

MEETING MINUTES

Water Transfer Working Group

Monday, February 1, 2016, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees: Chad Bala, Dave Brown, Kelsey Collins, Stuart Crane, Paul Dempsey, Pat Deneen, Bill Ferry (phone), Chuck Garner, Carron Helberg, Stan Isley, Jonathan Kohr, Chris Lynch, Jason McCormick, Joe Mentor, Sage Park, Thomas Perkow, Tom Ring.

The January 2016 minutes were approved by the group. Chuck began the meeting with new business.

New Business:

- **2016-46 and 47 Big Creek Water Right Bank and Water Right:** These are the same proposal, (consolidated to 2016-46), the group discussed the priority date. A portion of the water will be used to mitigate new groundwater withdrawal or surface water diversionary permits in the Yakima River Basin, particularly the region adjacent to Big Creek. The annual quantity is 60 afy or 21.02 afy consumptive use, during the period of use between May 1st and September 1st. Stan supports and Tom Ring repeated the curtailment caveat: if not enough flow is present in the creek to exercise the original mitigation right, then the new mitigated uses get curtailed. Also if there are any changes to this proposal, it is to come back to the group. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-48 Wert:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 1,000 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located a mile north of Cle Elum, mitigation by the Masterson bank, 0.076 afy is assigned to the USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow zone, impacts to the lower portion of Crystal Creek and the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-49 Jones:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft² of lawn and garden irrigation, located adjacent to the Yakima River, mitigation by the Swiftwater Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Green zone, with impacts to the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-50 New Suncadia LLC:** This proposal's several proposed water right changes were discussed with questions to be considered. Dave asked if Suncadia's golf course irrigation qualifies as a municipal water use/right. Stan commented this is a complicated proposal with a couple of questions centering on the USBR/Ecology contract use in the winter months, and the 'mysterious' 11 acre feet of water – need to work with Ecology on this. The group talked about not causing adverse instream flows, before and after effects, and protecting TWSA. **Pending, to return next month.**

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

Chuck adjourned the meeting.