



**YAKIMA TRIBUTARY ACCESS
AND HABITAT PROGRAM
AGENDA**

15 October, 2003 9am-Noon

**PLACE: East Selah DOT Meeting Room
Yakima**

**Attending: Dave M, Dave N, Carol R, Anna L, Hank F, Eric
E, Bill G, Richard V, Joel F.**

1: ADMINISTRATION

- A. Project tracking**
The RC&D has purchased MS Project to track all projects for YTAHP. Carol, Anna, and Bill will be attending a class at BLA on Oct 23 and 24th.
- B. Need SOW for new contracts.**
Still need SOW from NYCD, KCCD and AID.
- C. Quarterly report/Annual Report**
The 4th Quarter report was submitted and FY 03 Annual report is under construction.

2. POLICY

- A. Administrative Policy for YTAHP private landowner projects.**
BPA response. We have not heard from BPA. The land owner agreements were sent to BPA on 9-29-03. RC&D will contact David Byrnes today to check on the status of the legal review.

3. TRIBUTARY TEAMS

- A. KCCD**
A good portion of Whiskey Creek is done. Naneum Creek is next followed by the Cherry Creek and its tribs. 67 total miles are now complete
- B. NYCD**
Dave Nunn distributed the draft document developed from data collected on Cowiche Creek utilizing the WDFW SSHEAR protocol and other instruments. Dave asked that the Core Team review and get back to him. **AND it was really cool! A good example to work from.**

- C. **WDFW**
Eric stated that the Ahtanum data is still on hold until Nov/Dec.
- D. **KCWP**
 - a) Trib team draft make up. Please bring comments to Carols draft document. Dave N indicated he would be using the document pretty much as is.
- 4. **WDFW**
 - A. **New issues:**
Richard stated Steve K needed the JARPA for Coleman Creek. Anna will send.
 - B. **Permitting progress on Big Creek, etc**
Eric reported work is proceeding on the project. Access road is in, coffer dam is in, main flow is diverted and the passage structure starts this week. There is a 4 week construction window.
 - C. **Report by Richard on “Gap to Gap” planning group**
Richard reported that the second meeting produced a lead for the project. WSDOT will take the co- lead with the city and county. Next meeting is on 10-28-03. YTAHP has an interest in the lower reach of Cowiche Creek that overlaps the groups project area.
- 5. **ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION**
 - a) **Report on Div 14.**
Div 14 is progressing. By-pass channel is in and functioning. Fish salvage is ready to commence and construction possibly on Friday 10-20-03. A photo log is in process.
- 6. **Manastash Project-Update (Anna)**
KCCD has a signed contract with Doe for 2.4M and a 1.5M contract with BPA. SHPO process has been initiated. KCCD has a contract with KRD for Carols time on the project.
- 7. **Safe Passages/YTAHP collaboration. Hank, Bill and Dave.**
Discussion about blending the efforts of Safe Passages and YTAHP. Since we do the same type projects and work closely on projects it was felt that we should explore how to meld the projects and gain some efficiencies. In the short term YTAHP will support a request for additional funding for the Safe Passages projects that are currently under-funded. Dave and Bill will send out the letter of support.

- 8. Programmatic Biological Opinion (Pat) BPA's response. See e-mail from Shannon Stewart/David Byrnes attached.**
Discussion was held on this matter and it was felt that this should be handled at upper level management of BPA and NOAA. Hank asked if we could assign a YTAHP person as direct liaison to NOAA. Bill and Dave will write a letter to Shannon at BPA expressing our concerns and asking how the matter was handled in Walla Walla. Carol will coordinate with Pat M, Steve K, William M, Hank F and Richard V on our response/ideas of how to handle the permitting on a local level if we will not be able to utilize the programmatic approach and do individual permitting on each site. This will commence after response from BPA.
- 9. Sub-Basin planning: Joel Freudenthal and Richard Visser**
Joel and Richard appeared before YTAHP to ask assistance in inventorying all existing activities in the Yakima sub Basin for the Sub Basin Planning Group. A handout was distributed outlining the process. Joel would like YTAHP to help develop the inventory form and fill out the resulting form . He would like to complete the process by Dec 1st. Dave asked when the development meeting would take place. Joel will get back to us on the date. Oct 23rd and 24th are out as is Oct 29th and 30th.
- 10. WEB update**
Anna has the web site up and running. Please look at the site and make comments.
- 11. Next Meeting- Nov 20th, Thursday, 9-12 at East Selah DOT**
Dec Meeting -Dec 17th, Wednesday, 9-12 at East Selah DOT

Submitted by: Bill Gillespie