



## **YAKIMA TRIBUTARY ACCESS AND HABITAT PROGRAM**

### **Minutes: 15 September, 2004**

**PLACE: Kittitas County PUD, 1400 E. Vantage Hwy. Ellensburg,**

**Attending: Bill Gillespie, Pat Monk, Anna Lael, Carol Ready, Dave Nunn, Scott Nicolai, David Gerth, Pat Schille, Dave Myra, Mike Tobin, Ed Harrell.**

#### **1. ADMINISTRATION**

Dave Myra recognized Bill Gillespie for his excellent service as previous manager of the YTAHP program. A thank you plaque was given to Bill. Out of habit, Bill had purchased the donuts for the meeting.

##### **a) Budget**

###### **1. FY 04 – Status on expenditure of funds.**

Ed asked if there were any changes to the previously submitted projections of September/year end expenses. He mentioned that it looked like there would be about \$58,000 in 04 funding left at the end of the year. There was some concern that this is a lot of unspent funding. If people had known this was available, additional materials or work could have been purchased. (A subsequent check of the projected expenses puts the possible unused funding at \$48,000. If this can be used on approved projects before the end of September please contact me or Dave. We need to check with NYCD and KCCD to make sure their projected expenses have not increased and can be covered.)

###### **2. FY 05 – Review, modify? and approve budget.**

Ed referred everyone to the proposed Draft 05 Budget. This had been distributed to everyone previously and there were no questions or issues. Dave Myra said that the amount for the Washington Conservation Corp had been reduced from what was requested in order to balance the budget. But if funds became available during the year more would be directed to the WCC. Everyone seemed to agree that the WCC did a good job and habitat improvements were important. There were no budget changes requested.

##### **b) FY 05 Work Elements.**

Ed explained that the Scope of Work format used in past years is being changed by BPA. SCWRC&D decided to be an early adopter of the new format so we would not have to resubmit the SOW again in January. There were some questions about the Work Elements. Were these pre-established by BPA? Yes they were, along with some definition as to what each entailed. Because the

format is new and BPA has not definitely determined the Work Elements and definitions there will very likely be modifications required. Dave Nunn asked if Suzanne as the designated map maker, could make maps for NYCD and possibly a map showing all YTAHP projects in both counties. Anna said she thought this could be done. Dave also said he had some suggestions about the time he or others devoted to particular Work Elements and the funding that had been assigned to each. Ed said he believed there would be opportunities to do some fine tuning of the SOW/Work Elements over the next several weeks, as BPA makes changes to the Work Element definitions. (If time permits it would be helpful if people would look over the WORK ELEMENTS BUDGET NOTES to see how their time and resources have been allocated. Let me know of changes that need to be made.) The SOW and budget as presented, were sent to BPA on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Recognizing that even though modifications may be necessary, the substance of the SOW or budget will not change.

## **2. INVENTORY TEAMS**

### **a) KCCD-**

Anna reported that they are completing the tributary reports. These will be on their web site.

### **b) NYCD-**

#### **1. Update on Pellicer**

Removal of the barrier and replacement of the bridge has been contracted. Construction is underway and will be completed by the end of September. Dave Nunn reported that surveys of most of the sloughs have been completed, along with Gold, Rock and Rattlesnake creeks. Burbank and Lmuma Creeks are coming up for survey. Scott N. said Lmuma Creek has a lot of potential for habitat. He said it would be good if there were some organization that could monitor and take on long term management of habitat improvements (ie. some sort of land trust).

## **4. TRIBUTARY TEAMS**

### **a) Cowiche Creek**

Dave N. said they have not had a meeting recently. The meetings are scheduled quarterly. Hopefully a couple of new Teams will be formed this winter. Mike Tobin asked if NYCD could pursue habitat projects that meet the criteria for YTAHP assistance without first bringing those projects before the Core Team. Dave Myra said we need to stick with the agreed procedure and touch base with the Core Team and the TWG first. This will permit comments that may be valuable to the project and will keep everyone informed as to what is being done.

### **b) Kittitas**

Anna said that once the stream reports are done and distributed to property owners and others, KCCD will be working at establishing Tributary Teams. This will probably take place this winter.

## **5 ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **a) Kittitas Conservation Trust**

**David Gerth gave a presentation explaining the newly formed Kittitas Conservation Trust, of which he is the Executive Director. The Trust was formed as part of an agreement with the Suncadia Resort. The Trust Board is made up of Suncadia, the Yakama Indian Nation and Washington State Department of fish and Wildlife. The purpose is to manage conservation easements provided by the Resort and off site easements purchased as mitigation to impacts on fish. Opportunities may arise for cooperative efforts between YTAHP and the Kittitas Conservation trust.**

### **b) Summary of 04 projects**

**Ed asked for a brief rundown on projects that have been undertaken during FY 04. These will need to be discussed in the upcoming Annual Report to BPA. Mike and Dave N. gave an overview of several NYCD projects; Pellicers, additional work on Diversion 14, pump screens, ... Anna also described several projects; Eaton, Coleman Creek, Dry Creek, Cabin Creek.**

### **c) Intralox Fish Screening Product**

**Carol had a sample of the Intralox product and a brochure she handed around. Pat Schille said that he was familiar with the product and it was very good. He said the product was fairly well known to the TWG and a presentation by Intralox was probably not necessary.**

### **d) Fogerty Project**

**Dave Myra and Anna explained that the BOR and BPA are suggesting that YTAHP take on the ancillary small screen projects associated with the Fogerty project. At first the discussions seemed to include additional funding to YTAHP for this purpose. Latter communications from BPA did not indicate funding would be available. The Fogerty project has been on the TO DO list for some time. The Core Team is agreeable to taking on the smaller projects but needs more information before making a commitment. There was some discussion about purchasing needed materials with some of the unused 04 funding. Dave said we really need to meet with BPA and get more information about what they envision YTAHP doing and what if any additional funding may be procured. It was suggested that, if not already included, fencing should be a component of the project.**

## **6. Manastash Project-Update**

**Carol reported that the project continues to move ahead. They have decided against a consolidated diversion and returned to the idea of separate screening projects. They now need to priorities these separate screen projects within the overall Manastash project. Engineers are working on the Barnes Road issue.**

**7. Safe Passages was remove as a standing agenda item because it is now part of the general YTAHP effort.**

**Dave Myra provided an update on the cooperative activities between WS-DOT, Yakima County and the City of Yakima regarding the lower Naches River. An agreement has been developed between the three entities to coordinate their efforts. YTAHP will continue to be involved in an advisory role.**

**8. Other-**

**Scott N. passed on a request from Brandon Rogers that requests for fish salvage assistance be made as much ahead of time as possible so the fish recovery team can schedule their work efficiently.**

**Scott also asked if the Annual Report to BPA will include an inventory of materials purchased for pending projects. Dave and Ed explained that the inventory will be updated during the next few weeks. It is unknown at this time if that will be included in the Annual Report to BPA. It will be available to the Core Team.**

- 9. Next meeting: October 20, 2004, 9am –noon  
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