



YAKIMA TRIBUTARY ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Core Team Meeting Minutes

23 August, 2006 9am-Noon

PLACE: USDA Service Center conference room, 1606 Perry St. Yakima

Attending: Jennifer Scott, Pat Monk, Dave Myra, David Child, Ed Harrell, Carol Ready, Michael Tobin, Eric Egbers, David Gerth, Henry Fraser, Lennard Jordan, Dean Patterson, Richard Visser, and Ken Schuster.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda: Dave asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Carol asked if she could take some time under Items of Interest to report on her plans regarding future participation with YTAHP.
- b) Approve July Minutes: Dave asked if there were any corrections or additions to the July Minutes. There were none, Minutes approved.
- c) 9:30 a.m. start time for Core Team meetings: Dave mentioned that some thought had been given to changing the Core Team meeting start time from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. because people seem to have difficulty getting to the meeting by 9. Some feared that if we start at 9:30 people will not show up until 10. Others mentioned that a 9:30 start would give people more time to get things under control at the office before heading out to a meeting. It would also give those traveling from Yakima to Ellensburg or vice versa more time to get there. It was decided to give the 9:30 start time a try and see how it works.
- d) FY-06 Budget revision (Amend Inter-agency Agreements, use of remaining 06 funds, FY-06 accrual figure):
Ed reported that the budget revision discussed at previous meetings has been approved by BPA. It was necessary because NYCD and KCCD needed to shift money between categories in the budget. More funding was needed for engineering than we had planned for. Also WDFW and the RC&D is not going to need the full amount budgeted so additional funds can be shifted to NYCD and KCCD for direct project expenses and, to KCWP for additional costs.

Ed said that because we are changing the upper limit of funds spent by NYCD, KCCD and the KCWP we need to amend the Inter-agency agreements with those organizations. He did not believe we need to change the agreement with WDFW because the agreement is to expend not more than a stated amount. Less than that amount can be spent under the existing agreement. Ed said it is, nonetheless, important that WDFW not exceed the new amount shown in the revised budget.

Mike asked if there would need to be another addendum to all the Agreements extending the time period into the first two months of FY-07 or until a decision about ongoing funding was known. Ed said, yes that would also need to be done and he would prepare such an addendum.

Also, in regard to the FY-06 budget Ed said, we need to give BPA an estimate of the year end accrual, or how much will we be invoicing for at the end of September. Ed needs to send this estimate to BPA by September 11th.

e) FY-06 SOW revision

Ed explained that we have made some substantial changes to the FY-06 Scope of Work. About \$315,000 worth of construction projects have been removed from the SOW, including: the Lower Reecer Creek projects (Durand, Pott, Pautzke, Fagalde), the Fines Diversion, and some associated reveg. and fencing. Under both Permitting and Engineering, projects were not pursued and several different projects were added. The \$315,000 has been reallocated (in the budget revision discussed above) to engineering/permitting, and to substitute projects such as Lesh and Shaw/Knox.

f) FY-07 SOW

Ed handed out copies of certain pages of the FY-07 Scope of Work for people to look at. Pages 1 through 3 showed a listing of all the Work Elements and the amount of funds allocated to each. Pages 7 through 9 showed Work Element G Produce Design and/or Specifications (Engineering) and Work Element H Produce Environmental Compliance Documentation (Permitting), and the projects listed under each. Ed explained that the full Scope of Work is 29 pages in all and provides more detail about each Work Element. Ed explained that he had just heard from BPA that they would like the YTAHP Contract split into two separate contracts, one covering expense costs and the other covering capital costs. He explained that he would be working on splitting the SOW and Budget into two separate Scopes of Work and Budgets. BPA needs this done as soon as possible so in lieu of a lot of discussion about the budget Ed would use the FY-06 budget as a guide. This will need to be revised when the final funding figure for FY-07 is known. Ed thanked Anna, Mike, David, Carol, and Hank, for all of the information they provided to help complete the FY-07 SOW.

2. UPDATE ON CURRENT and PENDING PROJECTS

a) NYCD: David reported that the Biggers pump screen had been installed. Jennifer had assisted, during one of her first days on the job she was getting her feet wet. Also the Darrell Green screen had been installed. The other major focus was getting the Shaw/Knox project out to bid and underway. RS Excavating was hired to do the job. An exemption to the Critical Areas permitting process had been issued by Yakima County after considerable discussion and review of the project. The start of construction is tied to completion by the Yakima Screen Shop, of the concrete fishways. These are scheduled for

completion by September 5th. Mike said the fishway forms are reusable and should be applicable to other future projects. David and/or Mike Hay will be on site to oversee construction. Hank asked when the fishways would be installed. David said it should be around September 11th. Pat asked when the fish salvage would be conducted. David said maybe September 6th. Dave M. asked that David send out a construction schedule so people assisting with the fish salvage can schedule. Jennifer will let people know.

On Diversion-31, David reported that the preliminary design work is completed. The permitting is in process. Chris Landrow, an Archaeologist, will visit the site with a Yakama Nation Cultural resource person. Once again, there was discussion and concern about the small water right and possibility that there is not enough water to reach the water users if the delivery is not piped. Piping is not a part of this project. Mike said Ahtanum Irrigation District will be responsible for O&M on the completed project. They had also mentioned they may do the piping.

Dave M. was concerned with moving ahead on Diversion-31 without a written understanding that YTAHP, NYCD, are not responsible if water does not reach the water users. AID needs to take responsibility for supplying their water users.

Dean asked about the final design in regard to the size of the structure across the stream. David said there are two control weirs. Dean said it seems we are hardening the channel. Mike said he had talked to Mike Hay (project engineer) and was told that the existing diversion configuration is not adequate to operate the proposed fish screen and provide proper submersion of the screen.

Ken asked about the metering design. He said, they (AID) needed to have a Headgate.

Dean asked if a wing dam might be an option rather than the control weirs. Mike had some concern about a wing dam but said he would check with the engineer about it. Mike said they would follow up on the design concerns but in the end they depend a great deal on the advice of the engineer.

The Upper Lust diversion modifications design is out for review. NYCD has received some comments from WDFW. They hope to get the project completed this fall. Richard asked how WDFW gets their concerns addressed by the engineer. David said they are trying to get the design to a point where everyone is okay with it.

Dean asked about how much concrete is going to be removed from the Upper Lust diversion. Mike explained that they will be limiting the amount of concrete taken out. Maybe only a portion of the existing apron will be cut out and removed.

Richard expressed some concern about problems and possible future costs, and the need to do this project right the first time.

In regard to the completed Garretson project and potential corrective measures needed. David mentioned the scheduled Technical Work Group meeting that was to follow this Core Team meeting.

Dean asked for a summary of the current concern. David explained that high flows had moved some of the rocks placed to enable fish passage and at low flows passage may no longer be possible.

Dean asked about possible solutions. David said maybe reconstruct or add rock weirs. The Technical Work Group would probably have some specific ideas.

b) KCCD: No one from KCCD was in attendance so Hank gave a brief report. He was not certain about the status of the Durand project. Last he had heard, Anna was going to go out to bid for the engineering work.

Hank explained that he and David Greth were working on researching water rights on the Taneum. He asked Ken if he knew anything about the Taneum water rights. Ken said they need to meet with the water users to try to find better ways for the water users to get their water. Hank said there is a lot of interest in the Taneum now so he hopes they can get something done. David Gerth said he thinks they are on track to get the problems taken care of.

c) Permits (WDFW): Jennifer has been busy working on the NYCD projects; Shaw/Knox, Diversion-31, Garretson, Lust. She wants to get more involved with Kittitas County projects so requested she be kept in the loop on proposed projects. Carol asked Jennifer if she had been on the tour with BPA staff of the Kittitas projects. Jennifer said she had. Jennifer said she would be going to some training in late August.

Pat reported on proposed modifications to the HIP-BO. There is some discussion of removing diversions from the HIP-BO. He asked about suggestions for keeping diversion in the HIP-BO and said we need to encourage Dale Bambrick to support keeping diversions in. This needs to be done soon. Pat will distribute a sample support letter.

3. Project Monitoring (Pat Monk): Pat and Jennifer have been talking about implementing the YTAHP monitoring plan. Pat has a list of projects from Anna that need to be monitored. He needs a similar list from NYCD. He and/or Jennifer will talk with Gabe Temple (WDFW) on the Ecological Interactions Team about their monitoring protocol. We may like to replicate that protocol if appropriate. Pat and Jennifer need to put a schedule together to do the monitoring. It is usually done in the fall. Richard suggested forming a small sub-committee to coordinate and do monitoring. The sub-committee is composed of: David Child, Pat Monk, Jennifer Scott, and Richard Visser.

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

a) Programmatic permit for pump screens: Dean said he was interested in this because they have several types of programmatic permits and even programmatic exemptions.

Pat explained that an ESA consultation is required even though the impact of a pump screen is very small. A programmatic would save everyone some unnecessary effort. David said that Walla Walla has installed over 300 pump screens and we can look to them for some assistance in putting together a programmatic permit. Hank asked Richard about HPA's for maintenance. Richard said, WDFW does that. David asked if Jennifer could follow up on possible development of a programmatic for pump screens. Richard said Jennifer could do that. Pat said BPA is supportive of a programmatic permit process. Carol suggested that it may be helpful to make a video of a pump screen installation to show how simple and environmentally benign it is. Richard said this is a good idea.

Eric said other places are dealing with this issue. But agencies are moving away from providing programmatic permits. It could be tough to get it done.

David suggested Gerry Anhorn as a good contact for Jennifer.

a.1) Carol's update: Carol reported that she is working on two SRFB applications; the Currier Creek project and Reecer Creek Floodplain project.

She said she is no longer affiliated with the Manastash project. The KRDC indicated it did not want to hold the KRDC/KCWP contract for YTAHP and will no longer maintain her position. As an alternative she has talked to Kittitas County Commissioner Dave Bowen. They are also looking for a Grant writing person. The City of Ellensburg may be another option as a subcontractor with YTAHP that she could work for, or possibly she could contract with the RC&D or KCCD.

Dave M. asked about the response from she got from Dave Bowen. Carol said it was amiable. Dave said he would talk with Bowen and/or Huston about the benefits of Carol working with them.

a.2) Fish Passage and Screening Workshop: Eric gave a update on the Workshop. The day of the Core Team meeting was the last day to get the discounted registration fee of \$40.00 after that it would be \$50.00. They had 92 registered so far. Pat Monk said he wanted to register.

b) Phase II Screening Program Celebration: Ed reported that Jay Marcotte had sent him an outline of a celebration being planned to highlight completion of the Yakima Basin Phase II Fish Screen Program. The celebration will be September

22 at Eschbach Park. It will include a visit to the Yakima Screen Shop and some of the different fish screen projects in the area. There will be a lunch and recognition of the many partners that helped in completing the projects. If anyone would like to go Jay said he would add their name to the invitation list. Richard and Carol passed on what they knew about the planned celebration. Carol has been asked by BPA to give a brief presentation. She will talk about what has been done and what remains to be done. She will mention YTAHP's role in what remains to be done. It was decided that YTAHP should be represented. Ed said he would send a list of YTAHP representatives to Jay.

5. **Next meeting: September 20, 2006, 9am –noon**
Location: Kittitas County PUD, 1400 E. Vantage Hwy. Ellensburg

Project Discussion (11 a.m.)

1. Technical Work Group meeting, Garretson fish passage question