Water Transfer Working Group
Minutes for the 1:00 PM, March 3, 2014

Attendees: Stuart Crane (Telephonically), Seth Defoe (Telephonically), Bill Ferry (Telephonically), Chuck Garner, Stan Isley, Steve Johnson, Paul LaRiviere, Jason McCormick, Mike Means, Sage Park, Scott Revell, Tom Ring (Telephonically), Charlie Roe, Scott Turner, Ron Van Gundy, Larry Martin, Nea Welch-Timmons.

Chuck opened the meeting at 1:00 PM, asking for the approval of the March 3, 2014 meeting minutes. The group noted a correction needed to be made to reflect that Tom Tebb said he would send to the WTWG group the recommendations for drought response improvement prepared after the 2005 drought for the group’s review, and then the group approved the March meeting minutes.

Chuck proceeded to the next agenda item of new proposals:

2014-25 - CS4-629CTCL (Duckhorn Wine Company) - Mike Means, representing Duckhorn Wine Company, presented this temporary, 2014-only, proposal to allow Duckhorn Wine Company to withdraw some of its KID Red Mountain Local Improvement District (LID) allotment water from an existing point of withdrawal (POW-well) owned by Chateau Ste. Michelle/Col Solare, until the new KID Kiona pump plant is constructed, tested, and functioning, sometime late in the 2014 irrigation system. Duckhorn will switch to the new KID Red Mt. LID water system once it’s completed. This proposal is for the development of 18 acres of grapes. The new KID Kiona pump system is approved by Ecology. The Col Solare well, approved by Ecology for use on the neighboring Col Solare property, is located near the Yakima River and has the capacity to temporarily supply the Duckhorn water supply needs. Water use would not exceed the amount allowed Duckhorn Wine Company under the Red Mt. LID allotment. KID is supportive of this temporary POD change, 2 miles downstream from the Kiona pumpsite, as it’s only a temporary request from May-October 2014. Bill Ferry requested someone from KID to contact him to discuss the status of KID’s annexation of the Red Mt. lands into the district, etc.; Seth D. said he would. Stan I. reinforced that this is only a temporary use. Water day is April 10, 2014 and the petition for order pendente lite for this temporary POD change should be filed at the latest next week, or court approval will have to wait for the May water day hearing. KID Red Mt. LID annexations may be completed and approved by the time this proposal is heard in court. It was approved by the group.

2014-26 - CC No. 00801 - Roaring Creek Property Owners Assn. – Sage Park presented this proposal for Kelsey Collins; for 3.0 af/yr CU (consumptive use) for continuous year-round water supply for a community domestic system with 62 lots on the west side of Lake Keechelus. The junior claim holder (1969 priority water right) is authorized to divert 10.0 acre-feet per year from Roaring Creek during non-prorati
years for indoor domestic use only, no irrigation (on septic). They propose to use 3.0 af/yr of 1873-priority mitigation water from the Bruton Water Bank during proratoning years when post-1905 priority water use is curtailed, and will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract. Tom R. went on the record saying that the “Impact Analysis” is badly worded and reflects what is being done mitigates for TWSA impacts, not local impacts, which could result in future curtailment of this water use if there is local impairment. Also, Keechelus Dam is a temporary fish barrier, and it doesn’t matter that there’s a fish barrier (falls) between the POD on Roaring Creek and Lake Keechelus; Stan I. noted the fish barrier could go away if fish passage facilities are constructed at Keechelus Dam. Bill F. ok’d this proposal, with the note that he wants to review the cabin owners bill to see if its language is at odds with the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract language and its contract restrictions; otherwise looks good. It’s TWSA neutral. The group gave the proposal thumbs up.

2014-27 – G4-23645 – Kachess Village Associates (c/o Robert Angrisano) - Sage Park presented this proposal for Kelsey Collins, annual quantity is 1.28 af/yr of CU water for continuous year-round community domestic water supply (in-house only) for 162 approved connections located on the west side of Lake Kachess. They have a junior 1974-priority groundwater right from wells that will be mitigated by 1873-priority water from the Bruton Water Bank during proratoning years when post-1905 priority water rights are curtailed, and will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract. Thumbs Up.

2014-28 – G4-35652 – WWT/Masterson (Deann Reeves) - Sage Park presented this proposal for one proposed well to supply 0.414 acre-feet per year of water for continuous single domestic water supply and irrigation of 500 ft² of lawn and garden, using 350 gallons per day as maximum daily demand. Point of withdrawal (POW) is approximately 2 miles northwest of Roslyn, WA. This proposal will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract from 9/16 to 3/31 to mitigate for impact to the Cle Elum River. Proposal was given the Thumbs up.

2014-29 – CC-00383 – Teanaway Valley Family Farm (TVFF) (WWT) – Jason McCormick presented this proposal, which is a strictly non-consumptive water transfer, no consumptive use calculation necessary. WWT is not requesting a secondary reach for this instream flow transfer.
Jason M. explained that the original water source for this property was the Ballard Ditch from the Teanaway River, which washed out some years ago in previous floods and is no longer used. The acreage in this proposal is not in trust. TVFF upgraded its irrigation water system using NRCS EQIP funding and the purpose of this proposal is to place the former conveyance water for 33.5 acres and other currently-unused non-consumptive portions of the TVFF water rights into the trust program as a 4 year donation for instream flow use in the Teanaway River primary reach only. Thumbs up approval.

The next meeting is set for April 7, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 2:28 PM.