

# Water Transfer Work Group Meeting Minutes

## July 2nd, 2012

**Attendees:** Dave Brown, Stuart Crane, Melissa Downes, Chuck Garner, Candy Graff, Anna Hoselton, Stan Isley, Walt Larrick, Paul LaRiviere, Larry Martin, Sage Park.

**Approval of Minutes:** Everyone is reminded to send in any changes that need to be made to [mdestito@usbr.gov](mailto:mdestito@usbr.gov) within the week and the changes will be made and reposted. Stuart noted that he needed to be added as attending the last meeting.

### **Previous Proposals:**

**2012 – 30 – Williams/Amerivest (was on last month's Agenda)** – saved until July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **New Proposals:**

**2012 - 31 - Shoval/Suncadia** – Anna brought this proposal to the group and stated that this has been brought to the group previously with the same point of withdrawal and one connection has already been approved. It was for 7 total connections and this is the second proposed connection for the same well. This connection will receive a 4.4 gpm pumping rate limit. The max total withdrawal for this well is 33gpm.

The Suncadia mitigation water right is the right confirmed under Court Claim No. 05259 and Paul wanted to know what stream the mitigation water right comes from. It's a Yakima mainstem mitigation water right (former Pautzke Bait Company right). The effect of pumping from this well would be to the Yakima River. There has been a site visit done. Paul was asking if the geology applies to all three proposals. Yes, in all three proposals, the pumping impact would be to the Yakima River. The first proposal is a separate well (Wedgwood Estates) from the two following proposals, 2012-32 and 2012-34, which share the same well (Carmel Views Plat). There are no fisheries effects and Stan stated that the math looks correct on all three.

The Group gave this a Thumbs up Recommendation.

### **2012 - 32 - Oren Development/Suncadia**

Applicants request 350gpd of groundwater appropriation for 1 of 8 residences. There was a question on whether or not once you divide it the 350 gpd will be enough water as it is less than the authorized instantaneous pumping rate of 4.5 gpm would deliver in a day if pumped continuously. Stan thought that sometimes they were self regulating; for instance, some wells would not support continual pumping at the max authorized pumping rate, and the water users will not pump more water (nor pay the pumping costs for pumping more water) than they need to supply their daily needs. Walt asked if Ecology comes back and finds out how much they are pumping. The maximum withdrawal rates and usage limits are defined under the permit authority and if they pump more it is an illegal withdrawal. The permits require the wells to be equipped with flow measuring devices and annual water use to be reported to Ecology.

**2012-32 and 2012-33** - Were both given the Thumbs up Recommendation.

**Other:** Stuart suggested that the new proposals need to be posted on Wednesday before the Monday meeting so people have a chance to view them.

**2012 - 33 – Modarelli/Suncadia** – The group gave this a Thumbs up Recommendation.

Meeting concluded at 1:18 p.m.

Next meeting will be July 30th, 2012 at 1:00 P.M.