

Attendees: Dave Myra, Carol Ready, RC&D; Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Rebecca Wassell, Tim Jeffris (intern), Mid-Columbia RFEG; Anna Lael, Mark Crowley, Kittitas County CD; Mike Tobin, Justin Bader, North Yakima CD; Henry Fraser, YN; USFWS; Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; Richard Visser, WDFW; Ken Schuster, Ecology.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve Month 2010 Minutes Jun '10, Feb '10 minutes e-mailed to group. Add MC, TJ to list.
- c) Existing Budget – Final billing March 31, 2010 for FY 2009, need all billings
- d) 2010-11SOW & Budgets - BPA Contracts April 1, 2010. Expense contract signed, Cap pending.
- e) 4th Quarter Update on 2009-2010 SOW – on existing contracts by April 15.

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.

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge: The first draft of 80% design has been completed and circulated to the TWG for comment. The project is on schedule for planned implementation in late summer early fall. Cost estimate drafted by Interfluve 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. There will be a TWG for those interested on the 22nd of March.

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)

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 (YN – HF)

Taneum Canal Company Diversion: TCC Board meeting held, letters of support for project from TCC and Kittitas County Commissioners. Potential for County Coastal funding looking good. TWiG scheduled for Mar 30 10 am at WDFW.

Currier Creek Floodplain Restoration: GeoEngineers design followed by Entrix to implement hydro-modeling.

Swauk Creek Floodplain Restoration: RFP awaiting responses. Chris L will do cultural.

d) RC&D (CR) I began 2009 Annual Report for BPA; will send the 2008 Annual Report to DM soon. I have coyote willow available – should be cut back soon to encourage new growth.

e) Mid-Columbia Fisheries (RW)

Reecer Creek Floodplain: Technical Workgroup in April. Bid package in April. Half of the Large Wood is on-site, remainder to be delivered.

3. PROJECT MONITORING (OVER ALL PROCESS, JS)

Project Update out this week. Passage and Screening Assessment – WDFW staff down to one (Dave Collins). Staff would like to assist, but also get training in advance. Is YTAHP going to survey or resurvey creeks in 2010? Why? Is there a benefit/reason to redo survey? (Naneum Creek is separate as it needs a 1st complete survey.) ACOE new programmatic has stalled out. Existing programmatic still in effect. Yuki (BOR) – counting steelhead redds. April 24, 10-noon, at Irene Rinehart Park – Girl Scouts

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

a) SRFB (AB): Manual 18 edits approved. Summary is in preparation. April 5 = official SRFB announcement for 2010. Orientation Workshops – maybe on Internet. May 3-PreApplication; May10-12-PreApplication Conferences; June 7-Full Applications due; June 23 Presentations; June 29-30 Site Visits; August 25-Finals into state PRISM.

b) Wenas Projects (NYCD): What level of support should YTAHP give the Wenas? It is a low priority, but active interest in riparian work, meters, screens, etc. A Survey was done. Up to Swart, there are no barriers. Project to pipe major diversion, which may allow water instream more of the year. This needs to be discussed further. And include a maps, planning documents, BOR? CD, USDAg, existing programs.

5. NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2010, 9:30 a.m, Yakima