numbers for remaining projects are needed as downstream projects are completed. Could we have an intern revise the Tributary Report SP/SPI numbers?

ACOE Programmatic is under review (Diane Driscoll) and updates are pending.

WDFW Sportsman Show – YTAHP press and positive PR. Redds/Project info.

Steelhead Surveys – low flows – increase fish counting opportunities.

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

a) Angie – SRFB 2010 SRFB – April 15 Announcement for this Round.

Pre-applications May 3, Conferences ~ May 10. Finals to Angie by June 7th (for PRISM entry), drop dead date August 25 (Olympia). Manual 18 revisions proposed (atty fees ~ok if preapproved, liability insurance, prism metrics, change of \$ to viable projects if significant delays occur, eligibility, alternative project lists, progress reporting, handling of "pre-agreement" costs.)

b) Pat – Taneum Pit Tag Monitor (N/A)

c) Note: Barb McIntosh at RCO was diagnosed recently with cancer...include Marc Dubois on communications.

5. NEXT MEETING: March 17, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – noon **Location: Kittitas County Fire Dept. 102 N. Pearl Ellensburg**