



YAKIMA TRIBUTARY ACCESS & HABITAT PROGRAM

Core Team Meeting Minutes

15 March, 2006 9am-Noon

Kittitas County PUD, 1400 E. Vantage Hwy. Ellensburg

Attendance: Pat Monk, Anna Lael, Carol Ready, Henry Fraser, Dave Myra, David Child, Mike Tobin, Richard Visser, Ed Harrell.

1. ADMINISTRATION

- a) Approve Agenda: Dave asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There being none the agenda was approved.
- b) Approve October Minutes: Dave asked if there were any corrections or additions to the February Minutes that Ed had e'mailed to the Core Team. There being none the minutes were approved as e'mailed.
- c) Update on FY-06 SOW revision: Ed explained that he had completed making changes to the FY-06 SOW based on input from Mike T. David C. Anna L. and Hank F. He had e'mailed the final draft to the same and hoped to get any final revisions by March 21, so he could submit the revised SOW to BPA by March 23 or 24.
- d) Permitting position transition: Richard V. asked Ed to read a note from Stephen Kropp to the Core Team. In the note Steve acknowledged that he was leaving to take a job with King County. He thank everyone for making him part of the YTAHP team and he enjoyed working with everyone on YTAHP projects. Richard commented on Steve's good work. Everyone agreed that he will be missed. Richard said WDFW will be advertising to fill the position as soon as possible. They will be looking both within and outside of WDFW for a good candidate.

Dave M. reported that there had been discussion about whether to keep the position in WDFW. In these discussions there seemed to be a consensus that the advantages of being within WDFW were considerable and it would be best to continue with that arrangement. Richard also explained that once the position was filled there would be quarterly meetings between the permit person, his WDFW supervisor and YTAHP representatives to assess how things are going and help set permitting priorities.

Dave said that in the meantime we need to work together to get our permitting done. Mike said he had a significant number of projects on line. Permitting is now the weak link in getting these done. There is a lot of funding that will be lost if these projects do not get done this year.

Richard said he recognizes the need and Steve has left good records about what needs to be done. Dave M. said that a blanket permit for pump screens would be very helpful. Richard said he is working on a draft for this.

Anna said she had a short list of critical permitting priorities she will give Richard.

Dave M. asked Pat how his time looked for possibly helping with the permitting. Pat said he would be willing to help with preparation of Biological Assessments and ESA study needed for the permitting process. Dave said that Pat needs an exact list by next week of what he might do. Richard and Perry will cover the other stuff.

Mike said we need to keep communicating with each other and we need to know who is responsible for doing what.

2. UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS

- a) NYCD: David C. reported that the pipe had been installed at the Garretson project. The meter was going to be installed soon, there would be some additional planting and the project will be completed. The Lesh fish screen had been installed, there are a couple of things to finish up including some planting and the Lesh project will also be completed.

Mike reported that water rights and coordination work was moving ahead on the YTID (Lust) project. It is hoped that construction removing the Lust diversion will be done this fiscal year.

Also, there is a Technical Work Group meeting scheduled for March 22. Projects to be discussed include; Diversion 31, Boyd Brown diversion, Matson diversion, and the Naches & Cowiche Canal Co. undershot siphon on Cowiche Creek. This last project will probably be a FY-07 construction project.

The Shaw/Knox permitting is coming along, also final engineering. Richard said he had received a letter from Yakima County regarding the shoreline exemption for Shaw/Knox. He will meet with Mike and David about this next week.

David described the Schneider, Wilkinson, Green project just downstream from lower Lust. This is an in-stream habitat project that will include in-stream structures riparian plantings and pump screens. It will be discussed at a future TWG meeting.

David reported that there are several pump screen installations in the works, the permitting for these needs to get underway soon. Pat M. asked for a list of what NYCD wants him to do in preparing BA's for permits.

- b) KCCD: Anna reported that the cultural survey for the KCCD projects on Fogarty ditch has been completed. The Attcheson piping project is ready to go. The Paine ring well needs some water rights/change of diversion work done. Bean has signed the agreement for installation of a pump screen.

Vegetation planting work at the Ellensburg City Waste Treatment facility is moving ahead.

The Caribou Creek (Gibb) project is on the short list of things to get done. The pump diversion on Parke Creek (Eslinger/Sorenson) is another project for the permitting short list. The screen will be installed early in FY-07. The Coleman Creek projects need permitting but they are not a rush. They deal with the two diversions above last years Coleman Creek project.

Anna said they are still talking with the landowner (Ludwick) on the Lyle Creek piping project.

Richard asked about how Cultural Resource surveys were handled regarding BPA. Anna said she communicates with BPA on KCCD projects and Stephen Kropp had been doing it for NYCD projects.

Anna reported that there was a water rights issue with the Eaton Lmuma Creek project regarding moving water rights from Lmuma Creek to the Yakima River. After some discussion the Eatons decided to give up the very small Lmuma Creek right and take all of their water out of the Yakima. The pump on the Yakima will have a new screen installed.

The lower Reecer Creek projects seem to be in flux. New design considerations for the Durand diversion, new land owners for Pott and possibly Pautzke. A pump for the Durand diversion would cost about \$65,000. This seems like a lot. Hank said the Durand project could be ready to go fairly soon after agreement on the final design. The pump is expensive (due to golf course requirements) but the alternative could be even more expensive. Hank said Rusty had suggested a flat plate screen with water diverted to a water vault. The water vault would be sized to enable pump withdrawl by the three lower Reecer Creek water users.

Anna reported that the Coleman Creek and the Cherry Creek tributary teams had met.

- 3. UPDATE ON PENDING PROJECTS:** Discussion of Pending Projects was covered under the discussion of Current Projects.

4. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- a) Report from Tony on Cascade Irrigation District projects. Tony did not show up. We will continue to invite him to talk with us about CID projects.
- b) BPA - Cultural Resources Workshops: Dave M. reported that he will be attending the BPA Cultural Resource workshop in Pendleton, OR on March 23.

Other items of interest discussed:

Carol described a request she received from Jay Marcotte at BPA for possible YTAHP assistance to the Naches/Selah Irrigation District. Dave M. and Mike explained what they knew of the N/SID needs and that it was really not a good fit with YTAHP. Dave M. said he and Mike would prepare a response to Jay and send a copy of it to Carol.

Anna mentioned that she had been told by the Army Corp of Engineers that they will provide training regarding their permitting jurisdiction and requirements. Anna said she could invite the ACoE come over to provide us the training, possibly at a Core Team meeting. Everyone seemed interested in the training. When it is set up we may want to invite a broader group to participate. Anna said she would check on the details.

- 5. Next meeting: April 19, 2006, 9am –noon**
Location: East Selah DOT meeting room