

WTWG Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2007 at 1:00 PM in the Yakima Field Office Conference Room

Dave Brown, Stuart Crane, Paul Dempsey, Melissa Downes, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Carron Helberg, Jenny Hendricks, Stan Isley, Dave Kaumheimer, Paul LaRiviere, Chris Lynch, Joe Mentor, Kelly McCaffrey (phone), Jim Pavlick, Charlie Roe, Tom Tebb.

Tom Tebb gave an update on the Kittitas County Water Petition filed by Aqua Permanente.

Chuck Garner asked the group if there were any additional changes to the revised minutes of the previous meeting. The group approved the minutes.

Chuck Garner asked if any of the previous proposals needed to be discussed, with an update concerning Ahtanum ID is on hold until Sid Ottem rules on this.

The group continued to the first new proposal 2007-40 for Pavlick with Jenny Hendricks explaining that this is a change in point of diversion from 50/50 between Blue Slough and Moxee Slough to 100% Moxee Slough. The group briefly discussed this with Ecology needing to look at this to see that it checks out. The group gave a tentative thumbs-up as long as the analysis is completed.

The group continued to the next new proposal 2007-41 for North Yakima Conservation District with Jenny H. and Stan Isley discussing projects at Blue Slough and wanted the transfer group's thoughts. The objective of projects on Blue Slough would be to restore natural side channel characteristics and viable side channel habitat for salmonids and other diversions to change the point of diversion, go to ring wells, and get rid of the dam. The group discussed the ring wells, where the funding is coming from, screening, and the water rights in the slough. Jenny H. thanked the group for their comments.

The group continued to the next two new proposals 2007-43 and 2007-44 both for Red Mountain Water LLC with Charlie Roe explaining these transfers. Charlie R. said it was a change in point of diversion downstream, a change to a well field, and removes it from Blue Slough and put in the state trust water right program. The group discussed measuring and managing the Blue Slough, and Ecology review. The group tentatively gave a thumbs-up per Ecology's review.

The group returned to the Kittitas County Water Petition filed with Ecology. Ecology has 60 days to rule, with open houses on October 24 2007 (Cle Elum) & October 25 2007 (Ellensburg) from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

The group continued to the agenda item of the contract between Reclamation and Ecology, with Bill Ferry giving an update. The group discussed the flow charts and the cabin owners. Dave Kaumheimer gave a summary of the ESA process so far.

The next meeting was suggested for October 29, 2007 at 1:00 PM.

Chuck Garner adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.