

MEETING MINUTES  
Water Transfer Working Group  
Monday, August 1, 2016, @ 1:00 PM, YFO Conference Room

Attendees: Dave Brown, Tyson Carlson, Stuart Crane, Chuck Garner, Candy Graff, Dan Haller, Carron Helberg, Trevor Hutton, Stan Isley, Paul Jewell, Jonathan Kohr, Steve Lathrop, Jacqui Metcalfe, Holly Myers, Chris Perra, Robin Read, Tom Ring, Tyler Roberts, Kurt Walker. No record of phone callers.

Chuck began the meeting with the approval of the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, and they were approved. Tyler asked the group concerning Ecology's Website Archives question and the group requested that the archival material stay on the website as several members' reference this material periodically. Keep on Website.

Old Business:

- **2016-89 Santi/SC Aggregate:** June 27<sup>th</sup> discussion: Tyler explained that this proposal states it is a WBN determination, but he thought it should be a mitigated new permit. Single domestic use with no irrigation for lawn and garden, located adjacent to Caribou Creek, northeasterly of the town of Kittitas, in a green area, mitigated by the Reecer Creek Golf Course SC Aggregate Trust Water Right, no USBR/Ecology storage contract use, with impacts to Warm Springs and Caribou Creeks, and the Yakima River. Stan and Tom commented that it is like a water budget neutral permit-exempt well that can be permitted if desired, and Tom noted that it must be permitted, as it is not in the Upper Kittitas County rule area. Larry asked how will impairment of flows in Caribou Creek and Warm Springs be dealt with, and the group felt it needed to be looked at by others in Ecology. August 1<sup>st</sup> discussion: Tom Ring felt it was ok with the impairment disclaimer; the group discussed impairment, TWSA, and mitigation. Ecology wants to be cautious where things are vulnerable. Tom wondered if the group was ok with having Larry Martin and Ecology work offline and bring this back. Yes. **Still Pending, to come back next month.**
- **2016-91 Fitzgerald/Land Lloyd Dev:** June 27<sup>th</sup> discussion: WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located south of the Yakima River and east of Spring Creek, mitigation by Land Lloyd Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period October 1st to March 31st, in a yellow zone, with impacts to Nelson Creek, Peterson Creek (rather than Patterson), and the Yakima River. Stan noted the calculations are good, Tom wants a copy of the

Hydrogeology Report to confirm this proposal will not impact Little Creek. Contingent on agreement with Hydrogeology report. August 1<sup>st</sup> discussion: Tom Ring did not look at the hydrogeology report for this yet, it is close to Little Creek. **Thumbs Up, contingent upon Tom's review of the HG report.**

- **2016-92 Lord Family Trust/Land Lloyd Dev:** June 27<sup>th</sup> discussion: WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located south of the Yakima River and east of Spring Creek, mitigation by Burchak Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period October 1st to March 31st, in a yellow zone, with impacts to Nelson Creek, Peterson (Not Patterson) Creek, and the Yakima River. Stan noted the calculations are good, Tom wants a copy of the Hydrogeology Report to confirm no impacts to Little Creek. Contingent on agreement with Hydrogeology Report. August 1<sup>st</sup> discussion: same as 2016-91, close to Little Creek. **Thumbs Up, contingent upon Tom's review of the HG report.**
- **2016-94 Nomides/Land Lloyd Dev:** June 27<sup>th</sup> discussion: WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located south of the Yakima River within Spex Arth Creek watershed, mitigation by Land Lloyd Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period October 1st to March 31st, in a yellow zone, with impacts to the Spex Arth Creek Tributaries, Spex Arth Creek, and the Yakima River. Tom and Stan both agree this proposal needs to come back next month so the group can get input from the fisheries folks. August 1<sup>st</sup> discussion: Jonathan said there are other parcels nearby that were approved and in the yellow, but others that were denied. He would like to do an onsite review and to put this decision off for a month. It has a short turnaround, **Pending, come back again next month.**
- **2016-95 Smith Family Ltd Partnership/Masterson:** June 27<sup>th</sup> discussion: WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located south of the Yakima River and east of Big Creek, mitigation by Masterson Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a green zone with a small portion in the Red area, authorized for withdrawal in the green zone only, with impacts to the Yakima River. Tom would like to see a HG Report, Stan noted the calculations are good, and there is a typo on the proposal concerning which water bank this applies to, Tyler will confirm the mitigation source is the Masterson Water Bank and report back. **Thumbs Up, contingent on agreement with Hydrogeology Report.** August 1<sup>st</sup>, same as 2016-91, except near Big Creek, keep away from creek, it is within the Yakima River floodplain. Tom Ring is OK with this. **Thumbs Up, contingent upon Tom's review of the HG report.**

