

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting

1:00 pm, Monday, October 1, 2012

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation YFO Conference Room

Attending Meeting: Bob Barwin, Dave Brown, Stuart Crane, Bill Ferry (by phone), Chuck Garner, Teresa Merriman, Carron Helberg, Anna Hoselton, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Chris Lynch, Larry Martin, Sage Park, Tom Ring (by phone), Scott Turner, Ron Van Gundy, Kurt Walker, Nea Welch

Chuck Garner opened the meeting at 1305.

No previous proposals came back to the group for consideration, so Chuck moved on to the first new proposal.

The group accepted the minutes from the July 30, 2012 and August 27, 2012 WTWG meetings.

2012-43 Modarelli/Suncadia - Anna H. from Ecology explained this first new proposal – talked about the 500 sq ft of lawn and garden irrigation associated with this single domestic supply, consumptive use, and this being for the seventh connection out of eight. She looked at it as a hydrologist and felt its pumping impact would affect the Yakima River main stem. Tom R., Stan and Paul were fine with it and the group gave it a Thumbs up recommendation.

2012-44 Shoval/Suncadia - Anna also explained new proposal 2012-43 – it proposes supplying 4 residences with 500 sq ft of lawn irrigation each, totally six connections would now be authorized in this group domestic water system, with the capacity of one more connection. Pumping effects are the same as 2012-43, Stan, Tom and Paul were fine with it and the group gave it a Thumbs up recommendation.

2012-45 (Clennon) & 2012-46 (Roth) – Bob explained a complicated water banking and mitigation use in both 45 & 46, providing water for future domestic uses, using storage under the exchange contract for mitigation from August 1 through April 1. Ecology acquired 45 acre-feet per year of trust water from Clennon and Roth for instream flow and water banking mitigation use. He talked about how it previously worked with the water supply being cut off by the end of July in the 2001 and 2005 severe drought years. He talked about how in the past several years these rights have enjoyed a full water supply into September. They basically will be banking only the secure May through July portion of these water rights using the storage contract to mitigate for new consumptive use from August 1 through April 30. This water right was confirmed to the Younger Ditch, east of Cle Elum, but is subject to its historic water availability from the Teanaway River where this water right was originally perfected. This will be managed with other Teanaway River water rights. Kurt Walker from DOE explained both proposals 45 & 46, they are the same water right being used for new domestic uses within the same Younger Ditch service area east of Cle Elum. Proposal 45 is for 4 domestic supplies with a total of 2000 square feet of

irrigation. Proposal 46 is for 3 domestic supplies with a total of 1500 square feet of irrigation. These are TWSA neutral. Kurt explained how the consumptive use was calculated and the impact of the proposals. Tom R. commented that this needs to be tracked, and wanted to make sure if the conditions change and this water use falls outside the box, then it needs to be dealt with to ensure no negative impact to TWSA occurs. The Group gave it a Thumbs up.

2012-47 Autumn Mt. Development Inc. - Scott Turner explained the 2012-47 proposal, which is a proposed additional point of diversion from Wilson creek to this original Naneum Creek water right. This would authorize the change that was made in the field in 2000. Scott said there is no impairment, only an additional point of diversion. Stan said the proposed section 19 diversion is near (upstream of) where Wilson and Naneum Creeks flow together in Section 30. The group talked about how this will get tracked, who is the, or is there a, current Watermaster or local stream patrolman, return flows, and TWSA. Paul said he thought that Brent or Perry were aware of the history behind this request, but was not sure. Scott said this was a result of a permitted action back in 2000 (HPA permit), and would not increase consumptive use. The group talked about protection against impairment. Paul is not opposed to this proposal and Tom wants to make it clear, that it is not free of other regulations, must be TWSA neutral, and may not enlarge the original Naneum Creek water right, even though this is a thumbs up on the additional point of diversion. The group gave a thumbs up recommendation on the additional point of diversion.

Chuck confirmed next meeting is on November 5, 2012 and the group adjourned at 1:45 pm.