

Water Transfer Working Group
Minutes for the 1:00 PM, January 6, 2014 Meeting

Attendees: Stuart Crane, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Anna Hoselton, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Stuart Luttrell, Larry Martin, Teresa Merriman, Jacquelyn Metcalfe, Scott Revell, Tom Ring, Scott Turner, Ron Van Gundy, Kurt Walker, Anne Watanabe (Telephonically), Nea Welch-Timmons.

Chuck opened the meeting at 1:05 PM, asking for the approval of the December 2, 2013 meeting minutes. The group approved the December meeting minutes with corrections to the minutes. The corrected December 2013 minutes and agenda will be sent to Chris Anderson at Ecology in Olympia to replace the incorrect ones on the WTWG website. Chuck proceeded to the next agenda item of new proposals:

2014-11 – G4-35634 - Suncadia (Shoval) - Stuart Luttrell, as a representative of DOE in place of Sage, presented the proposal to use 0.414 acre-feet/year (afy) of water from the Suncadia Trust Water Right to mitigate for the final connection to a well that was the source for a prior request considered by the WTWG. This connection will supply a single domestic water use at 350 gallons per day as a maximum daily demand for one residence and includes 500 ft² of irrigation. This point of withdrawal (well) is previously authorized for 6 connections to Wedgewood Estates subdivision which is located approximately 3 miles southwest from South Cle Elum, WA. Assigned to the Bureau of Reclamation – DOE Exchange Contract for winter mitigation and impacts the Yakima River. It was approved by the group.

2014-12 - G4-35630(A) & (B) – Suncadia (Suncadia) – Stuart Luttrell presented the proposal to use 8.274 acre-feet/year (afy) of mitigation water from the Suncadia Trust Water Right. The request is for multiple domestic supply for up to 15 wells and 20 residential connections at 200 gallons per minute, and includes 500 ft² of irrigation per home, totaling 0.23 acre of irrigation. Proposal is located in the Tillman Creek subbasin, within Kittitas County, Washington. Original Tillman basin application was separated into two individual applications, one (A) for the aquifer in unconsolidated sediments, and the other (B) for the bedrock aquifer. This utilizes the last of the Suncadia Tillman Subbasin mitigation water that was dedicated to mitigate for local Tillman Creek flow impacts for a maximum 50 domestic water uses. Bureau of Reclamation – DOE Exchange Contract is required to mitigate for winter impacts to upper Yakima River target flows. WTWG requested the list of wells associated with this basin, i.e. cumulative # of wells assigned. The group gave the proposal a thumbs up.

2014-13 – G4-35645 – Crush (Three Sons LLC) - Stuart Luttrell presented the proposal to use 0.414 acre-feet per year (afy) of mitigation water from the Crush LLC Water Bank for a single domestic water supply and 500 ft² of irrigation from a well. This proposal may result in impacts to the Cle Elum River and or main stem Yakima River. Also, there could be impacts to small, unnamed streams located approximately 1,500 ft. west and 400 ft. east of the well location and west of the city of Roslyn. This proposal is assigned to the Bureau of Reclamation – DOE Exchange Contract to mitigate for out-of-irrigation-season impacts to the Yakima River. Thumbs Up.

2014-14 – G4-35642 – WWT/Masterson (Chrysanthakopoulos) - Stuart Luttrell presented the proposal to use 0.414 acre-feet per year (afy) of WWT/Masterson Water Bank water to mitigate for a well supplying a single domestic water supply and 500 ft² of irrigation. This proposal will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract to mitigate for possible impacts to the Yakima River from September 16 through October 31 and will contribute \$500 to the Teanaway River local mitigation project account. This proposal is south of the Teanaway River, on the north slope of Lookout Mountain, and may result in flow impacts to the unnamed ephemeral stream, to Musser Creek, and/or to the Teanaway River. Proposal was given the Thumbs up.

2014-15 – G4-35651 – Suncadia (Rohrbach) - Stuart Luttrell presented the proposal to use 0.414 acre-feet per year (afy) of Suncadia Water Bank mitigation water for a single domestic water supply irrigation of 500 sq. ft. of lawn and garden from a well. This proposal will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract to address flow impacts along the Yakima River from September 1 through March 31 each year. This groundwater withdrawal may result in flow impacts to Cle Elum Lake and the unnamed stream north of the subject parcel, which is located east of Cle Elum Lake. Thumbs Up.

2014-16 – G4-35649 – Suncadia (Pook & Kluck) - Stuart Luttrell presented the proposal to use 0.414 acre-feet per year (afy) of Suncadia Water Bank mitigation water for a single domestic water supply and irrigation of 500 sq. ft. of lawn and garden from a well. This proposal is located on a steep west facing slope above the east side of Cle Elum Lake between Morgan Creek and Bell Creek roughly 6 miles northwest of Ronald. This proposal will rely on the Bureau of Reclamation – DOE Exchange Contract to address non-irrigation season impacts to the upper Yakima River. Thumbs Up.

2014-17 – G4-35637 – Crush LLC, Yakima Mitigation Services (Central Cascades Land Co. Inc. - Lang) – Anne Watanabe, as a representative of Yakima Mitigation Services Water Bank, presented the proposal to use 2.896 acre-feet per year (afy) of Crush LLC, Yakima Mitigation Services Water Bank mitigation water to mitigate for 7 domestic water uses supplied from a well, including irrigation of 500 ft² per home, for a total of 3500 sq. ft. of lawn and garden irrigation. This proposal may result in flow impacts to the main stem Yakima River or the unnamed lake located west of the subject well. The parcels are located 1.5 miles east of the City of Cle Elum, within Kittitas County. This proposal will utilize the Bureau of Reclamation – DOE Exchange Contract to address flow impacts to the Yakima River from September 1 through March 31 each year. Thumbs Up.

2014-18 - CS4-02203sb29 – (Parker-Orchard Estates LLC) – Scott Turner, as a representative of DOE, presented the proposal requesting authorization for an additional (2nd) point of diversion at a point located 250-300 feet upstream of the currently-authorized diversion point for this water right. This water right authorizes the withdrawal of 0.179 cfs, 65 acre-feet per year (afy) of water from the Yakima River downstream of Prosser for the irrigation of 13 acres. This proposed additional diversion point was approved by the Benton County Water Conservancy Board. No other attributes of the water right are proposed to be changed, and this would not enlarge the water right. Tom Ring asked where on the river is this located? Note: Paul LaRiviere asked for it to be made clear for the record that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in general does not approve of upstream diversion moves, this being an exception. Thumbs Up.

The next meeting is set for February 3, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.