
Chuck Garner opened the meeting with the approval of the previous meeting minutes, with changes noted from Paul LaRiviere, Department of Fish and Wildlife. Chuck continued with changes to the agenda, with Sage Park requesting that the 2013-09 Hanson proposal be withdrawn and Kurt Walker requesting that 2013-12 for Weibel be added because it is adjacent to the 2013-11 Childs proposal and their requests are similar.

The group continued to previous proposals;

2012-21 – R&R Heights Land Company  - Candy Graff, Department of Ecology, presented this revised proposal, previously presented on March 5, 2012 by Anne Watanabe. This revised proposal increased the number of lots (connections) from 10 to 11 lots, with the consumptive water use changing from 2.84 to 2.99 acre feet per year. Tom Ring commented that 11 lots uses more water than 10 lots, with Chris Lynch commenting he saw in the amended request where the total consumptive use did increase in the revised proposal. The group gave a thumbs-up recommendation.

Chuck then continued with the new proposals;

2013-07/2013-08 Jenson  – Kurt began by explaining these proposals stating that a request came in from Mr. Jenson requesting water for indoor domestic use, to serve these two parcels, they are individual lots, each with consumptive water use to serve one house and 500 sq ft of lawn and garden.
The two requests look similar and are adjacent parcels. The water bank being used is the SwiftWater Bank, near the lower end of the Teanaway River upstream of its confluence with the Yakima River. The assessment shows the well pumping impacts would be expressed in the lower Teanaway River and Yakima River main stem, and will be mitigated through the SwiftWater Ranch trust water right. SwiftWater Ranch has an upstream location; we intend to use the exchange contract to address the out of irrigation season Yakima River flow impacts from September 15 through October 31 each year. Stan Isley said that the quantity looks good to him. Tom stated we should make it clear for the record, while the group is recommending approval of this water transaction, the parcels are along the Teanaway River; with that said, we have no idea about floodplain issues, land use, zoning or other issues or permits that may be pertinent to the development of this property. The group gave a thumbs-up recommendation to both proposals.

2013-09 Hanson – Withdrawn from Today’s Agenda
2013-10 Holt – Kurt Walker explained that this proposal is located near Morgan Creek, easterly of Lake Cle Elum. This is for domestic supply for one home and irrigation of 500 square feet of lawn and garden. It is an area that has had quite a bit of development, relying on the Suncadia Water Bank which will be used to mitigate for this proposal. Kurt asked the group is there were any other questions and Chuck also asked if there is any need for discussion. With no response from the group, they gave a thumbs-up recommendation.

2013-11 thru 2013-12 Childs/Weibel – Kurt Walker explained that the Childs proposal’s geographical area has had a few requests previously before the group, which is an area just west and south of the City of Cle Elum. There is a neighboring parcel that needs to be added to the agenda today. Kurt explained that he hopes both of these proposals can be considered by this group today, even though 2013-12 for Weibel (numbered assigned while meeting in progress) was not included on the agenda. They both have the same impact analysis statement completed, and the conclusions are that pumping from both wells will impact the main stem of the Yakima River. Paul asked Kurt if he did a hydrogeological reciprocal memo for both proposals and was that his conclusion. Kurt said he knows this is out of our normal protocol to accept a new proposal for review during a WTWG meeting, with Tom responding that yes it is. Paul asked is there no influence to the KRD canal, Kurt explained no they are not robbing from them, but actually might be adding. Kurt responded that both these lots are between Peterson Creek and Fowler Creek which are located to the northwest and Spex Arth Creek located to the east. Kurt asked are there any issues of bringing both of these proposals to the group at the same time. These proposals are each for domestic supply for one house and irrigation of 500 square feet of lawn & garden. Paul asked if the wells have been drilled yet. Kurt said Childs has a well, but it is not referred to in their paperwork, but Weibel does not have a well. These proposals have really shallow soil so the water should be going right back into the system. Stan said he was good with Childs and added that both were ok. The additional proposal was entered into the minutes as 2013-12 – Weibel. The group gave a thumbs-up recommendation to both of these proposals.

Submittals for the next meeting need to be made to Sage or Nea by the 27th of December 2012, due to the holiday.

Chuck confirmed the next meeting will be on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 1:00 PM.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.