

MEETING MINUTES

Water Transfer Working Group

Monday, March 7, 2016, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees: Dave Brown, Tyson Carlson, Stuart Crane, Peter Dykstra (phone), Bill Ferry (phone), Debi Freudenthal, Chuck Garner, Carron Helberg, Trevor Hutton, Stan Isley, Nate Kaneshim, Jessica Kuchan, Jonathan Kohr, Chris Lynch, Larry Martin, Sage Park, Cape Powers, Tom Ring, Tyler Roberts, Jeff Shuster (phone), Danielle Squeochs, Arden Thomas, Anne Watanabe (phone), Grant Yoakum.

The February minutes were approved by the group. Chuck began the meeting with previous business on New Suncadia LLC proposal.

- **2016-50 New Suncadia LLC** – the group discussed the use of water, the Pautzke water right, talked with Stan in 2002, working with Ecology, September 1st to October 15th to mitigate with USBR/Ecology storage contract. Jessica explained this complicated water right and the many facets of this proposal and that it needed to begin somewhere. Jessica talked about that this is essentially two buckets. The group had questions such as does the ROE depend on the reboot being complete, where does the ground water fit in, is there a Teanaway component, does this mirror the Pautzke water right, and Big Creek and the Lamb and Anderson water right. Danielle discussed the steps, that ROE is basically WBN and this stands alone, a portion is underutilized, not already committed. Post ROE, come back to group for groundwater. Stan recommends and ROE explains it well, Tom even with lots of questions, nothing jumps out at him. Pending – comments as a draft ROE, can post draft ROE in 30 days – does not need to come back, just provide comments. Tom stated it has its own process and is not part of this group's process.

New Business:

- **2016-51 Pierce:** WBN determination for two domestic uses and 1000 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located south of the City of Cle Elum, mitigation by the Kuchin Trust water right, Western Water Partner's water bank with a change in name, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a green zone with impacts to the Yakima River. Stan mentioned a slight error in the CU calculation but the total was OK. Tom mentioned the last paragraph is not correct as it is an unnamed stream, need to correct. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-52 Andes:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located east of Cle Elum Lake, mitigation by the Kuchin Trust water right, Western Water Partner's water bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow Zone, with adjacent previous approvals.

Jon did complete a survey of the area. Tom Ring stated this proposal needs the impairment caveat included. **Thumbs Up**

- **2016-53 Oberhansly:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located southwest from Hwy 903 and Ronald, WA, mitigation by the Swiftwater Ranch water bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow Zone, impact to Cle Elum River and Yakima River, previous approval in purple box just south, 0.072 afy, Jon did not have anything on it being viable for fish and it included the impairment caveat. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-54 Maxfield Invest Properties:** WBN determination for two domestic use and total 1,000 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located east side of Cle Elum Lake, mitigation by the Swiftwater Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow Zone, pending proposals are nearby but not approved. It is a tributary right, Stan, Jonathan, Tom and the group were OK with this one. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-55 Schufreider:** WBN determination and a permit, for a single domestic use and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located South of Yakima River, mitigation by the Swiftwater Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Green Zone, several nearby and no fish issues. This proposal includes the impairment caveat. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-56 Selmer:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located in basin near Teanaway River, mitigation by the Masterson Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 16st to October 31st, in a Yellow Zone, \$500 placed in fund, impacts to Teanaway, Tidwell nearby and Tom asked if the Tidwell was curtailed. Tom asked how is this be WBN if curtailed. Ecology would manage curtailment with Ecology's bank of senior water when impacted. The law would require shutting down the use. Dave asked where the cap is, Danielle looks at the rights above the Masterson diversion and it relies on other rights. Stan is not sure what the max would be. Dave wanted to know if we are accounting for that. Stan said we will have to keep track of this accounting. Tom would like to see in the WBN language what we just discussed, the steps and how they are to be curtailed. Tom would like the language where it is locally mitigated, meets all the criteria, and globally. Danielle will draft language and give to Tom, **conditional thumbs up upon approval of Tom's Review.**
- **2016-57 Brindle:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located adjacent to Lodge creek and western side of Cle Elum Lake, mitigation by the Masterson water bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow zone, other previous approvals nearby, the proposal needs to include a Lodge creek disclaimer of the fish impacts could change and the impairment caveat. **Thumbs Up.**

- **2016-58 Bator:** WBN determination for a single domestic use rustic cabin, seasonal, located adjacent to the Cle Elum River, mitigation through the USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, cabin owners, other approvals in the area, include specific language, the calculations seems inaccurate of use so it is annual 0.003 afy in the summer months, required to report and meter. Dave says it lends itself to allow more use than is allowed, the 3 gallons per day. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-59 Lohil:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located adjacent to Cle Elum River in Boulder Creek area north of Cle Elum Lake, mitigation by the Jerry Williams Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in an area with other approved proposals. Seasonal cabin, 178 gallons per day, needs addition of the disclaimer caveat again, may impact the Cle Elum River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-60 Berger A:** WBN determination for three domestic uses and Total of 1,500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located east of Cle Elum Lake, mitigation by the Kuchin Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow zone, other nearby adjacent approvals, impacts to Cle Elum Lake and potentially Bell Creek. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-61 Berger B:** WBN determination for two domestic uses and 1,000 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located south of the City of Cle Elum and south of Yakima River, mitigation by the Kuchin WR Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Green Zone, impacts to the Yakima River and instream flows to Parker. Anne Watanabe stated that the outdoor quantities were not requested. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-62 Danubio:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 0 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located east of Cle Elum Lake, mitigation by the Burchak Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow Zone, with other approvals nearby, not much there for fish issues, affects to upper Cle Elum River and the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-63 Hart:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located adjacent to Spex Arth Creek southwest of Cle Elum, mitigation by the New Suncadia water bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in Green Zone, the well is 300 feet deep, concerns about the creek, normally this type of proposal does not come to this group, as it is in a green zone. Jessica felt it was important to touch base with the group on this one. Jonathan said the mouth to Spex Arth Creek has many channels and he could not find a single mouth. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-64 WSDOT:** This temporary ground water transfer is WBN, 113 afy, two wells since 2012 near the land slide area, expired last year and proposing 10 year term, but hoping to only use for 3 years. Now switching to use water bank and part of the

USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period of May 1st and November 30th. The water is still in trust whether they use it or not. There is available capacity in the 00366 water right. **Thumbs Up.**

- **2016-65 Naches Valley School District:** New elementary school, aquifer extraction and returned through an injection well, WBN determination for heating domestic use with concerns, and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located along Allan Road near Naches, discussed the impacts, annual quantity of 484 afy, with 13 degrees of difference in 180 days of heating and 167 of cooling. Well is isolated from the surface water. Discussed water quality, the continuity of the Naches River, and 24-hour pump test. Tom Ring stated it is not a transfer but is a new water right, thus not a response is need from this group, as it does not have a box. The group appreciated hearing this new use. **No recommendation was provided.**

The next meeting will be Monday, March 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.