
Chuck Garner, opened the meeting with the approval of the two months prior meeting minutes, with only changes to March 2013 for proposal 2013-20 regarding the comment of “contingent upon subsequent approval by Tom Ring”, which Tom subsequently gave Sage approval for telephonically. Then Sage introduced Scott Turner, the new Yakima Basin (Benton, Yakima and Kittitas counties) Water Master. Chuck continued with the agenda, starting by asking Sage if Kurt Walker would be coming to present the two proposals. She replied no, she would be presenting the two proposals 2013-21 and 2013-22, which also could be considered jointly because they are in close proximity to each other. The group agreed to the request. Sage said Kurt briefed her this morning on the details of both proposals. Chuck asked if there were any changes to the Agenda.

Paul commented that before we get too far into the meeting he just wanted to talk about the $500.00 local mitigation project fees for new wells proposed in the Teanaway subbasin. He asked Sage how many applications are there that have been submitted. Sage responded she is aware of 4 of them, and she would give an update on it next month for the group. Paul said the $500.00 mitigation fee for each new home is a pretty small amount of money to fund a Teanaway local mitigation project. Stan mentioned that David Gerth of Kittitas Conservation Trust is holding the accumulating mitigation funds and Bob Barwin is working with WDNR and WDFW on an ecosystem services mitigation project in the upper Teanaway, perhaps along Indian Creek, a North Fork Teanaway River tributary. Stan said the $500.00 fee per home is indeed pretty small, but will be used in combination with other funding sources to implement the mitigation project. Paul asked Sage about Ecology’s technical reports, hydrological and groundwater assessment reports, and if he could get copies of those also for the proposals for his files. Tom Ring also commented that he would like the same reports. Sage agreed to send or provide them the reports. Paul asked why these proposals are so close together but the water quantity calculations are slightly different. Sage

2013-21 (Barbee) & 2013-22 (Montgomery) – Sage began by explaining that both the proposals are water exchange contract requests and are located NE of Cle Elum. They are close together and both have existing wells, each providing a single indoor domestic use and 500 sq ft of non-commercial lawn & garden irrigation. The Barbee proposal is mitigated with water from the Clennon Water Bank and the Montgomery proposal is mitigated with water from the Roth Water Bank. They will both rely on the federal-state water exchange contract to mitigate for their water use between August 1 and March 31. They are both within the mapped yellow area for mitigation suitability. Ecology has determined that pumping from these wells will impact the Yakima River and possibly the intermittent stream of Steiners Canyon. Paul asked Sage about Ecology’s technical reports, hydrological and groundwater assessment reports, and if he could get copies of those also for the proposals for his files. Tom Ring also commented that he would like the same reports. Sage agreed to send or provide them the reports. Paul asked why these proposals are so close together but the water quantity calculations are slightly different. Sage
stated that they are very close; but the calculations are based on the slight differences unique to
each different water bank. They both have the same water availability for each mitigation water
right and other proposals have been approved previously in the area. Chuck asked if everyone is
okay with it. The group gave a thumbs-up recommendation.

The group agreed proposal submittals for the next meeting need to be made to Sage or Nea by
the 29th of April 2013. Chuck confirmed the next meeting will be on Monday, May 6, 2013, at
1:00 PM.
Chuck adjourned the meeting at 1:18 pm.