

WTWG Meeting Minutes for Monday August 2, 2010, 1:00 PM

Attendees: Dave Brown, Kelsey Collins, Stuart Crane, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Candy Graff, Teresa Hauser, Carron Helberg, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Chris Lynch, Tom Mackie, Kelly McCaffrey (phone), Jason McCormick, Scott Revell, Tom Ring, Scott Turner, Ron Van Gundy, Kurt Walker, Anne Watanabe (phone), Sara Watkins.

Chuck opened the meeting by asking for approval of the minutes from June 7, 2010 and June 28, 2010, with the group approving the minutes as written.

2010-62: The group began with the **Masterson** proposal with Kelly explaining the history of use, damage to the intake, moving the diversion; the two types of conveyance water (for example, lost from ditch leakage and conserved water from upgrade from flood irrigation to sprinkler irrigation from wheel lines). Kelly explained how the water gets back into the Teanaway River, which this is not consumptive use, and there are no impacts to third parties. Stan talked about the possible need to stair-step this water (reducing it at a midpoint) in order to protect the water that may have returned historically to the river. He thought the calculations were good. Kurt talked about a report Mr. Nelson had done on this area, and the conclusion was the return flow water was headed to the Yakima River rather than the Teanaway River. Chuck asked if this should come back to this group, and the group said it does not need to come back unless there are changes with Ecology, then yes the group wants it back. The group gave a thumbs-up recommendation if no changes.

2010-61: The group continued with the **Cromarty** proposal with Jason explaining this temporary instream transfer for just the rest of the season. The group gave a thumbs-up recommendation.

2010-63: The group continued with the **Suncadia/Staenberg** proposal with Tom Mackie explaining this request is water budget neutral and looks like it requires a permit and he will talk to Joe Mentor. He said it will serve 26 hookups, and the source is the same. Kurt talked about the developer went ahead and put it in, but it was not under an exemption and with a mix of ownerships, he concluded each can get through this process, but each condo needs their own separate permit. Tom Ring asked if Ecology is looking at Spring Creek while they are in the area, and Kurt said yes, and Paul asked about the wells. Kurt said this will come back after talking to Joe.

2010-64: The group continued with the **Williams** proposal with Kelsey at Ecology explaining this recreational seasonal and currently unauthorized existing water use. She talked to the group about Williams owning a cabin on Lake Kachess, using the exchange contract, that the water right is within Kittitas RD boundaries but no assessment, and that Williams kept a senior creek water right and used it on his property. Ecology verified the use, the portion is small and he would follow the land. It is on Schnebly Creek and Ken Hasbrouck at KRD did signed off on this. Tom Ring asked where this was at and Kelsey said uphill from the spring. The group talked about the current status and if it will get through the exchange contract protocol. The group said they need a map showing the location of the cabins, creeks, point of withdrawal and other analysis information. Tom Ring, Stan, and Bill talked about the season of use in relation to the contract, lack of flow information, and return flow. Ecology needs maps original and proposed, more details about use to be mitigated, well locations, cabin locations and matching them with specific users. Kelsey will provide more information at a future WTWG meeting.

Chuck verified with the group that the next meeting dates are set until the end of the year and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.