

Meeting Minutes

19 February 2003

KRD OFFICE, 4th and Water, Ellensburg

Attending: Richard Visser, Anna Lael, Carol Ready, David Nunn, William Meyer, Pat Schille, Henry Fraser, Scott Nicolai, Dana Postlewait, Brent Renfro, Bill Gillespie

1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. A. Budget submittal – Thank you!! Minutes of last meeting approved.
- 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 Tribe survey work?
Dana Postlewait, MWH, stated they may have some money to put back on the table. They will know for sure towards the end of March. If they do we will de-obligate MWH and re-obligate YTAHP to enhance tributary surveys.
- C. Do we expand YTAHP? Who do we want on board?
Richard Visser suggested we set up a separate meeting with DOE and NMFS. Dana suggested that we might want to involve the BPA water rights people.
- D. CRM training.
Bill Gillespie reported on training available on setting up small watershed groups.

2. COOKE CREEK

- A. Progress report
Dana Postlewait brought us up to date on Cooke Creek. It is on schedule, on budget with only minor weather issues. MWH is happy with the contractor and the subs. The cost of the flow meter caused some discussion. Anna Lael stated that flow meters are available thru DOE thru June. Up to \$50,000 per site and can be tied up for several year. Scott Nicolai sees a need for metering strategies-is the data going to be used? Richard Visser, Dana Postlewait and Anna Lael discussed the need for easement protocols and suggested it be place on the next agenda.

3. TRIBUTARY TEAMS

- A. KCCD
Anna Lael stated not much is being done due to high water conditions. They expect to start back on 2-20-03. Presentations were made to the Cattlemen's Assn and the Growers Assn explaining YTAHP and tributary assessments. They were mostly positively received. Pat Schille, WDFW,

offered the use of the two new hires that will be assessing Ahtanum Creek until all of the equipment arrives.

B. NYCD

Dave Nunn, NYCD, reported on the progress on Cowiche and Weans Creeks. Again high water has hampered the assessment and expects to be back on the creek on 2-20.

C. Quality control/ consistency of data collection.

Dave Nunn, Anna Lael and Pat Schille agreed that there are sufficient checks in place to ensure quality control and consistency in the data being collected since we are all using the SSHEAR Protocol. WDFW will not be doing a PFC of Ahtanum as part of the assessment. Dave Nunn and possibly a habitat bio will assist on collecting that part of the data.

D. Data sharing-who, what, how much?

Anna and Dave stated everything is public and available to everyone.

E. Data repository-who, what, when and where?

All data being collected is being housed in-house. There was discussion **on the need to have a core data collection site. Carol Ready and William Meyer stated we need a process checklist for all permits and logistics needed on projects. This will include permits required, timeline to keep in mind, agency person and phone number/address to contact for the permits, etc. The vision is to provide all the info and contacts in a single place along with a flow chart. William and Carol are to develop the checklist.**

F. WDFW- SSHEAR protocol. Where do we end survey? Do we do tribbs that are in the hands of state and federal jurisdiction?

Given the time constraints and budget it was decided to focus the efforts on the tribbs within agricultural lands and to cut the survey off when a trib reached state or federal land. We are to coordinate with the large forest landowners such as Boise, etc.

G. What do we do about diversions that do not have a water right?

To be addressed at next meeting.

H. Creation of a Memorandum of Understanding for data sharing among the various political entities (Yakima Co, City of Yakima, Kittitas Co, Yakama Nation) and Agencies such as DOE, BOR, USFS, USFSW, etc. Cancel M.O.U. Share data as draft info.

4. WDFW

A. New Hire

Still on hold

B. SRFB report
Richard stated that the presentations went quite well and are now awaiting state action.

C. BA report
William said NMFS, USFWS and BPA have given their blessing on the BA template.

William, Eric Bartrand and Pat Monk divided up the BA's. Eric will be doing Ahtanum and Wide Hollow. Pat is working Hernandez/Taylor and William is on EWC/Upper Nanum and Cowiche.

5. PAT MONK

A. YRBWEP- YAKIMA RIVER TRIBUTARY MEETING REPORT
This was an informational meeting to discuss who was doing what on the tributaries.

6. OTHER

A. Dana Postlewait stated that David Byrnes, BPA, would like guidelines for small projects with small landowners. Pat stated that NMFS has a new document (sec 18) that has guidelines. (Pat, I did not get the name of the doc. Would you please supply?) [Anadromous Salmonid Passage Facility Guidelines and Criteria. www.Nrw.noaa.gov/1hydrop/hydroweb/ferc.htm](http://www.Nrw.noaa.gov/1hydrop/hydroweb/ferc.htm)
Thanks Pat!

B. Anna Lael and Bill Gillespie brought up the need to move on the placement of the screens. It was felt that David Chain needed to be contacted as soon as possible to specify the sites where the screens will be placed. Bill is contact David and invite to next meeting. (We may need to have a special meeting due to time constraints on placement of the screens). NOTE: Meeting is set for March 6th in Ellensburg. Time needs to be coordinated. Bill Gillespie and Dave Myra have a RC&D meeting at 9:30 in Ellensburg that should last about 2 hours.

C. Henry Fraser, YN, reported on Manastash Creek projects. Dana also provided info on the engineering work already completed. Henry stated that legislation is being introduced to attempt to fund some of the projects.

Next Meeting: **I could not get the East Selah DOT meeting room on the 19th. The room is available on the 17th from 9 til 1. I have scheduled the room for our meeting. Please change your calendars.**

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Gillespie

Minutes approved_____

