



YAKIMA TRIBUTARY ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM

MINUTES **17 June 9am-Noon**

PLACE: East Selah DOT

In attendance: Henry Fraser, Yakama Nation; Jay Marcott, BPA; William Meyer, WDFW; Jonathan Kohr, WDFW; Eric Egbens, WDFW; Stephan Kropp, WDFW; Brent Renfro, WDFW; Anna Lael, KCCD; Carol Ready KC Water Purveyors; Rusty Gigstead, KCCD; Dave Myra, SCWRC&D; Dave Nunn, NYCD; Michael Tobin, NYCD; Mark Reynolds, WSDOT.

1. ADMINISTRATION

a) BPA Vouchers – *Bill submitted updated vouchering process to BPA for review. Included additional requested data from each of the contractors except for WDFW. The billing for May was submitted using the updated format – no response from BPA, will assume documentation is adequate.*

b) Accrual Exercise *Due end of June, information has been submitted to BPA. BPA trial run to see how it's going to work, will have to do again in September. Jay apologized for having to do the exercise twice in the same year. The following is discussions by Jay Marcotte – BPA: Option fixed price based on project cost request based on accomplishments. Implementing Prism Software first of fiscal year for online viewing. There is a Contractor workshop scheduled for July. YN Safe Passages construction budget was not included in the 2005 budget for YTAHP which was the original ideas when the merger was proposed. All paperwork necessary to include the funds has been submitted and expectations are they will be available in the YTAHP budget for next year. Jay was asked about the 30 day waiting period for funds to be deposited after vouchers are submitted. He will check on this and get word back to us. (We need 10 days no more than 15 for cash flow.) (Jay followed up on this issue by indicating that any contract which was working with a “net 10” day turn around time will never be more than “net 15”. This will work for us and allow funding to be disbursed prior to the first of the next month. Dave)*

2. DESIGN/BUILD

a) Discussion of having a contractor on board earlier in the process.

(Mike) Presented to the group discussions about getting a contractors perspective on projects early on in the process of determining alternatives for solving problems on the ground. Early involvement would have the potential of cutting costs and streamlining the rest of the design and permitting process. The group thought the idea had merit but problems could arise over that same contractor then bidding on the project and having

an unfair advantage over other prospective bidders. On the matter of “design/build” Rusty G. indicated there are Washington Codes (WACs) which are fairly restrictive as to what can be done. Mike will gather additional information about the legality of utilizing a contractor as a consultant. Mike will research and get back to the group at a later date.

3. INVENTORY TEAMS

a) **KCCD- Anna** – *Inventory has been completed on 104 miles of tributaries. A map has been created showing progress. Additional data is being reviewed and will be added to data base within a couple of weeks.*

b) **NYCD- Dave N** – *Inventory*

work will start up again in July. Lower Wenas will be completed this year as well as reviewing the work done on Wide Hollow. Slough areas, which support habitat, will also be inventoried. Dave wanted to know if the folks from the Yakima area could possibly be utilized to assist on Kittitas tribs if time was available. This would be possible as long as enough lead time was allowed to inform land owners and get the team oriented. Will coordinate with Anna.

4. TRIBUTARY TEAMS

a) **Cowiche Creek** *Dave N. Next Cowiche trib team mtg will be late July.*

Pump Screens (Dave N) *Five pump screen are scheduled to be installed on Cowiche as demonstration projects. Thinking of using Walla Walla College tech assistance package to work with land owners. With permits can start work at low flow, at end of summer. As it now stands, each screen will take a separate application. A trib team will be formed on Ahtanum Creek after discussion with WDFW (Eric) concerning the type of work already scheduled and what additional activities are needed.*

b) **Kittitas** – *No report presented.*

5. TWG *No meeting was held in June*

WSDOT Naches River Project – *Mark Reynolds reported on the work DOT is looking at from the confluence of the Naches and Yakima to 16th ave. The City of Yakima also has available the feasibility study “Consolidation of the Nelson Dam Fruitvale and Old Union Diversions and associated fish habitat enhancement.” It was decided the next YTAHP meeting day would allow presentations of both the DOT information as well as Dave Brown from the City of Yakima with a presentation on the feasibility study. This will be July 21st, YTAHP will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the Naches River group will convene at that time.*

6. Priorities

a) **WDFW (Steve) (Pellicer)** – *Eight more weeks to start of construction. (Upper Lust) on track to get all permits by beginning of October with construction beginning late in the month or early November. (Lower Lust, Snow Mountain) postponed until next year. A meeting was also scheduled for July 12th for the technical team (fish bios) to convene and revisit the prioritization of habitat areas to be addressed on tributaries in the Kittitas Valley. This is needed to prioritize project activities for upcoming years. This process will get better as more data is collected and analyzed from the inventory work which is ongoing.*

b) **FY 05 S.O.W.** *Draft will be started utilizing the format of the previous work plans. Each of the team participants will be contacted for additional input as to targeted activities for the next year. This information will be requested after the meeting on the 12th which will fine tune priority activities. A draft SOW will need to be available by August 1st. (continued next page)*

Carol R. had a request of the group to consider support of a private screen vendor in the Kittitas Valley by purchasing screens from him with 04 YTAHP funds. Comments centered around the better approach is to find a project site and then allow Mr. Roberts the opportunity to be one of the vendors available to provide equipment for a particular application. The group expressed support for private vendors to have the ability to benefit from the work being done by YTAHP as long as equipment manufactured meets the needs and requirements of the technical agencies.

7. Manastash Project-Update (Anna, Carol)

a) Meeting with DOE, Legislative Reps, State AG, Manastash, YTAHP and others.
Date YBD *A public meeting set for July 21st with the KCCD Board and the Director of Ecology. The meeting is primarily between the KCCD Board and Ecology but is public since the Board will have a quorum in attendance*

b) The Manastash project has changed direction primarily due to the issue with Ecology and review of water rights associated with the change in point of diversion. The approach will now be to address each diversion point separately and not work towards the alternative of combining deliveries and piping.

8. Safe Passages *Hank, Jay and Dave will meet briefly following the meeting to further discuss the combination of YTAHP and Safe passages. 04 budgets will be reviewed and funding issues discussed. Relevant information will be provided to the group. (It was determined there are no funds left in the Safe Passages 04 budget and efforts will continue to be directed to include the 05 Safe Passages construction dollars in the YTAHP 05 budget as was previously discussed.)*

9. Other- Eaton project – Bridge Procurement (Anna) *Landowner could utilize a bridge for livestock movement if funding was available to assist in purchase. May have funds available until end of November, will bring a report on cost to the next meeting. Also, Anna indicated there is the possibility of doing some habitat rehab work on Wilson Creek in close proximity to the east end of CWU. Additional data will be obtained.*

Mike – *Liz Kinney, Regional Fisheries Enhancement, will be at the next meeting to discuss her program and let us know about funding availability. Mike also requested input by 6/22 of anyone needing root wads for the upcoming construction season.*

10. Next meeting: July 21st 9am –noon East Selah DOT Meeting Room.