

AGENDA/ MINUTES - 18 DECEMBER 2002

EAST SELAH DOT

Attending: Dave Nunn, NYCD; Michael Tobin, NYCD; Scott Nicolai, YN-YKFP; Gina McCoy, DFW; Richard Visser, DFW; William Meyer, DFW; David Chain, NRCS; Anna Lael, KCCD; Carol Ready, KCWP; Eric Egbers, DFW; Henry Fraser, YN; Dave Myra, SCW RC&D; Bill Gillespie, SCW RC&D

1. ADMINISTRATION

A. Revised Budget

Bill Gillespie distributed new invoices with the latest changes along with a corrected first page of the Inter-local Agreement.

2. COOKE CREEK

A. Progress report

Dave Myra presented the MWH update submitted by Dana Postlewait. There continue to be some problems with permitting but it should be resolved by 12-19-02. There was an additional requirement for on site monitoring by a qualified archaeologist. Carol Ready is to check with CWU for possible help and get back to Richard Visser. Dave Myra is to check if NRCS can assist to keep the project moving forward.

3. TRIBUTARY TEAMS

A. KCCD

Anna Lael reported that the inventory on Coleman Creek is underway. The lower 2 ½ miles have been completed. Dry Creek has been done to the railroad tracks. Henry Fraser asked if the inventory teams were collecting flow and temp data. Carol and Anna stated that they have both flow and temp sampling on selected parts of the tributary.

Anna Lael has letters out to landowners stating the purpose of the inventory. Scott Nicolai commented that it is important to keep a file of whom you contact and if a public meeting a sign in sheet to demonstrate to BPA that outreach is being accomplished.

B. NYCD

Dave Nunn has the letter to land owners ready to go out. Landowners have been identified along with mailing addresses. Trib inventory should begin by the end of December depending on weather. There was discussion about collecting riparian habitat condition while doing the SSHEAR assessment. Dave Nunn and Gina McCoy will hash out details on what and how much should be collected. Gina indicated she should attend the Jan 14 2003 meeting with the City of Yakima, Yakima County, AID, NYCD, WDFW, WDFW Construction, Golder Associates, BOR, Yakama Nation and SCW RC&D.

C. Quality control/ consistency of data collection.

As part of the Jan 14 2003 further discussion will be held so all parties will use the same protocols as much as possible.

4. WDFW

A. Results of 12-12-02 tributary meeting

Richard Visser, as Watershed Steward, brought together most of the parties involved in the assessments being undertaken on the tributaries in upper Yakima County. As a result of the meeting tributaries were divided up and agencies assumed responsibility for the various tribs.

B. Cooperative compliance

Richard Visser asked that all Core team members review the documents from Walla Walla on the Cooperative Compliance program in place and see if that could be replicated in Yakima And Kittitas County.

C. Manastash

Richard Visser asked that YTAHP consider taking the Manastash project on and develop implementation plans. Scott Nicolai reported that the problems have been identified and that 6 and possibly 7 options are under consideration- all are very pricey per pre-engineering evaluations. He inquired as to what funding sources are available. David Chain said some monies were available under EQIP and Irrigation Efficiencies.

Richard Visser asked how the group makes decisions and Dave Myra indicated it was by consensus.

Mike Tobin had concerns about lawsuits on the Manastash and doesn't want it to come back on YTAHP.

Bill Gillespie is to check if a SSHEAR inventory has been done on Manastash and report back to team.

Carol Ready and Anna Lael indicated they were willing to explore how KCWP and KCCD could assist in the project.

WDFW would like to utilize the new hire staff to move the project forward. It was felt that the Manastash project falls within the parameters of the YTAHP project and is a tributary of high importance.

5. WEB SITE

A. Migration- who will host?

Anna Lael is exploring the possibility of hosting the WEB page. MWH will continue to host for 6 months.

B. What type of info/data will we put on the site?

The agenda, minutes, project pictures, project descriptions are all types of info that should be placed on the site.

6. FISH SCREENS

A. Where can we situate

Bill Gillespie distributed the inventory of available fish screens. Pictures of each were made available. David Chain has three (3) sites that need screens ASAP. David Chain and Eric Egbers are to coordinate on placement.

Henry Fraser had a question on easements for the screens. Do they have to go thru BPA? Do we have to pay fair market value? If so it could preclude doing some projects because of the costs involved. David Chain stated that landowners are asked to provide the easement as part of the projects and does not foresee a problem.

Discussion was held on the need to have easements legally recorded on the Deed to prevent problems occurring in the future.

The need for an O and M agreement that states if screen is not needed the landowner shall notify the Conservation District or NRCS so that it can be reclaimed for placement elsewhere.

The Core Team needs location and names of where screens are to be installed. Gina McCoy should be notified for habitat concerns early on in the process. David Chain indicated that it would be done.

Permitting and BA's need to be done ASAP. William Meyer indicated that some were already underway.

B. Demo unit

C. See attached inventory of screens

Next Meeting: Jan 15 2003
9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
East Selah DOT Conf Room
East Selah Road