



Yakima Tributary Access & Habitat Program

Core Team Minutes

May 19, 2010

Ellensburg

Attendees: Dave Myra, Heather Simmons-Rigdon, Carol Ready, RC&D; Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Rebecca Wassell, Mid-Columbia RFEG; Anna Lael, Mark Crowley, Kittitas County CD; Mike Tobin, North Yakima CD; Henry Fraser (briefly), YN; David Gerth, KCT; Richard Visser, USFWS; David Child, Joint Board; Pat Monk, US BOR; Ken Schuster, Ecology.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda: ✓
- b) Approve April Minutes: ✓ AL to submit April notes, CR to finalize.
- c) March Vouchering: Final 2009 voucher (Mar) submitted; April has been vouched to BPA.
Anticipate both checks to be cut next week. 2009 Expense ~ \$0 balance; Capital ~\$100,000.

2. UPDATES

a) NYCD (MT)

Wenas Creek - Swart: Wildlands has completed their work. Over 10 acres were prepped and planted. Currently wrapping up fencing component and hooking up hot wire.

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge: Inter-fluve continues work on finalizing design. Entered into contract with Interfluve to provide final designs, bid packet preparation, 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.

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.

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

Cowiche Creek - Cowychee Ditch: Currently working with Pat Schille on preparing designs that utilize a smaller modular screen and will greatly limit the footprint of the project. 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 (AN, MC)

3M Ditch (Teaway River): Anchor QEA has been selected to work on the project. The Board approved the Task Order up to section 4 which gets through the Alternatives Analysis. One landowner meeting has been held by Anchor to introduce themselves and get initial landowner comments. There will be follow up meetings with the landowners individually in the field.

Cherry Ck: 30% designs will be coming soon. The project and designs are on a fast track because the project must be completed by December 31, 2010 or the money goes away. Feedback on the designs will be needed with a quick turnaround time. Permits will be applied for with the 60% designs.

Coleman Ck / EWC: 99% designs are complete with a cost estimate of \$720,000-760,000. Applying for SRFB funding for construction in 2011-12.

Coleman Ck / Burris: Working with William (WDFW) to get an HPA to install fish screen in the creek to be used for short durations during water short periods. Trying to work out passage issues.

Hand/Rinehart: working with Pat Schille to install a modular rotary fish screen on Dry Creek. The survey has been done and will be turning in a JARPA to get an HPA. Would like to install in July time period.

Red Bridge/Lambert Rd (Teanaway River): have asked to be allowed to use the SRFB money remaining from the Jack & Indian on the project at Red Bridge. Have been working with BPA to use the money remaining from that funding on Lambert Rd. Board approved policy to be able to Sole Source some types of projects so that we can continue working with Geomax (Al Potter) without going out to bid. A meeting was held with the County and permitting agencies. All the permitting agencies seem to be on board with moving forward with the current plan. The County would like to do some work to protect the abutments at Lambert Rd at the same time the rest of work is being done.

c) KCT (DG)

PM to provide DG with Taneum Creek BOR flow data. KRD/KCWP also has flow data.

d) RC&D (CR) Continue vouchering for Reecer (Ecology and SRFB grants); anticipating the transfer of SRFB to MCFEG. Ecology is now doing public notice on Temporary Water Right applications. CR giving all or part of the YTAHP presentation at the Yakima S&M conference in June. Would like to highlight projects from each core team member.

e) Mid Columbia Fisheries (RW)

3. WDFW – PERMITTING, MONITORING, REPORT (JS)

JS sent out the Project Update file, but e-mail difficulty may have interfered with deliveries. WDFW is purchasing weed-free straw from Jeff Brunson. Contact JS/Wayne if you would like some. Smolt e-mail ! Indicating increases in this years smolts. US AOE is looking to locate a presence in Central WA to respond to permitting for activities. Steelhead video of spawners on Bumping (DC see youtube: "Bumping Steelhead"). Steelhead adults were found near Perry Tech in Wide Hollow Creek.

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

a) Reporting Systems (HSR): RC&D Partners and NRCS have various reporting needs (see handout). I have a list of project information typically needed for reports, eg: project name, number, partners, objectives, funding amount and sources, completion dates, etc. CR also has similar needs for BPA reporting. HSR asked for a meeting of interested parties to determine what information is desired and how it can be collected. Meeting pending.

b) Taneum Creek, Mann Ditch Rock Weir Repairs and Bank Protection (PM): KRD, BOR, Knudson. Requires ACOE permit review. I am looking for a Revegetation Plan to go with the Bank Protection element. JS to provide language or suitable example.

5. NEXT MEETING: June 2010, NO YTAHP MEETING.

Yakima Basin Science & Management Conference June 16-17, CWU.

Project Discussion

1. MCFEG – Jenner/John/Funkhauser Project