



## **YAKIMA TRIBUTARY ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM**

### **Minutes**

**16 APRIL 2003**

**EAST SELAH DOT MEETING ROOM 9:00AM-NOON**

**Attending: Mike Tobin, Eric Egbers, Pat Schille, Carol Ready, Anna Lael, David Nunn, Rusty Gigstead, Dave Myra, Scott Nicolai, Brent Renfrow, Henry Fraser, Richard Visser, Stephen Kropp, Bill Gillespie**

**1: ADMINISTRATION**

**A. Budget**

**Bill G presented the current budget to CORE team members. Dave M asked that each party review and submit an amended budget to reflect usage from the remainder of the 03 FY. Please have this in by the end of the month so new documents can be put together for BPA.**

**B. Projected expenditures for the remainder of FY 03. Will you have anything left on the table and if so can we redirect to enhancing Trib survey work?**

**As above please submit monies you can save to enhance the process in Kittitas County.**

**C. 2002 final report**

**Carol R and Dave M presented a progress report on the FY 02 BPA Annual Report. It is mostly complete and just needs to have a description of the completed projects and photos attached. Mike T asked if there was a standardized format that BPA requests. Carol R stated that the formats are available at BPA's website under publications.**

**2. COOKE CREEK**

**A. Progress report**

**Dave M reported that the Cooke Creek project is complete with the exception of the installation of the automated gate which is on back order. It is to be installed this week. MWH signed off on the project as complete. Larry Brown, EWC, in conjunction with the KCCD will be planting the riparian area.**

**Richard V, Dave M and Carol R brought up the requirements of having a on-site archeologist for Cooke Creek and for future projects. Scott N stressed it is necessary to do a site survey prior to project plans. Dave M requested that we get current clarification from BPA on cultural resources monitoring. Richard V will make contact with Shannon Stewart.**

**3. TRIBUTARY TEAMS**

**A. KCCD**

**21 miles of tributaries have been completed in Kittitas County. Most of Coleman Creek is complete. Two landowners expressed reluctance to allow the survey to take place on their property. The upper end of Cabin Creek is done. Dry Creek has lived up to its name and is now dry in the upper reaches.**

**Dave M inquired how the steams in Kittitas County were being prioritized. Brent R thought that Reecer and Currier should be at the top of the list because of ongoing projects. Hank F thought Naneum Creek should also be a priority. It is currently hard to tell what is creek and what is not.**

**Dave M suggested that KCCD, Scott N, Brent R and Hank F. get together and prioritize the tribs with some documentation so we can know where the project is going.**

**B. NYCD**

**Dave N presented a Power Point presentation on the status of Cowiche Creek. 20 miles have been completed. It was decided to End the survey on the N.F. Cowiche at the old 7' high Yakima Tieton Irrigation District dam in that the Creek is usually dewatered above that point.**

**C. WDFW-Habitat/Construction**

**Eric E. reported that the S.F. Ahtanum is just about done. High flows in the mainstem have made it to dangerous to wade at this point in time.**

**C. Where do we reallocate money if available?**

**It was decided that any monies be made available be reallocated to KCCD to enhance the survey work currently underway.**

**Dave M asked that everyone re-do the budgets to reflect moving money from salary to equipment due to the necessity of procuring**

waders, shoes, stadia rods, etc that are wearing out.

**4. WDFW**

**A. New Hire**

**Richard V introduced Stephen Kropp as the new YTAHP member from WDFW. Steve will be assigned in both Kittitas and Yakima County to help with survey work and BA's. Steve has a background in engineering which will be of great benefit to the program.**

**Welcome aboard Steve.**

**Richard also reported on the current status of SRFB applications.**

**Two of the projects were upgraded, however the Cabin Creek project was not upgraded. WDFW did receive 1.8M for land acquisition that may make the Cabin Creek project viable again if some of the 1.8M could be used as matching funds.**

**5. PERMITTING CHECKLIST**

**Richard V said William will be E-mailing the checklist to YTHAP members in the near future.**

**7. FRIMA applications. (Carol)**

**Carol stated that applications need to be in by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Eric E. thinks there will only be 400K available for the State. Carol is to check. This item is be on the next agenda. Please coordinate efforts.**

**SFRB applications need to deal with riparian conditions on all future projects per Scott N.**

**8. Liz Kinne- Mid-Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group**

**Will be on the next agenda. Per Mike T.**

**Americorp will also be invited. Richard V will make contact.**

**9. OTHER**

**Mike T. offered a tour of the new nursery at the next meeting. Plants are available for CD's, WDFW, etc at a nominal cost.**

**Anna L stated that root wads are available. Brent R is make contact with WDFW construction shop to move them to a site for future projects.**

**THE NEXT MEETING IS MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 0900 AT THE USDA SERVICE  
CENTER MEETING ROOM ON PERRY STREET IN YAKIMA**

**Submitted by: Bill Gillespie**

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