

Water Transfer Working Group
Minutes for the 1:00 PM, April 7, 2014 Meeting

Attendees: Tyson Carlson, Stuart Crane, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Stan Isley, Jessica Kuchan (Telephonically), Paul LaRiviere, Larry Martin, Jason McCormick, Phil Neumann (Telephonically), Sage Park, Scott Revell, Scott Turner, Ron Van Gundy, Anne Watanabe (Telephonically), Nea Welch-Timmons.

Chuck opened the meeting at 1:00 PM, asking for the approval of the March 3, 2014 meeting minutes. The group noted a correction needed to be made to reflect that Stuart Crane attended the meeting Telephonically; Sage Park presented Proposal 2014-28 – G4-35652 – WWT/Masterson (Deann Reeves), not Jason McCormick, and then the group approved the March meeting minutes, with those corrections made and reported to WDOE in Olympia, to have the minutes corrected on the website.

Chuck proceeded to the next agenda item of new proposals:

2014-30 – CC No. 02316 – GT Ranch, LLC (Washington Water Trust) - Jason McCormick, representing WWT, presented this proposal to temporarily donate four different GT Ranch, LLC water rights to the state trust water program for instream flow use from April 1 to October 31 for ten years, from 2014 through 2023. GT Ranch's water source is the Yakima River for pasture irrigation and stock watering at a total annual quantity of 300.5 af/yr, including 152.59 af/yr of CU water. The historic irrigation method has been impact sprinkler (44.2 acres) and flood (5.8 acres). Consumptive use is based on the Washington Irrigation Guide crop irrigation requirement estimated for pasture/turf at Ellensburg. It was approved by the group.

2014-31 – G4-35646 - Roth Water Bank (Rob and Cindy Sole) – Sage Park presented this proposal; for a total of 0.420 af/yr (0.143 af/yr CU) of water from a well for continuous single domestic supply and seasonal irrigation of 500 sq. feet of lawn and garden. There have been other proposals approved south of this property. Stan I. noted that this is actually from the Roth Water Bank not Roth-Clennon. During the irrigation season, 0.088 ac-ft is assigned to the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract to mitigate for out of season impacts along the Yakima River. The review of the local area hydrogeology suggests that the proposed groundwater withdrawals under G4-35646 will likely result in flow impacts to the Yakima River. The subject parcel is located southwest of the City of Cle Elum. The group gave the proposal thumbs up.

2014-32 – G4-35672 – Masterson Water Bank (Marc Fournier) - Sage Park presented this proposal; annual quantity is a total of 0.435 af/yr (0.157 af CU) of water from a well for continuous year-round supply for one domestic unit and seasonal irrigation for 1000 sq. feet of lawn and garden. Paul L would like to see this reduced to 500 sq. feet; because so many times the requestor asks for 1000, and when we ask why, the answer is no one asked me if I would take less, and they reduce their request to the 500 sq. ft. This proposal requires the \$500 local mitigation fee. The parcel lies north of the Teanaway River, approximately 2.3 miles upstream of the confluence of the Teanaway and Yakima Rivers. No Thumbs up from WDFW, unless feet of lawn and garden irrigation is reduced to 500 sq. feet.

2014-33 – G4-35668 – Roth Water Bank (Earl Delcomyn) - Sage Park presented this proposal for one proposed well to supply a total of 0.414 acre-feet per year (0.143 af/yr CU) of water for continuous single domestic water supply and seasonal irrigation of 500 ft² of lawn and garden, using 350 gallons per day as maximum daily demand for the domestic use. The subject parcel is located northeast of the City of Cle Elum, WA. This proposal will also utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract from 9/16 to 3/31 to mitigate for impact to the Yakima River. Proposal was given the Thumbs up.

2014-34 – CS4-01676sb5f@1 – Traci Shallbetter (Elerding) - Sage Park presented this proposal, to place the entire Shallbetter irrigation and stock water right (including 21.304 af/yr of CU water) into the trust program for instream flow use and mitigation for out-of-priority use (15 af/yr CU for Mr. Elerding). The water source is the Younger Ditch (Yakima River). Water is diverted from the Yakima River, via the Younger ditch, which eventually feeds a pond located on the Shallbetter property and irrigates 9.446 acres and provides stock water, May 1 through September 15 (a permit exempt well is used to water stock from Sept 16 to April 30). This instream flow water right will still be conditioned to the availability of the original class 16 water right on the Teanaway (1900 date of priority). Thumbs up approval.

