

Water Transfer Working Group Minutes for April 23, 2007 at 1:00 PM

Stuart Crane, Jim Davis, Paul Dempsey, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Carron Helberg, Stan Isley, Paul LaRiviere, Chris Lynch, Kelly McCaffrey, Tom Ring, Tom Tebb, Scott Turner, Dawn Wiedmeier, Ron Van Gundy

Dawn Wiedmeier introduced herself to the group as the new Deputy Area Manager, replacing David Murillo as the Yakima Field Office Manager, with introductions around the room.

Bill Ferry and Stan Isley corrected the minutes from the previous meeting, with the group accepting them as corrected.

Tom Tebb began with a return to Ahtanum Irrigation District proposals 2007-4 to 2007-27, by discussing the letter Ecology received from Paul LaRiviere of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The letter discussed the change application concerning screening and the legal language. Tom Ring, Tom Tebb, Scott Turner, Stuart Crane and Jim Davis discussed the legal process that will be needed with the court, with Tom T concluding that Ecology will be drafting something up and Jim D would like to look at it before it goes out.

The group continued with the new proposals, starting with 2007-29 for Boyd Brown. Tom T. explained this transfer saying that the property has been divided and he will make sure it is correct. This is a change in point of diversion and from a surface to hydraulic well adjacent to the river. Ron Van Gundy stated that this has an 1893 priority and a full water supply in a short water year. Tom T. asked if it was a thumbs-up. Tom Ring said there is no down side to this one. The group agreed to a thumbs-up.

The group continued with the next new proposal for Wilbur Mundy, 2007-30, with Kelly McCaffrey explaining that this one is the same as in past years (2003 and 2005), just that it is for a longer time period and there will be a crop change, which will make more water available. Kelly M. continued to explain the diversion would be all the way to the mouth of the Teanaway. The landowner will use only the downstream diversion and not use the upstream. Stan I. and Kelly M. discussed the amount of cfs and season of use. Kelly M. said the landowner will use the downstream diversion, but wants to keep the upstream just in case he needs it, and summarized this one as it will be diverting less and diverting downstream, and she would be going for the Pendente Lite in June. Tom R. stated he has recently become a board member for the Conservancy Board as a private citizen and he will recuse himself when it conflicts.

Tom T. continued with other issues by asking the group if the maps have been helping. The group agreed the maps make it much easier to review.

Bill F. said there would be an update on the contract with Ecology at the next water transfer meeting.

The group scheduled the next WTWG meeting for May 21, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the YFO conference room.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.