

Water Transfer Working Group Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2015, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees: Dave Brown, Tyler Carlson, Stuart Crane, Chuck Garner, Carron Helberg, Stan Isley, Jonathan Kohr, Jessica Kuchan, Larry Martin, Jason McCormick, Tom Perkow, Tom Ring, Tyler Roberts, Danielle Squeochs, Unknown person on the phone.

Chuck opened the meeting with the approval of the minutes of the last meeting, October 5, 2015. Approved.

Old Business:

- 2016-10 Bourne Water Bank, source right currently leased to State, 21.48 af CU, add potential future curtailment caveat language, yellow mitigation areas, Tom R stated that Tyson explained the bank details adequately, and a Thumbs Up.
- 2016-09 Bourne, 1 WBN well, 1 domestic supply, no irrigation, Bourne Water Bank mitigation, located on original Bourne water right place of use, impacts to Teanaway River, \$500 to local mitigation fund, Exchange Contract use from 9/16-10/31, Thumbs Up.
- 2016-11 Camp Jubilee – based on 1% of low flow questions, come back to WTWG in the future.
- 2016-14 American River Rec Cabins Owners, same issue, come back to WTWG in the future.
- 2016-15 Boulder Creek Cabin Community, same issue, come back to WTWG in the future.

New Business:

- 2016-17 City of Yakima, New Schanno Ditch Company, 1871 priority, Tyler Roberts explained, all 5 transfers, 2016-17, 18, 19, 20, 21, being the same upstream diversion point transfer (1.1 miles) to Nelson Cowiche Dam. This point of diversion move will be concurrent with reconstruction of the dam. Change in Qi and Qa, Jonathan commented. The Arboretum will take water down river from 2 existing wells under 2016-18, Stan commented on the fish benefits. Fish passage at dam will be improved after dam is rebuilt. Discussed funding, with the total amount of water diversion moving upstream being approximately 50 cfs minus 15 of diversion reduction, with no other diversion in this intervening reach. This solves some problems for the City, the County and for fish. The only concern expressed by the group that this is an upstream transfer. Tom is

requesting a before and after analysis. Tyler commented that a basic analysis was done a year ago, he will do a more detailed analysis, with the uniqueness of 2015, etc. Pending, come back next meeting.

- 2016-18 City of Yakima, Old Union Irrigation Company, 1878 priority, see description for 2016-17, come back next meeting.
- 2016-19 City of Yakima, New Schanno Ditch Company, 1885 priority: same as 17, come back next meeting.
- 2016-20 City of Yakima, Fruitvale-Schanno Ditch Company, 1871 priority: same as 17, come back next meeting.
- 2016-21 City of Yakima, New Schanno Ditch Company, 1873 priority: same as 17, come back next meeting.
- 2016-22 Easton Farms LLC, Danielle explained, new Suncadia Bank mitigation, not typical, 3 wells, 1 domestic supply, 61,332 sf irrigation, mixed crop, cherries most water use, equals 1.41 acres of irrigation per Stan, located west of Lake Easton, Exchange Contract use from 9/01-3/31, Thumbs Up.
- 2016-23 Jensen (2.58 acres irrigation) and 2016-24 Jensen (3.82 acres irrigation): diversion point change from two abandoned ditch diversions to a downstream pump site to serve both parcels, Stan explained this proposal and supports it. Tom Ring asked if the original ditch sources are active, Stan stated no, they are closed down. Thumbs Up.
- 2016-25 JNG, LLC: Danielle explained this WBN proposal is in the yellow mitigation areas but is adjacent to multiple approvals, 2 wells, 4 domestic supplies, total of 2,000 sf irrigation, Suncadia Water Bank mitigation, located NE of City of Cle Elum, Exchange Contract use from 9/01-3/31. Thumbs Up.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2015 at 1:00 PM. The group was satisfied with the 2016 Future Meeting Schedule set for Jan 4; Feb 1; Mar 7; Apr 4; May 2; Jun 6; Jun 27; Aug 1; Aug 29; Oct 3; Nov 7; Dec 5, all on Monday at 1:00 PM, at Reclamation's YFO conference room.