

October 20, 2010

Yakima

Attendees: Dave Myra, Carol Ready, Heather Simmons-Rigdon, RC&D; Anna Lael, Kittitas County CD; Mike Tobin, Justin Bader, North Yakima CD; Jennifer Scott, WDFW; Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; David Gerth, KCT; Rebecca Wassell, MC FEG; Richard Visser, USFWS; David Child, YBJB.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve September Minutes ✓
- c) New Ellensburg Meeting Location. Hal Holmes (~cheap)? The Palace (food)?
- d) Next Projects: 2011 List on FORM. Please fill form out with work elements (see new numbering) for Discussion in November and Draft SOW in December.
CONTRACTS ~90 day in advance.

2. PROJECT UPDATES

a) NYCD (MT, JB)

North Fork Ahtanum Gauge: Construction was completed on September 22nd. Restoration was completed in mid October. The engineer is extremely happy with the final products of the roughen channel and log work. Implementation of metering component will continue with cooperation from AID, WIP, and the Nation. (Slideshow)

Cowiche Creek Water Users Association and Yakima Tieton Irrigation District Hookup: The Bureau of Reclamation is working with YTID on options to keep the project active.

Matson:

Designs for the pipeline and fish screen have been completed from our Irrigation Efficiencies technical specialist. We are waiting on Mr. Matson and the landowner where the pumping station will go to sign the JARPA.

Cowychee Ditch: Construction of the fish screen was completed on the 16th of September. Restoration was completed in mid October. The construction shop did an excellent job and is happy with the current operation of the screen, as implemented. Pipeline planning and design will continue into the winter.

Herke: The screening and water metering project ranked number two on the list after the citizens committee meeting. If it stays as a priority project, we will begin the YTAHP process this fall.

b) KCCD (AL)

EWC-Coleman Creek (and lower diversions): This SRFB grant for engineering and design on this project ends the end of this month. The design for EWC intersection and fish screen is done, but work continues on lower diversions. WE'll have survey work done on irrigation ditches and another portion of the creek to add to the conceptual designs. The current SRFB application for the EWC portion of the project is last on the local list, but has a very slim chance of receiving funds.

Red Bridge and Lambert Road: The Lambert Road project was called off this fall because the permits were not all in place and the weather could have been not good (although it has been beautiful). The Red Bridge Road project SRFB application is currently a project of concern. We'll work to address the issues identified by the State Review Panel.

Acheson Flood Fence: This project is going out to bid shortly.

Cherry Creek: This project is currently delayed by the construction access easements with landowners at the project. The irrigators using the facilities do not own all the lands where the project is occurring, so these temporary easements are necessary. The County is requiring a building permit for the project which will cost about \$400. The change in point of diversion process hit a snag, in that the application was submitted, public notices published, Water Transfer Working Group consulted, and the public hearing set for November 19, and then Ecology notified the irrigator that he must submit three separate applications because there are three priority dates. On top of all that, the cultural resources consultation was nearly complete until questions came from DAHP about the families that use the lower diversion and their history. We are working to address all these issues, while our contractor waits and waits.

YRBWEP (Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Program (BOR): I revised and submitted the list of unfunded fish screen, fish passage and irrigation improvement projects to the YRBWEP Habitat Subcommittee. The total cost was \$30 million.

c) KCT (DG) Taneum Canal Company dam removal and fish passage is under construction. Two fish salvage events. Bruton Project – revegetation maintenance ongoing. Cle Elum ELJs – Report though 2011. Pautze project bumped, Swauk Creek project is underway (5,000 plants in November).

d) RC&D (CR) Sept pre-construction meeting, Notice to Proceed to Belsaas and Smith (general contractor). Currently excavating floodplain area and constructing setback levee. Weekly construction meetings (G&O, Barry Baker, levee), Anchor (Bob Montgomery, habitat portion). Becca and I are working on project signage (vinyl banner and durable signs).

e) Mid Columbia Fisheries (BW) Jenner-John, Kauzlorich Ditch flow. CSF Backyard Salmon project: Mercer Creek at Kiwanis Park – Eagle Scout project to remove armoring, layback banks and add vegetation, water stepping stones and some rock and large wood. Wellspring Nursery. (Question – who “designed” project and who reviewed it?)

3. WDFW – PERMITTING, MONITORING, REPORT

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Cowiche Creek Modeling

5. NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Location: Kittitas County Fire Dept. 102 N. Pearl Ellensburg