New Business:

- **2016-97 Aspect/Kittitas County:** Kittitas County Over the Counter (OTC) Program (as a subset, covers D and E), the OTC is currently authorized to mitigate for new permit-exempt groundwater uses (up to 402 building permits through 2025), would extend authorization to include non-permit-exempt uses, for well permits within the consolidated and unconsolidated aquifer and/or the bedrock aquifer, not to exceed the total annual withdrawal and not in addition to the 402 permit-exempt uses/building permits authorized under permits A and B. Stan commented it is a technical rework of the existing OTC authorization and has no objection, Chuck has no objection, and Tom needs to get with his folks. A map will be provided to website. **Tentative Thumbs Up, if Tom's employer agrees in the next week.**
- **2016-98 D & H Ranch, Inc/SC Aggregate:** 1 existing WBN well for two domestic connections, 250 gpd each and NO lawn and garden irrigation, located near Robinson Creek and is about 2.5 miles west of Ellensburg, mitigation by SC Aggregate Water Bank (Reecer Creek Golf Course). No use of the USBR/Ecology storage contract, it is within a Yellow Area, with impacts to Robinson Creek and the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-99 Ingalls/SC Aggregate:** WBN determination for a single domestic connection (250 gpd) and NO lawn and garden irrigation, located adjacent to Currier Creek and is about 1.4 miles northwest of Ellensburg, mitigation by SC Aggregate/Reecer Creek Golf Course Water Bank, from a proposed well. No use of the USBR/Ecology storage contract, it is within a Green Area, with impacts to Reecer and Currier Creeks and the Yakima River. This proposal has Cascade Irrigation water. **Thumbs Up, with Tom's 'potential future regulation' provision.**
- **2016-100 Simons Paul Trust/SC Aggregate:** WBN determination for two domestic connections (250 gpd each) and NO lawn and garden irrigation, located adjacent to Coleman Creek and is about 5 miles southwest of Ellensburg, mitigation by SC Aggregate/Reecer Creek Golf Course Water Bank, from a proposed well. No use of the USBR/Ecology storage contract, it is within a Yellow Area, with impacts to Coleman and Catlin Canyon Creeks, unnamed streams, and the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-101 Kenney/Yak Mitigation Services:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located part way up the north facing hill slope of Manastash Ridge at the southern edge of the Kittitas Valley to the southeast of

Badger Creek, from a proposed well, mitigation by Yakima Mitigation Services Water Bank. No use of USBR/Ecology storage contract, in a yellow zone, with impacts to unnamed streams, Badger Creek, and the Yakima River. Stan said the information provided has an error, but the calculations are OK. **Thumbs Up.**

The group discussed bringing Simons as an example of language about outdoor use. Bring sample language with lower Kittitas County to provide clarity with domestic use and with no lawn and garden use. You can have outdoor irrigation from other sources.

