

Water Transfer Working Group  
Minutes for the 1:00 PM, December 2, 2013 Meeting

Attendees: Stuart Crane, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Stuart Luttrell, Teresa Merriman, Scott Revell, Tom Ring, Ron Van Gundy, Nea Welch-Timmons.

Chuck opened the meeting at 1305 with asking for the approval of the November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The group approved the November meeting minutes with corrections to the agenda and minutes. The corrected November 2013 minutes and agenda will be sent to Chris Anderson at Ecology in Olympia to replace the incorrect ones on the WTWG website.

Old proposals:

There was a discussion regarding the **Barker Ranch proposal that was submitted as 2013-78**, but subsequently withdrawn. Tom Ring asked that the summary of the Barker Ranch discussion on both page 1 and page 2 of the draft November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes be amended to strike the words "...to determine the number of transferable acre-feet of water that is agreeable to both the Yakama Nation and Ecology..." and replace those words with "...to work through the annual consumptive quantity (ACQ) calculations...".

There was also a discussion regarding the **Fury proposal 2013-76** that the group discussed on November 4th. Paul L stated that "they" went up after the last meeting and inspected the nearby creek, snorkeled, and observed possible spawning habitat for Bull Trout, but no fish were observed. Paul said it does not change WDFW's thumbs up recommendation given at last month's meeting. Stan I. questioned is that the SE side of Lake Kachess? Paul replied that it is more on the east side of the lake instead of the southeast, and is across the lake from Lodge Creek's confluence with the lake. WDFW is okay with the proposal. Tom R. did not object. Stuart L. commented that it is fractured bedrock that the well will be finished into, and thus may not have any impact on the creek. Group gave it a Thumbs up.

Chuck proceeded to the next agenda item of new proposal:

**2014-10 – GA-35648 - WWT Masterson Water Bank (Rosenberry)** - Stuart Luttrell, as a representative of DOE in place of Sage, presented the proposal to use 0.414 acre-feet/year (afy) from the Masterson Water Bank to mitigate for a well to supply a single indoor domestic water use and seasonal irrigation for 500 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>) of lawn and garden. The 0.017 ac-ft is assigned to the USBR-Ecology Exchange Contract for release from September 16-October 31 to address out of season impacts along the Yakima River. Also, to address out of season flow impacts to the Teanaway River, \$500 will be placed in the local mitigation account to be used for one or more upstream or headwater riparian corridor projects. It was approved by the group.

The next meeting is set for December 2, 2013 at 1:00 PM.

Chuck adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.