

Water Transfer Work Group Meeting Minutes
August 29th, 2011

Attendees: Dave Brown, Stuart Crane, Melissa Downes, Chuck Garner, Candy Graff, Eric Hartwig, Teresa Hauser, Anna Hoselton, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Walt Larrick, Chris Lynch, Larry Martin, Tom Ring, Ron Van Gundy. Anne Watanabe participated telephonically.

Changes to August 1st meeting minutes: There were changes to the minutes and those changes mentioned have been noted. Walt suggested that if anyone has changes to email Michelle Destito and she will make the corrections.

Previous Proposals: Starkovich and SwiftWater Ranch LLC Stougaard, Von Normann and Bourne. Stan Isley gave background information on these proposals that have come to the board in the past on numerous occasions. He described Ecology's proposed approach of the Flood Plain Restoration Project. Ecology has been working behind the scenes with Yakama Nation, WDFW, Kittitas Conservation Trust staff and another entity, to develop a flood plain restoration in the Teanaway that mitigates for the local impacts in the Teanaway. Ecology has worked with Starkovich's, Mastersons and the Swift Water Ranch folks and they have agreed according to their attorneys to donate \$500.00 per connection and direct it to Kittitas Conservation Trust to be held to implement one or more restoration projects. Ecology would like to move forward and not bring these 4 to the WTWG in the future. New proposals would still be brought to the group and the group would get an update on the project in the Teanaway.

A thumbs up was given to not bring it back, but not a thumbs up to approval of the final transfers. The four parties have all agreed to pay the \$500.00. Ecology will approve these based on resource agencies giving their input and approval. All agreed that the WTWG does not need to see them again.

New Proposals

2011 - 64 Suncadia - Coleman

Candy Graff brought this request to the group which is for one residence among a group of residences at 75 gallons per minute with 0.414 annual quantity, which is a consistent number from Mentor Law Group in the Spring Creek area. The location is on the SE side of Lake Cle Elum. The Hydrogeology report for this well is similar to the Ambros - Staenberg applications that were sent out previously. Paul asked if the impact is more than likely to go to Spring Creek or the Lake. Coleman is downhill from these and bedding from the sandstone would put the impact more on the Creek than the Lake in this area. There was a discussion on the 75 gpm, if you ran it for 4 minutes you would have your water for the day. Melissa Downes stated that Ecology would be approving much less than the 75 gpm and that it would be more around 4.5 gpm. Tom Ring clarified that what is being brought to the group is essentially not a request for a well, but 1 domestic use hookup to a well. Therefore the 75gmp number needs to be changed to the amount of water being approved for use by one hookup. Tom Ring asked if there is a pump and Candy confirmed but stated there is no information yet how big it is. Tom Ring recommended thumbs up for 1 domestic hook up worth of water.

2011- 65 Manastash Water Ditch Association

Eric Hartwig presented this application from the Manastash Water Ditch Association. There was a typo on the application. Of the 92 acres, 30 of them are covered by KRD only. It is not part of the MWDA land. They are not adding place of use, they are putting water into trust. They put a water sprinkler system out, replacing the irrigation. This will be primary reach water only because of the KRD trust water right. They are not giving up acreage to fallow and will cover any losses with their KRD shares. They are putting instream flow water starting May 10th – June 30th 0.73cfs and 0.36cfs from July 1 – September 30th. KRD is not on the first part of the watering season so they will utilize the Manastash water. At the end of the irrigation season KRD is not as reliable for this property so they would like to retain the Manastash water that they would receive.

Eric gave an update – Manastash has all 3 main headworks in now. They are going to put in the pipelines in this year for the consolidated MWDA. Next summer they will turn those on and discontinue the main uses on the Hatfield/Reed and Anderson diversions. Once the system proves itself, they will work to decommission the headworks and all the fish passages will be out of Manastash Creek. The group gave this a thumbs up recommendation.

Walt Larrick adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.