

## AUGUST YTAHP CORE TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Carol Ready called the meeting to order Wednesday 8/14/02 at 9:10 a.m. Those present: Pat Schille & Eric Egbers (YSS), Richard Visser & Gina McCoy (WDFW), Anna Lael (KCCD), Carol Ready (KCWP), George Marshall (AID), Pat Monk, Dana Postlewait (MWH), Dave Myra & John Probst (RC&D). *David Byrnes & Shannon Stewart (BPA) attended via teleconference.*

### AGENDA

#### Administration

Agreements are signed with RC&D by AID, KCCD, and NYCD. KCWP has a signed agreement not yet delivered; WDFW has an agreement in process. We are ready to submit the first invoice to BPA and need agreements in place prior to submission. AID, KCCD, and NYCD will use the format provided by RC&D for submitting their respective invoices. WDFW and KCWP will submit their billings in their format and RC&D will translate them into the BPA-dictated format. *First cut FY 03 budgets need to be complete by 8/30/02.*

Some discussion was held concerning approval of future minutes, but without resolution.

Carol requested guidance on press releases and public tours. It was decided that she could go ahead with some of the local (Ellensburg) media awaiting information, but that future PR would wait for project construction or other significant tangible activity. BPA requested to be included in the loop and offered the assistance of one of their people.

#### MWH Update

Dana Postlewait presented an Early Action Project spreadsheet itemizing the projects to be done in FY 02 and estimating the cost of the work projects (both in total and timing of expenditure by FY). Because funding is not available to accomplish the scope of the projects as presented, a number of projects were modified/delayed. It was estimated that MWH had about \$450,000 remaining for the projects. After modifications, a very preliminary total cost of \$425,000 for projects in FY 02 was settled on as the target. However, if the cost estimates vary significantly from the \$425,000 estimate (which we will have a better handle on at the September meeting) further adjustments will be made by either reducing or adding projects (e.g., add the Lower Cowiche/Yakima Diversion). MWH will update the spreadsheet and place it on the website for Core Team information and use.

George Marshall provided RC&D with a list of pump diversion projects (for pump acquisition) for Ahtanum Creek and a letter to DOE requesting a downstream relocation of a POD for Diversion 13.

For the Fines Diversion-Wide Hollow Creek project, YSS has a BPA-owned screen available at no cost to the project, a \$25,000 savings. *A biological assessment (BA) is required for this project and will be completed by Richard Visser (WDFW).* Shannon Stewart (BPA) will review the BA and promised a 2-3 day turnaround. This project can

be completed by the end of October of this year if all permits, etc. are on-hand by October 15. Richard Visser, Shannon Stewart and Craig Garric (MWH) need to review the cultural resources element of this project.

It was decided that the Currier Creek Town Ditch Siphon project would be restricted to design only for FY 02, as would the Cooke Creek Rosbach Diversion. Total savings: \$140,000. The Eslinger Diversion is actually 2 projects: Caribou Creek and Park Creek. These will be design only. The Park Creek project added \$30,000 to the FY 02 total. The Rosbach and Eslinger Diversion projects include EQIP dollars for irrigation efficiencies and are joint efforts with USDA's David Chain. The Cooke Creek Towne Ditch Siphon project requires a *BA that will be done by Pat Monk*. In order to complete the BA, Monk will need the screen and siphon designs. Construction can take place after October 15 and must be complete before the end of February. A major factor in the early timing of this project is the elimination of algaecides use. That and Larry Brown of the Ellensburg Water Company is ready to move on this project and has set it as his highest priority. EWC has a total of 9 cross-connected waterways on their system and has corrected 7 of them with siphons to date. Also, 2 downstream barrier projects are currently in process with the Yakama Nation (Scott Nicolai)

The remaining project plans/estimates were not adjusted.

Again, the MWH website was discussed and will become the primary communication vehicle for Core Team members for both status and action items. MWH has posted a YTAHP Action Items Pending chart that will be updated regularly. BPA will be given access to the Core Team website.

#### Project Scheduling

This was handled in the previous discussions.

#### Tributary Inventories

Eric Egbers will try to confirm a SSHEAR Training for September. Carol Ready indicated that the Trib Team will likely be made up of a team lead (Anna Lael or Mike Tobin [NYCD]) and interns from CWU (for college credit). If insufficient personnel are available from CWU, Dave Myra suggested we contact Heritage College or YVCC. The YN is gathering tributary information for their projects and is using a model that they have developed. YTAHP should adapt this protocol or something similar/ compatible. Bruce Watson, formerly with the YN and now with Moberland Biometrics (?), has worked on tributary information gathering using the Ecosystem Diagnosis & Treatment model (EDT). YTAHP may find EDT helpful in setting project priorities once the tributary inventories are complete. Contact should be made with Watson to explore information sharing and how YTAHP can interface with and utilize EDT. Who should make contact to explore? Pat Monk? *Further focused discussion is needed to determine how the process will be managed, scheduled, coordinated and implemented.*

### Funding

Richard Visser will go to the SRFB Round 4 meeting to advise of YTAHP projects and needs. Gina McCoy will assist with the habitat aspects of SRFB grant applications. Submission deadline to Selah (Lead Agency) is 9/30/02. We missed the FRIMA grant-filing deadline. It was mentioned that WADOT has maintenance obligations for certain culverts diversions along I-90 and that they may be a source of funds for YTAHP. Richard Visser will explore DOT's position.

### Coordination

Carol Ready will spearhead the coordination effort of information/projects/funding/etc. with the YN (Scott Nicolai & Hank Fraser), regulators (NMFS, DOE, DOT, etc.) and elected officials. *A complete contact list is needed.*

### Other

Pat Monk provided a table summarizing level 1 (A) data collected at 17 sites on the Wipple Wasteway as a sample of the tributary inventories that the Trib Teams will need to collect. A habitat section would need to be added for a BA to be completed.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, 9/12/02 at the YSS at 3705 W. Washington in Yakima.

Respectfully submitted, 8/14/02.

Please forward any corrections/additions to [wwjdwe2@elltel.net](mailto:wwjdwe2@elltel.net). Minutes to be posted to the MWH website 8/16/02.