WTWG Minutes for Monday, August 30, 2010, 1:00 PM

Attendees: Chad Bala, Dave Brown, Kelsey Collins, Melissa Downes, Bill Ferry, Debi Freudenthal, Chuck Garner, Candy Graff, Teresa Hauser, Carron Helberg, Anna Hoselton, Stan Isley, Walter Larrick, Paul LaRiviere, Chris Lynch, Tim McCoy, Tom Ring, Mark Schuppe, Jeff Schuster (phone), Ron Van Gundy, Anne Watanabe

Previous Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2010: Walt asked for the group’s approval of the minutes from August 2nd, and the group approved them as updated with Stan’s comments.

Previous Proposals: Walt continued with the new proposals for:

2010-64 Williams: Kelsey from Ecology started by saying she added 3 maps to the website and summarized this proposal for the group. She said there is no flow data or curtailment data in this area, project description is only for seasonal irrigation right not year round use right, and there are existing springs and domestic wells in the triangle to serve this area for the cabin owners. The group talked about KRD delivery, lack of curtailment, it doesn’t affect TWSA and is water budget neutral. Larry wanted it to go through the contract since it is an upstream transfer to the reservoir, and Paul felt this is a no impact assessment. The group discussed the change in season of use, use calculation, that there is a mix of uses and future growth. Kelsey said the use was calculated at 100 gallons per day, half-time use, which was reported to the legislature in 2006. Currently there are 10 cabin owners. The group talked about the documents, the future process, and when the water is gone, they will have to go other places. Tom Ring is ok with this if there is complete documentation for this proposal. Larry is ok as long as it goes through the exchange contract protocol. The group gave it a thumbs-up recommendation.

2010-65 Talerico/Central Cascades Land Co: Anne Watanabe explained this new proposal by stating this is on the Younger ditch, it is like the one she brought in front of this group before, it is a temporary request it is only the consumptive use, 4-year construction period until 2013, and that it could be taken out of the Younger Ditch or out of the main stem itself. The group talked about the consumptive use, validation of the water right (extent and validity), the 3.5 acres of irrigation, aerials maps, going to water day court on September 9th, and this is not in the box. Ecology would prefer to get together before water day court. The group discussed the place of use is the entire upper Kittitas County and said would like it to be more specific area, the effects of future housing development, and the point of diversion. Tom Ring or Ecology felt it was not a thumb-up, but not a thumbs-down either. Jeff Schuster talked about being careful in the language to not set a precedent. Ecology’s process is taking longer to process proposals, but would be able to talk about this in court. The group did not give it a recommendation.

2010-66 Cascade View Inc/SC Aggregate: Candy Graff of Ecology presented this proposal and stated it is a 350 gallon per day use. She talked about the senior rights (15) below this. The group pointed out that KID is listed on the proposal but should be KRD. The group discussed this proposal and that it had no instantaneous just 350 gallons per day. The group discussed which stream it is, the season of use, the non-irrigation impacts, and expressed concerns about Robison Creek. The group discussed the errors on fish habitat information and the footprint of Robison Creek. Group talked about septic covenant, brand new water appropriation, mitigation, fish flows, Roza dam, and any other impacts. The group discussed the hydrology of this proposal and mitigation, with Tom Ring adding the quantity they would mitigate for is 350 gallons per day. The group discussed 12 months mitigated or 6 months unmitigated, as it has to come from SC Aggregate for the whole year or it is new water. Chuck confirmed it is for 12 months. The group concluded it is in the box if fully mitigated and the contract is not needed. Conditional thumbs-up if the mitigation is what we think it is and Mark will report back to the group at the next meeting.

Walt adjourned the meeting at 2:25PM.