

**Attendees:** Dave Myra, Carol Ready, Heather Simmons-Rigdon, RC&D; Anna Lael, Mark Crowley, Kittitas County CD; Justin Bader, North Yakima CD; Angie Begosh, YBFWRB; David Gerth, KCT; Pat Monk, USFWS.

## **1. ADMINISTRATION**

- a) Approve Agenda ✓
- b) Approve July Minutes ✓
- c) Cost-Share Report – Next week (by 9-20); HSR's information will be helpful.
- d) 2010 Budgets – It will be helpful to identify YTHAP-supporting quick end-of-year expenditures/purchases, to closely track with the target budget. Now at the 6 month mark, we are half-way through our fiscal year. (suggestions -Electrofisher, web-based database for project tracking, k-line system for multiple project use).
- e) Second Quarter Pisces Update – DM will contact you. Accrual report submitted.  
Jay Marcotte, YTAHP BPA COTR, is interested in scheduling site visits for Tues, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> or Thurs, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. DM will be in touch.

## **2. PROJECT UPDATES**

### **a) NYCD**

**North Fork Ahtanum** - Project is about a week away from completion. Fence building and reveg work will be completed by WCC.

**Cowychee Ditch Screening** - Project will be completed in (2) days. Some planting will be done with follow-up in the Spring.

**Matson Project** – Engineering complete – waiting for landowner input on start of construction.

### **b) KCCD**

**Coleman Creek - Ellensburg Water Co:** Planning on doing more surveying with part of the remaining SRFB funds on Coleman Ck and EWC laterals for future engineering

**Coleman Creek – Olmstead:** Anna met with Andrew Fielding to discuss past and future projects on Olmstead

**Cherry Creek - Moe Rd:** The project has gone to bid. Reecer Creek Excavating was the low bidder. Still waiting on the remaining permits. HPA has been received. Applying for USF&WS FRIMA funds to cover some of the cost of the project. The low bid was \$33,000 over the amount of money available for the project.

**Teanaway River -Red Bridge:** The SRFB funding looks like it will be approved. There are still discussions going around about changing the intake for the diversion. WSDOT is working on a reach assessment downstream near US-97.

**Teanaway River - Lambert Rd:** Met with the engineer and Bureau representatives to get a cost for BOR to do the work. Still a very slight chance the project could be done this fall.

**Teanaway River - 3M Ditch:** Will be setting up a meeting with the landowners to discuss approaches to move forward. One landowner applied for EQIP for a sprinkler system and it looks like it will get funded.

**Yakima River - Acheson** (flood fence): Planning to construct this fall.

**Dry Creek -Hand/Rinehart:** HPA application has been turned.

**Single Federal Audit:** Audit has been completed, the exit interview was yesterday.

c) KCT

d) **RC&D** (CR): CR requested to KCCD a site visit to see if her poplars on her property were suitable for the Acheson flood fence project and if the timing would be mutually beneficial. Also, CR has coyote willow available for projects, ~10,000 plants. Should be mowed and some could be taken with roots intact. Helpful if a WCC crew member to inspect.

e) **Mid Columbia Fisheries** (by CR) Reecer floodplain pre-construction meeting scheduled for 9-17-10 (Belsaas & Smith). Two grant applications were prepared (Trout, Oct 1; Community Salmon Fund, today; the latter includes Reecer, Helen McCabe State Part at Wilson Creek). A revegetation meeting is scheduled for this afternoon and includes Chris Hogue by phone (experienced retired NRCS wetlands plant ecologist from Idaho). Note: KCT has 7,000 potted plants available at NYCD nursery.

### 3. WDFW – PERMITTING, MONITORING, REPORT (hand out)

My apologies for missing my second YTAHP meeting in a row!!! Last month we had a pre-construction meeting and this month I have the opportunity to attend fish screening & passage training put on by NMFS in Yakima. Attendance was extremely limited, so I feel fortunate to be able to attend and hope it will come in handy during project planning in the future. I think that Thursday will include a tour in which several YTAHP projects will be featured.

I think I'm up fairly up to speed on most projects scheduled for this season and am working on the last few permits to come in so we can break ground. Below are a few additional notes from me.

#### ***Construction Season is here!***

- For all BPA funded projects, have “**inadvertent find**” form onsite at all times.
- **Pre-Con:** Most HPAs will require a pre-construction meeting, so please coordinate as early as you can. Your friendly Area Habitat Biologist should attend as well as the contractor, engineer, and others that you think should attend. I expect a flurry of pre-con meetings and fish salvages in mid-October as irrigation turns off.
- Remember (and remind contractors) that the HPA may not contain all of the provisions of all of the other permits. Conditions from the ESA consultations and Corps permit may vary. Double check with me if you can't seem to find these or have other questions. (CR Note – Contractor should have a copy of every permit/approval On-Site.)
- In most cases, you'll be required to do some sort of **turbidity monitoring** during times of in-water work. Takes notes as you'll need to report to the Corps when you use the SPIF for ESA consultation.
- Remind contractors upfront that it is THEIR responsibility to provide a **fish screen** that is adequately sized for their **pump**. WDFW's construction shop will be happy to help them with sizes/dimensions prior to breaking ground.
- **Monitoring is underway**, don't forget to volunteer and tell your friends. Stay flexible as we try to sneak in sampling between project implementation.
- I submitted comments on the **Construction Stormwater General Permit**; most of you were copied. In late August, I met with the author of the new permit and she said I wasn't the first one

to voice my concerns. I think we're getting a louder voice, but I'm not quite sure what the results will be. For now, keep doing what you're doing.

#### **4. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

a) **Project Data Base** (HSR): Final draft of an excel database for all YTHAP project accomplishments, funding and status. Accomplishments include permits, engineering, construction and various project habitat metrics. HSR has worked with each project partner to enter data to enter data from 4 fiscal years (FY08-FY12)

b) **Water Quality** (PM): Taneum Creek at Knudsen diversion. Rock weirs were adjusted instream, in the wet, over 1.5 days. Project proponents and regulators should consider if WQ standards are achievable, and is the project better done (less affect on fish resources) in the wet or dray?.

#### **5. NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – noon** **Location: AG Service Center – 1606 Perry St. - Yakima**