2014-35 – S4-29795 – Bruton Water Bank (Salmon La Sac Association) – Sage Park presented this proposal, to provide Bruton Water Bank mitigation water for a group domestic supply for 18 cabins using Cooper and Cle Elum River water in the Salmon La Sac area. This request is for indoor use only. The new water right for this water use has an August 22, 1988 priority date and thus must be fully mitigated by water from the 1873-priority Bruton Bank water year-round. This proposal will also utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract. Stuart noted that curtailment of this water use could occur in the future if local Cooper/Cle Elum River low flows or fish problems surface, despite the use being water budget neutral. Thumbs Up!

2014-36 - CC No. 00302 – Bruton Water Bank (South First Kachess Summer Homes, c/o Art Whitham) - Sage Park presented this proposal, to provide Bruton Water Bank mitigation water for a community domestic supply for 7 summer cabins, indoor use only. Period of use would be continuous year around and water will be diverted from Thetis Creek, stored and distributed to the cabins on the west side of Lake Kachess. Six of the cabins have an existing water right with a May 19, 1958 priority date, and one cabin has no pre-existing water right authorization. The 1873-priority Bruton water would be used during periods of post-1905 priority water right curtailment to mitigate for the 6 cabins under the 1958 water right, and would be used every year to mitigate for the water use by the 7th cabin. Note: one or two of these cabins may use the Jerry Williams Water Bank as its source of mitigation water instead of the Bruton Water Bank. This proposal will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract. In the ‘Proposed USBR-Ecology Contract Assignment Rationale’, a correction needs to be made to the last sentence under ‘Impact Analysis’ to say... “data indicate no occurrence “currently” of Bull Trout or other ESA-Listed fish”. Paul L. agreed. Thumbs up.

2014-37 - CC Nos. (Multiple) – Bruton Water Bank (Goose Prairie Home Tracts) – Sage Park presented this proposal, to provide Bruton Water Bank mitigation water for domestic supply for up to 30 homes for continuous year round use near Goose Prairie. The water sources for this proposal are three springs tributary to Bumping River and the Bumping River. This proposal will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract to address impacts to TWSA. Twelve of the cabins are authorized by post-1905 priority water rights, and require mitigation water from the

1873-priority Bruton Bank water for their out of priority use during periods of post-1905 priority water right curtailment. Eighteen (18) of the cabins are unpermitted and need mitigation water from the Bruton Water Bank every year as a new fully-mitigated water right. Stan I. stated that only new water on proration. Diversion of surface water during rationing years will impact flows in the Yakima River when the TWSA irrigation supply period is in effect. Thumbs Up.

2014-38 - Portion of CC No. 00176 – Brian Patrick King – Jessica Kuchan, of the Mentor Law Group, PLLC, presented this proposal telephonically to the group. Let it be noted that the court claim that was listed as “00167” was erroneously listed and should have been posted as “00176”. The water source is Big Creek and the water was historically used to grow pasture grass and water stock. This water right’s 2.4 acre-feet per year for irrigation and 0.0067 acre-feet per year for stock water will be transferred to instream flow use in Big Creek and the Yakima River to the Yakima River’s confluence with the Columbia River. The confirmed season of use for this water right is May 1 to September 1 for irrigation, and continuously for stockwater. Method of irrigation was flood. Stan said the secondary reach instream flow trust water quantities should be calculated using average-year CU figures (~0.87 af/yr), not drought year CU figures (0.92 af/yr). Thumbs up!

2014-39 - Pending New Water Right – Bruton Water Bank (Camp Zarahemla) - Sage Park presented this proposal, to provide Bruton Water Bank mitigation water for domestic supply for Camp Zarahemla on the southwest side of Clear Lake. This is a new water right application (post-1905 priority) that requires every-year mitigation water from the 1873-priority Bruton Bank water. This is a continuous community domestic supply for a 100-person camp facility, indoor use only. The water sources are an unnamed spring, tributary to North Fork Tieton River and Clear Lake, and one proposed well. Annual quantity is 0.51 acre-foot (consumptive use). This proposal will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract to address impacts to TWSA. Thumbs Up.

2014-40 - G4-35656 Jerry Williams Water Bank (Beddingfield) – Sage Park presented this proposal, to provide Jerry Williams Water Bank mitigation water (1881 priority date) for a continuous single domestic water supply and 500 sq. feet of irrigation from a well for Archie Beddingfield, south of Lake Cle Elum. The well is a proposed bedrock well located about 4,000 feet from the Cle Elum River. This proposal will utilize the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract to address potential impacts to TWSA. Thumbs Up.

The next meeting is set for May 5, 2014 at 1:00 PM.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 1:50 PM.