

WTWG Minutes for Monday, September 14, 2009 at 1:00 PM

Attendees: Mark Schuppe, Paul LaRiviere, Walter Larrick, Scott Boelman, Margo Hines, Teresa Hauser, Carron Helberg, Ron Van Gundy, Melissa Downes, Larry Martin, Stuart Crane, Jason McCormick, Breean Zimmerman, Greg McLaughlin, Tom Ring, Chris Lynch.

Walt called the meeting to order and started with the minutes from the last meeting on July 27th, but several individuals were unable to open them from Ecology's website, so they were tabled for the next meeting.

Walt continued the agenda, being asked to change the order of the agenda and go to the new proposal 2009-24, for the Bruton Water users first. Jason McCormick explained this proposal by talking about: it is a permanent proposal; it is protected to the Pacific; Heart K Ranch; and that they are seeking an Order of Pendente Lite with Bob Barwin. Walt talked about Reclamation's part in this. Walt, Chris, Teresa, Tom, Larry and Paul talked about how the Kittitas Reclamation District water is being used, the fallowing of land, and TWSA at Parker. After a lengthy discussion, Mark suggested this proposal be put into picture form. Tom Ring commented that Jeff Slothower, attorney for KRD and Ken Hasbrouck, Manager of KRD, should be here for this discussion of the before and after scenario. Walt felt that Stan Isley, as well as others, should also be in attendance. The group decided to reconvene a meeting in a couple of weeks, prior to the next meeting, when these folks and anyone else interested could attend, on just this proposal. No recommendation was given.

Walt continued to the next new proposal 2009-25 for Loosmore. Melissa explained this transfer to Currier Creek. Ecology's had made their decision on Sept 4th, 2009. She explained the point of diversion and the place of use, the Conditional Final Order was finalized in 2001, which included fish screening and measuring. She said it is not an expansion of the water rights. It is in the box, after the fact. The group gave it a thumbs-up recommendation.

Walt returned to the previous proposal 2009-23 for First Creek with Greg explaining the revisions that were made and the status of the tributaries, so he developed a system to quantify the tributaries. He talked about stock water, the tributary boundaries map, how this is calculated, the need to show it is water budget neutral, with all three being water budget neutral, and screening. The group talked about gages, measuring, screening concerns, and the various options. It is a perm transfer, and Melissa will look at it when it is submitted to Ecology. Walt asked if Paul is satisfied with the solution and he says it passes muster for them (WDFW). They feel it can be resolved and meet everyone's needs. Tom says it is inside the box and the group gave it a thumbs-up recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct 19th, 2009 at 1:00 PM in the YFO conference room.

Walt asked Carron to send out an interim meeting notice for the Bruton proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

WTWG Continuation Meeting on Bruton Proposal 2009-24, September 29, 2009 at 9:00 AM at Reclamation's Yakima Field Office Conference Room

On the Phone: Jeff Slothower, Ken Hasbrouck, Jeff Schuster, and Paul LaRiviere

In Attendance: Walt Larrick, Teresa Hauser, Carron Helberg, Stuart Crane, Jason McCormick, Tom Ring, Melissa Downes, Bill Ferry, and Stan Isley

Walt opened the meeting with Jeff Slothower explaining the KRD water, the MOU, and how the moving of the KRD water right can be accomplished within KRD's district boundaries. The group discussed the Bruton lands, Taneum Creek rights, and Heart K's consumptive use.

The group agreed with Tom Ring's comment that it is a thumbs-up recommendation, as long as the paper work reflected what the group talked about today.