Water Transfer Working Group
Minutes for the 1:00 PM, August 4, 2014 Meeting

Attendees: Stuart Crane, Bill Ferry, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Chris Lynch, Teresa Merriman, Sage Park, Scott Revell & Ron Van Gundy (Telephonically), Nea Welch-Timmons, and Tom Ring.

Teresa Merriman opened the meeting at 1:05 PM, in Chuck’s absence, asking for the approval of the June 2, 2014 meeting minutes. The group approved the minutes.

Teresa proceeded to the next agenda item of new proposals:

2014-60 - G4-35704 – SwiftWater Ranch LLC Water Bank (MVO LLC) – Sage presented this proposal for one proposed well to supply 0.414 acre foot per year of consumptive use water for continuous single domestic water supply and seasonal irrigation for 500 square feet of lawn and garden; one residential connection at 350 gallons per day used continuously year round. This proposal will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract from 9/16 to 3/31 to mitigate for flow impacts to the Yakima River and Crystal Creek. The property is North of Cle Elum. Proposal was given the Thumbs up.

2014-61 – CG4-27347C@4 (YAKI-14-02) (Newhouse) – Sage presented this proposal to change the place of use, however the purpose of use, irrigated acreage and authorized quantities of water will remain unchanged. Period of use is 04/1 to 10/31. Department of Ecology is coming up on the end of its 45 day review period for this Yakima County Water Conservancy Board report of decision, so Ecology’s decision needs to be made or an extension needs to be requested. This property is in the Outlook/Grandview area. Questions that were brought up by the group:

(a) “What industry is it supplying?”
(b) “What is the mix of water right certificates and permits?”
(c) “What does ‘partially’ mean for the industrial supply use in this case?”
(d) “Multiple water rights stacked on the property?”
(e) “Consumptive use calculation not needed, but we (WTWG) need to see it.”
(f) “Temporary transfer lease agreement how long?”

Proposal was not given a thumbs up until further information can be provided, reviewed, and discussed by the group.

The next meeting is set for September 8, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

Teresa adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.