

## MEETING MINUTES

### Water Transfer Working Group

Monday, April 4, 2016, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees: Chad Bala, Dave Brown, Bill Clarke (phone), Stuart Crane, , Bill Ferry (phone), Chuck Garner, Carron Helberg, Trevor Hutton, Stan Isley, Jonathan Kohr, Jessica Kuchan, Larry Martin, Cape Powers (phone), Tom Ring, Danielle Squeochs, Chad Stuart.

The March minutes were approved by the group, with a correction to 2016-63. Jonathan said the mouth to Spex Arth Creek has many channels and he could not find a single mouth. Chuck began the meeting with previous business on New Suncadia LLC proposal for the groundwater portion of the complicated and large reboot.

- **2016-50A New Suncadia LLC** – the previous presentation was for the surface water rights, this proposal is for the groundwater. Jessica discussed this component of the larger project, WBN groundwater applications for the use of wells on the north part of the Suncadia property and a Cle Elum well, as non-additive sources of water supply for Suncadia. She talked about the Pautzke water right, focusing on the surface water right first, the use is from September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> timeframe. Tom commented that this part seems WBN as part of the larger project, which is complicated, Stan sees no problem, and the group asked if the draft ROE was out for review yet. Danielle said no, it is not, but the surface water ROE should be out shortly. **Tentative thumbs up, waiting for review of the Draft ROE.**

#### New Business:

- **2016-66 Luce:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located northeast of the Yakima River, near the west shore of Cabin Lake, mitigation by the Swiftwater Ranch Water Bank, no USBR/Ecology storage contract assignment, but Stan suggested the use of the storage contract between Sept 16 to Oct 31 and Danielle agreed, it is in a green zone with impacts to the Yakima River downstream of the confluence of the Teanaway River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-67 Parker:** WBN determination for two domestic uses with no lawn and garden irrigation, located east of Little Creek, mitigation by the Yakima Mitigation Services, Crushe LLC water bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> , in a Green Zone, impacts to main stem of the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-68 Herbig:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located east of Lake Cle Elum, mitigation by the Swiftwater Ranch Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Green Zone, with impacts to Lake Cle Elum. **Thumbs Up.**

- **2016-69 Teanaway Ridge LLC:** WBN determination for 2 wells to supply 120 domestic uses, and irrigation will be served by Ellensburg Water Company and Cascade Irrigation District, located adjacent to Currier Creek, 1.3 miles NW of Ellensburg, mitigation by the Big Creek Water Bank, with no USBR/Ecology storage contract assignment, in a Green Zone, pump tests have been conducted, impact to main stem Yakima River. Stan asked if there would be any local flow impacts to Currier Creek and Tom wanted to see the pump test reports and the group wanted to know more about the development. **Pending, back next month.**
- **2016-70 Walker/Haneca:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located 3 miles southwest of Roslyn, mitigation by the Masterson Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Green Zone, impacting the main stem of the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-71 R&R Heights Land Co:** WBN determination for three domestic uses and 1,500 ft<sup>2</sup>, 500 ft<sup>2</sup> per unit, of lawn and garden irrigation, located parallel to State Route 903 between Roslyn and Ronald, mitigation by the Yakima Mitigation Services, Crushe LLC Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow Zone, with impacts to Cle Elum River. Jonathan said there is limited information on this creek, other approvals in the area, with a 100-unit northeast of this proposal, Stan needed Danielle to recheck the calculations for outdoor use and total CU, which Stan said appear to be underestimated by 0.004 acre-foot, very in depth hydrological review and Tom wanted a copy of report. Jonathan will do some fish work and will update Ecology. **Pending, come back to group.**
- **2016-72 Korthuis:** WBN determination for a single domestic use and 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, located south of the Yakima River, west of Spex Arth Creek, near Stone Ridge Road, mitigation by the New Suncadia Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period September 1st to March 31st, in a Yellow zone, flow impacts to the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-73 Bray:** WBN determination for a single domestic use, no lawn and garden, located along Tillman Creek south of the Yakima River, mitigation through the Burchak Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period November 1st to March 31st, impacts to Tillman Creek and the Yakima River, with the use of Tillman Creek mitigation rights makes this suitable. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-74 Bray:** WBN determination for a single domestic use, no lawn and garden irrigation, located along Tillman Creek south of the Yakima River, mitigation through the Burchak Water Bank, USBR/Ecology storage contract for the period November 1st to March 31st, impacts to Tillman Creek and the Yakima River, with the use of Tillman Creek mitigation rights makes this suitable. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-75 Upper Kittitas Yakima River Green Zone:** Danielle stated she has brought this pre-approval request to the group to improve work efficiencies for Ecology and reduce

the number of transfer proposals requiring WTWG review each month. Ecology is asking WTWG for pre-approval of WBN well requests for permit-exempt domestic supplies with 500 ft<sup>2</sup> of lawn and garden irrigation, in the mapped Upper Kittitas mainstem Yakima River green zones for several (6) existing water banks, similar to the pre-approval already given to the Suncadia and Kittitas County OTC Water Banks. She would like the group to consider her request, as there are 2-3 proposals in any given batch of transfer proposals presented to WTWG each month that would fit in this category. As an example, of the 9 proposals today, one proposal would have qualified to just be reported to the group, not reviewed in detail. She also stated that Kittitas County has finished the green zone mapping, which will help to know the risks. The proposals that include impacts and require permits would still be presented to this group. Stan is on board with this and Tom would like to discuss this at the next WTWG meeting. This will cover the Upper Kittitas mainstem Yakima River green zone mapped area and extend to only the current water banks in this area. **Pending, come back to the group.**

The next meeting will be **Monday, May 2, 2016** at 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.