

WTWG Minutes for Monday, July 25 at 10:30 AM

Dave Brown	Dar Crammond by phone
Phil Crane	Stephan Fanciullo
Kale Gullett	Dan Haller
Carron Helberg	Quentin Kreuter
Jamie Morin by phone	David Murillo
Tom Ring	Ron Van Gundy

Meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM by David Murillo. The group approved the minutes of 6/27/05 as written.

The group discussed transfer number 2005-48 for the City of Cle Elum next. SF felt this needed to be reported. The group asked some questions about the wells, with DH explaining the wells are less than 26 feet deep, which is basically a well field next to the river. KG asked who was paying for this, it is a city source, and feels the need to coordinate with NMFS. David Murillo summarized that with the paperwork that needs to be in place, and the reporting requirements (metering), and with Federal money from F & WL and NMFS, the group recommended this transfer.

The group continued with the next new transfer 2005-49. This one is actually a revised consolidation of transfers 2005-40 through 2005-46 and these were already recommended by the group.

The group continued with the next new transfer, 2005-50 for Wheatley. Jack Carpenter is working with Mr. Wheatley, and it is coming from the South Branch. JC wanted to know how it will be managed. PC stated it would ultimately be 1 cfs. QK stated that it could not be 1 cfs all the time. RVG asked if there are other diversions below, with a yes answer. Tom Ring needs a diagram, mapped out with the upstream and downstream diversions. JC indicated in late June, early July they are on KRD 100%. TR wants the diagram to indicate the current amount of the diversion showing before and after. The group wants an operational scheme and will discuss at the next meeting.

The group continued with the next new transfer 2005-51 for the City of Roslyn. The group wanted to know what the Currier Creek flows are in a normal year. There is no water June or July in a normal year, with this year being zero. It is close to the city limits of Ellensburg. It expects to be all project return flow. SK believes he has records above and below – no 3 cfs. DC stated if confirmed in the CFO as a valid natural flow right, then it would be constrained to less than 3 cfs. TR asked was it historically irrigated, is it water budget neutral? PC said it was irrigated and feels it is positively water budget neutral. TR is not convinced. JC feels it is water budget neutral. PC would add it onto as part of Roslyn's total. TR asked would it be tracked. PC said it is actually out of the water right mitigation, not adding on to the water right. QK asked we assume it is available all year or is it a diminished flow. JC said it would be dry if not for KRD. TR wanted to know what the priority date of the Pott water right is, DC said 1875. DC

continued saying this looks like sketchy mitigation for the City of Roslyn. For the WTWG, TR feels the TWSA is the problem. The group continued to discuss the operational flow, with TR asking is it in a CFO. The group felt they need to find out. The group continued to discuss the amount of junior users below this right and how it would be operated. TR asked DC to draft a one-pager, natural flow and availability with approval of YFO if adequate flow is available. The group agreed that PC will have Adam Gravely draft something for the group to review, and have SF look at the Courier Creek flow information.

The group continued on to transfer 2005-52 for Ste Michelle. PC explained it is Big Creek water to the Prosser area. A well site is getting closer, but Ecology is still working with them. The season is May 1st through September 1st. SF said we need to look at the CU May 1 – Sept 1 and keep the water in the river to the well site. RVG asked if it a permanent change. Yes. TR stated it is water budget neutral. JC was ok with following these acres but the numbers are not right. DC said he would like to see the math. PC said he will do it for them and the well site needs to be confirmed before this will even go through. The group discussed the specific numbers the group would like to see. SF and QK need an update on the Ecology spreadsheet numbers and POD. DM summarized by stating they need to clean up the proposed transfer and look at this transfer at the next meeting.

The group continued on to the last new transfers for this meeting, which are 2005-53, 54, and 55 for Suncadia. Jamie Morin joined us by phone and explained these are three additional water rights, and in the trust water right for the next 5 years. JC has no concerns about this transfer. DC stated it is not diverted and will be a placeholder, request adding a constriction subject to availability. JM said it already exists in the management plan. DC commented he meant the impact with project operations and TWSA. JM responded it is already addressed. DC said he sees not problem with this transfer operationally as long as it is a temporary transfer. The group recommended this transfer.

DC continued to the next agenda item with questions about Tieton Hydropower power plant. If construction begins August 1st, where are they getting their water for their construction purposes? YTID is contributing water (offset) up to Oct 31st, so they need two transfers, one for August 1st to October 31st and the second one for November 1st to April 1st. It is confirmed in the Report of the Court for the US Tieton Warehouse/Rimrock Residence which supports their CU. YTID has winter water, cistern, etc. so they would do it all. RVG asked is it included in the mediation agreement. DC asked if it is confirmed in their CFO. DC continued by stating it is in as dust abatement on our (Reclamation) land. The group will review this transfer at the next meeting.

The group agreed the next meeting will be August 29, 2005 at 10:30 AM.

The group adjourned at 12:00 AM.