

Water Transfer Work Group Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2011

Attendees: Dave Brown, Melissa Downes, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Eric Hartwig, Teresa Hauser, Paul LaRiviere, Walt Larrick, Chris Lynch, Larry Martin, Jeff Slothower, Ron Van Gundy.

Changes to August 29th meeting minutes: They were corrected and updated online. It was suggested that if there are changes that need to be made that they be e-mailed to Michelle at mdestito@usbr.gov and they will then be updated.

New Proposals:

2011- 66 KID Water Project (was set aside for Nov 7th meeting).

2011-67 Manastash Water Ditch Association – This application was brought to the group by Jeff Slothower. This is similar to 2011-65 that was presented to the group last meeting concerning the Manashtash Creek Restoration Project. The transfer would be permanently placed into trust and used to enhance instream flow in Manastash Creek from the old point of diversion to the confluence with the Yakima. There is no change in irrigated acres as they will be served by KRD instead of Manastash Creek water.

There was a question asked about the amount water there was in trust. After July there was more than the goals that were set. The recent floods have been good and for the last two years we have had over the amount needed at the end of July.

The group recommended a Thumbs Up.

Melissa announced that Ecology has a new Section Manager Mark Kemner.

The meeting was dismissed at 1:15