- **2016-102 Carlson/Amerivest:** WBN determination for a single domestic use (275 gpd) and NO lawn and garden irrigation, located to the south of Badger Creek near Kaynor Road, with a proposed well, mitigation by Amerivest Water Bank (Kittitas County). No use of USBR/Ecology storage contract, in a yellow zone, with impacts to unnamed streams, Badger Creek, and the Yakima River. Calculations are good. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-103 Zirkle Fruit Co/Yakima Mitigation Services:** WBN determination for a single domestic use (350 gpd) and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located south of Badger Creek along 4<sup>th</sup> Parallel Road, with a proposed well, mitigation by Yakima Mitigation Services Water Bank. No use of the USBR/Ecology storage contract, in a yellow zone, with impacts to Unnamed Streams, Badger Creek, and the Yakima River. Stan said the information provided has an error, but the calculations were OK. Creeks are captured by Cascade Canal. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-104 WA Fruit Prop Inc (Plath)/Kittitas County (Amerivest):** WBN determination for a single domestic use (275 gpd) and NO lawn and garden irrigation, located part way up the north facing hill slope of Manastash Ridge at the southern edge of the Kittitas Valley to the southeast of Badger Creek, with a proposed well, mitigation by Kittitas County/Amerivest Water Bank. No use of USBR/Ecology storage contract, in a yellow zone, with impacts to unnamed streams, Badger Creek, and the Yakima River. Calculations are good. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-105 Martin/Yakima Mitigation Services:** WBN determination for a single domestic use (350 gpd) and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located near the base of an east facing hill slope at the edge of the Kittitas Valley to the north of Manastash Creek along Catlin Canyon, with a proposed well, mitigation by Yakima Mitigation Services Water Bank. No use of USBR/Ecology storage contract, in a yellow zone, with

impacts to unnamed streams, Coleman and Catlin Canyon Creeks, and the Yakima River. Stan said ignore funny math, the calculations are good. **Thumbs Up.**

- **2016-106 Baker/Roth (Kittitas County):** WBN determination for a single domestic use (275 gallons per day) and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located to the north of Cle Elum, near the top of Green Canyon, with a proposed well, mitigation by Roth Water Bank (Kittitas County), use of USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, in a yellow zone, with impacts to unnamed tributaries of Crystal Creek, Greens Canyon intermittent stream, and the Yakima River. Calculations are good. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-107 Collette-Cameron/Masterson Ranch:** WBN determination for two domestic use (350 gpd each) and 1,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (500 ft<sup>2</sup> each) of lawn and garden irrigation, located north of the Teanaway River and just west of the Mack Creek/Teanaway River confluence, mitigation by Masterson Water Bank, with a proposed well, use of the USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, in a Green Area, and with a deposit of \$1,000 for Teanaway Local Mitigation Fund, with impacts to the Teanaway River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-108 Anderson/Western Water Partners LLC:** WBN determination for a single domestic use (275 gallons per day) and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located to the east of Keechelus Lake near Resort Creek, with a proposed well, mitigation by Yakima Mitigation Services Water Bank (Western Water Partners LLC), use of USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, in a Yellow Area, with impacts to Resort Creek, and Keechelus Lake. Jonathan talked about bull trout in Resort Creek, but the I-90 Project is improving the situation. The exact well location was not indicated, calculations are good, since there is a possible fish issue, Jonathan will confirm if bull trout are above the lake level. **Pending, come back next month.**
- **2016-109 Place holder – S.C. Aggregate/Steve Lathrop's proposal:** Request for 2 groundwater permits to mitigate for up to 350 wells within the alluvial aquifer and/or the bedrock aquifer, supplying up to 350 residences with an average of 250 gallons per day, not to exceed the total annual withdrawal under the 2 permits A and B. No lawn and garden irrigation, located in the Thorp area, mitigated by a portion of the 1884 Reecer Creek water right, Ecology will assign each new well/use to the appropriate permit, 1.29 af/yr of CU water assigned to USBR/Ecology storage contract to ensure no negative impact to TWSA, in a green and/or yellow Area, with impacts to Robinson

Creek. The group discussed this, Ecology commented that this needs to look like the Kittitas County process, and with the caveat of possible future curtailment due to impairment. **Needs further discussion, will come back to the group.**

**Message from Bill Ferry:**

Dear colleagues of the Water Transfer Work Group: As some of you may know, I am beginning extended leave this week until early October, when I return for a short period before retiring from Reclamation. From now on, the Yakima Field Office should be your first point of contact for water right matters. We expect my replacement to begin on September 5<sup>th</sup> and I think you'll be pleased with our selection. I'll save my final farewells for October. For now, please excuse my absence and I appreciate your patience while we get the Water Rights Manager position active again.  
Best regards, Bill.

Next meeting is set for Monday, August 29, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the YFO Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.