

MEETING MINUTES

Water Transfer Working Group

Monday, December 7, 2015, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees: Dave Brown, Stuart Crane, Chuck Garner, Stan Isley, Jonathan Kohr, Larry Martin, Joe Mentor, Jacqui Metcalfe, Sage Park, Tom Perkow, Tom Ring (phone), Tyler Roberts, Danielle Squeochs.

The November minutes were not ready to review and tabled for next meeting. Chuck began the meeting with old business with 2016-17 through 2016-21 for the City of Yakima: These proposals have come back and the group asked how much water and in what proportion will come out of the river as a result of this upstream point of diversion move. Tyler explained the two scenarios he prepared to analyze average daily flow. Danielle asked if it answered the group's questions and Tom Ring said he sent this on to other YN fisheries staff, but has not heard back yet. If it looks ok to them, Tom felt these proposals do not need to come back to this group. Pending that approval, **tentative Thumbs Up**.

New Business:

- 2016-27 Estes & Jaruckis: WBN well request, mitigation out of the Suncadia Water Bank, single domestic supply and 500 sf of lawn and garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use for the period Sept 1 to March 31, in a yellow zone and adjacent to previous approvals. Jonathan asked what if ESA fish are found in the future, with Danielle stating that once approved, we would not pull this one. Tom Ring added his usual comment that it is subject to regulation, if listed or other species are harmed, and if it is doing harm, it would be curtailed. **Thumbs Up**.
- 2016-28 Healy: WBN well mitigated through SwiftWater Ranch Bank, for a single domestic, 500 sf lawn and garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use for Sept 1 to March 31, in a yellow zone, just northeast of Easton Lake, area of impact is the Yakima River and Lake Easton. **Thumbs Up**.
- 2016-29 Hunsaker: WBN well mitigation through SwiftWater Ranch Bank, single domestic, 500 sf lawn and garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use Sept 1 through March 31, northeast of Cle Elum Lake, in a yellow zone with nearby prior approvals. **Thumbs Up**.
- 2016-30 Hebert: WBN well, Masterson Bank mitigation, single domestic, 500 sf lawn & garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use 9/1 thru 3/31, impacts Thornton Creek and Yakima River, multiple nearby prior approvals, with the potential future curtailment disclaimer for Thornton Creek impacts. **Thumbs Up**.

- 2016-31 Strand: WBN well, Masterson Bank mitigation, single domestic, 500 sf lawn & garden irrigation, south of City of Cle Elum, adjacent to other approvals, Exchange Contract use for 9/1 to 3/31. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-32 Toussaint: WBN well, mitigation with SwiftWater Ranch Bank, single domestic, for 1,000 sf of lawn and garden irrigation, located on the east side of Cle Elum Lake, Exchange Contract use for 9/1 to 3/31. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-33 Bosnick: WBN well, mitigation with Masterson Bank, single domestic, 500 sf lawn and garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use for 9/1 to 3/31, located west side of Kachess Lake, near green approvals, impacts to Lodge Creek and Lake Kachess, Lodge Creek has no ESA-listed fish, but there are fish there, Tom Ring reiterated the potential future curtailment disclaimer for Lodge Creek, and he asked how deeply are these wells constructed, per the look at pumping down Kachess Lake elevations with the dead-storage pumping proposal, that this should be conditional upon these wells being finished below the lake level. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-34 Bugni: WBN request, mitigation with SwiftWater Ranch Bank, 16 wells, for 16 domestics and irrigation of 8,000 sf total (500 sf per unit) located near Teanaway River, Exchange Contract use for 9/16 to 10/31. Impacts to Teanaway River or Yakima River, and all wells located in the Teanaway Subbasin are assigned the \$500 local mitigation fee for the Teanaway. Danielle will check for the location of the 16th unit (not clearly located on the map) for Jonathan. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-35 Hines: WBN well, mitigation with SwiftWater Ranch Bank, single domestic, 500 sf of lawn and garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use for 9/1 to 3/31, previously approved neighboring WBNs in the teal color on the map, located on the east side of Lake Cle Elum. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-36 Leff: WBN well, mitigation with Suncadia Water Bank, for a single domestic supply, 500 sf of lawn and garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use for 9/1 to 3/31, located in the Peoh Point area, impacts on the main stem of the Yakima River, adjacent to other approvals, in a yellow area. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-37 Stockwell: WBN well, mitigation with SwiftWater Ranch Bank, single domestic supply and 500 sf of lawn and garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use for Sept 1 to March 31, north of the City of Cle Elum adjacent to other approvals, impacts to Crystal Creek. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-38 Bolender & Rolfe: WBN well, mitigated with SwiftWater Ranch Bank, single domestic, 500 sf lawn and garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use Sept 1 to March 31, adjacent to previous approvals, impacts to Crystal Creek. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-39 Haslhofer: WBN well, mitigation with SwiftWater Ranch Bank, single domestic, 500 sf of lawn & garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use Sept 1 to March 31, east side of Cle Elum Lake, previous approvals nearby, impacts to Cle Elum Lake. **Thumbs Up.**

- 2016-40 Hayes: WBN well, mitigation with Suncadia Water Bank, single domestic, 500 sf lawn & garden irrigation, Exchange Contract use Sept 1 to March 31, impacts to Thornton Creek and Yakima River, caveat with potential future curtailment disclaimer for Thornton Creek. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2016-41 to 2016-44 Harrell: Previously approved as a Temporary Change, now a permanent change proposal, Jonathan asked if it was a primary reach-only water right created from the water savings - yes, table in project description breaks down the individual rights and consolidates together, Stan is OK with this if there is no increase in CU. Jonathan noticed the total was different and wanted to confirm it is a total of the three numbers. Eric at Ecology put this together, as it is not as big a savings as Jon wanted and hoped to see, would like to see how the numbers came out and Larry confirmed that Eric would have the numbers. Jonathan stated he is glad the instream flow water is in the trust in perpetuity. **Thumbs Up on all four proposals.**

The next meeting will be Monday, January 4th, 2016 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned.