

AGENDA MINUTES - 15 JANUARY 2003

EAST SELAH DOT

Attending: Dave Myra, RC&D; Richard Visser, WDFW; John Broom, WDFW; Eric Egbers, WDFW; Anna Lael, KCCD; Carol Ready, KCWP; David Nunn, NYCD; Gina McCoy, WDFW; Pat Monk, Irrigation Districts; William Meyer, WDFW; Pat Schille, WDFW; George Marshall, AID; Henry Fraser, Yakama Nation; Bill Gillespie, RC&D

1. 1. ADMINISTRATION

- A. A. Budget Submittal
Please submit vouchers by the 5th of each month but in no event later than the 10th

2. 2. COOKE CREEK

- A. Progress report
Dave Myra, RC&D, presented an update from MWH on Cooke Creek. Project is on schedule and on budget.

Carol Ready, KCWP, had a great Power Point on the construction activities. Carol reported that MRM Construction is using ecology block to ensure the siphons do not float during periods of dewatering. Eric Egbers, WDFW Construction Shop, informed they have 5 ton pyramid blocks available for holding down siphons if necessary.

Pat Schille, WDFW Construction Shop, questioned the advisability of not having an inspector on site at all times. Dave Myra explained that MRM submits daily digital photos and MWH will have an engineer on site at the critical points.

Carol is paying for the archeologist out of her budget. Richard Visser, WDFW, questioned why BPA is not paying for the service. In the past BPA provided that service and we need to contact BPA to see if this is a change in policy.

3. 3. TRIBUTARY TEAMS

- A. KCCD
Anna Lael, KCCD, reported that 5.6 miles of trib's have been assessed. Portions of Coleman and Dry creek have been done. They have one landowner refusing permission but otherwise a fairly positive response. Anna also noted that Rusty Gigstead from KCCD will be presenting a program to Kittitas growers at the end of January explaining what YTAHP can do for them and addressing land owner concerns.
- B. NYCD
David Nunn, NYCD, stated that the assessment on Cowiche Creek is underway. 1.6 miles have been completed. Letters and information packets were sent to all landowners and there have been a few questions but no negative responses.

Bill Gillespie, RC&D, asked if another SSHEAR training will take place in Yakima. Eric Egbers stated one will take place in Feb. We would like to have some of the training take place on Cowiche Creek to assess a complex series of structures and habitats. The Cowiche team is conducting a PFC assessment in addition to the SSHEAR.

In the course of the assessment 6 pump diversions were found that do not appear to have any water rights associated with the diversions. Discussion was held on what to do with the information. It was decided that issue is a Department of Ecology problem. We will continue to GPS the site and take digital photographs of those diversions encountered.

Eric Egbers questioned why DOE is not part of the YTAHP. After discussion it was decided to invite them to become involved.

William Meyers, WDFW, sees a need for more publicity on the activities of YTAHP. Richard Visser asked if there were any standards on press releases. Dave Myra asked that a heads up be given to Dave M or Bill G. Also we need to develop a brief fact sheet to refer to when giving interviews or informational meeting so we are all stating the same thing. Bill Gillespie is to develop and submit a draft to additions, deletions or corrections.

- C. Quality control/ consistency of data collection.
David Nunn and Richard Visser reported on the various trib assessments taking place in the upper Yakima County. The City of Yakima, Yakima County, Yakama Nation, Golder Associates, and WDFW Construction are all doing similar assessments and using the same protocols. Eric Egbers is to contact Joel Freudenthal, Yakima County, about the 10 miles of SSHEAR assessment on Ahtanum Creek.

4. 4. WDFW

- A. Manastash update
Richard Visser asked for clarification on whether or not YTAHP will be involved in the Manastash tributary. After discussion it was felt it was appropriate and there will be YTAHP involvement. To what extent remains to be seen since it appears the SSHEAR assessment has been completed and other engineering has been completed. Assistance could be in the form of applying for grants to complete or implement projects.
- B. Template BE/BA update (William Meyer)
William Meyer, WDFW, has a template 80% complete. After consultation with Dale Bambrek, NOAA, it may be possible to batch process some of the BE/BA assessments. He also stated a programmatic approach may be OK in the future. William stated that any request for permitting to USFWS will take a minimum of 2 months if Lynx are present, however litigation is changing how business is being done on a month to month basis. The applications should include vicinity maps, historical structures, flows, temperature, construction schedules and simple project drawings.

- C. Cooperative Compliance
John Broom presented the necessity to start getting the information out on cooperative compliance. Dave Nunn stated that an appropriate time to address the issue is after a particular tributary has been assessed and the Tributary Teams are formed. At that time Cooperative Compliance would be explained to the Trib Team members.

Richard Visser requested that we have a special meeting to address Cooperative Compliance and DOE. This was agreed and will be set.

Dave Myra stated we need to set parameters. – What is YTAHP and develop a fact sheet explaining all facets of the program. Bill Gillespie is to develop a draft as per above.

5. 5. WEB SITE

- A. Condition of WEB site (William Meyer)
William M noted that the WEB site is not very useful. Not a lot of information. We are still exploring where the site will be hosted. Carol is to get the information to William on how to post to the site.

6. 6. PAT MONK

- A. YRBWEP- YAKIMA RIVER TRIBUTARY MEETING REPORT
Pat Monk present information on a meeting to be held 1-16-2003 at the BOR office that is to discuss tributaries. Pat, Carol, and Richard will attend and present to the group what YTAHP is doing and report back to the Core team at the next meeting.

7. 7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place at 0900 on 2-19-2003 in Ellensburg. Carol will select site and let us know the place.

**Respectfully submitted,
Bill Gillespie**

Minutes approved _____
Date _____