

WTWG Minutes for Monday, November 3, 2008 at 1:00 PM

Meeting Attendees:

Tom Cowan, Stuart Crane, Melissa Downes, Ingrid Ekstrom, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Eric Hartwig, Teresa Hauser, Carron Helberg, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Larry Martin, Joe Mentor (phone), Lisa Pelly (phone), Tom Ring, Mark Schuppe, Jeff Slothower, Tom Tebb, Ron Van Gundy, Dawn Wiedmeier

Dawn called the meeting to order with Tom T introducing members of Ecology to the group. The minutes of the September 15, 2008 WTWG meeting were not available in time for this meeting and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The group started with the new proposals 2009-01 to 2009-05, for the Manastash Creek water rights involved in the reverse auction, with Eric explaining that the users have dual water rights and will continue to use the underlying KRD right and will give back the natural flow creek water rights to use for instream flow enhancement in Manastash Creek. The land will not be fallowed. The group discussed how the lands will be served, season of use, expansion of water, TWSA neutrality at the confluence of Manastash Creek with the Yakima River, restoration of fish habitat, and the water rights. The group gave it a thumbs up recommendation.

Eric with Ecology wanted to get a response from the group concerning 2008-15 for the Manastash Water Users. The group discussed TWSA neutrality, continuity, mitigation, and needing further calculations and explanation. The group gave a thumbs up recommendation.

The group continued to the new proposal 2009-06, for MTA Holdings, LLC, with Jeff Slothower explaining that he was not looking for a decision today, he would have Tim Flynn review it, and then it would come back to the group. Jeff and Ingrid from Ecology further explained the water savings, and the conversion from a ditch to a well. The group also discussed conveyance water, mitigation of winter use (i.e., mitigation of post-irrigation season stream flow reduction effects caused by pumping from the proposed well), timing of how the water gets back into the system, and the power water right at Roza is still a question. The group did not give any recommendation.

Dawn continued with the next new proposal 2009-07, for LCU, Inc. on Swauk Creek with Ingrid at Ecology explaining the background. The group discussed the place of use, point of diversion, season of use, and the water rights. Ingrid also explained that Pat Deneen is behind LCU, Inc. and that Pat and Joe Mentor have been working on this. The group discussed modifying the gauge, conservancy board approval, impairment, TWSA, fish, priority dates and the final deadline. The group discussed that this needs to be in the box for WTWG to give a thumbs up. The group did not give any recommendation.

Tom Tebb discussed the City of Roslyn transfer, with Tom Cowan explaining to him that he could not find in the minutes where it was recommended by this group. Tom Tebb

explained that since the transfer is now the subject of an appeal, he could not discuss it any further in the WTWG forum and deferred further comments to his attorney.

Bill Ferry discussed the status of the Reclamation/Ecology contract, the needed corrections that were made, and the review that is needed by Boise. Bill Ferry expects it to go to Jay Manning and Bill McDonald for briefing and to be signed soon. The group discussed the intended use of the Reclamation/Ecology contract.

On the next meeting's agenda, the group would like to discuss the Reclamation/Ecology available storage space contract.

The next meeting was set for December 8, 2008 at 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.