

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting June 30, 2008 at 1:00 PM

Stuart Crane, Jim Davis, Paul Dempsey, Bill Ferry, Chuck Garner, Teresa Hauser, Carron Helberg (phone), Stan Isley, Dave Kaumheimer, Paul LaRiviere, Chris Lynch, Jim Milton, Darrell Monroe, Tom Ring, Scott Turner, Ron Van Gundy, Dawn Wiedmeier.

Dawn Wiedmeier called the meeting to order and asked for any corrections to the previous meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Dawn continued with the next agenda item on the update of Ahtanum ID proposal submitted at the previous meeting, as the group wanted more time to review. There were no comments.

Dawn continued with the next agenda item of new proposal 2008-08 for Selah Moxee ID, with Jim Davis explaining this proposal. Jim discussed the reduction of this proposal from previous years, putting it in the state Water Trust Program, and the documents attached to the proposal. The group continued by discussing impairment; how the trust program works; and the water numbers used and the estimated savings calculations. The group also discussed the irrigation window and March water; diversion amounts and water rights; Parker; instream flows; and Place of Use, Purpose of Use and Season of Use. Stan Isley talked about the process with Ecology, for example, impairment analysis and public notices. Chuck Garner has many questions about this proposal including diversion amounts. Bill Ferry stated that the temporary transfers are soon ending with the execution of the Final Decree. Tom Ring said what makes this different is Parker, and to keep TWSA neutral, the details within the document are incorrect and SMID needs to work with Ecology on the impairment analysis. All agreed to look at this in depth and Jim Davis would provide the engineering data at the next meeting.

The next meeting has been set for Monday, July 21, 2008 at 1:00 PM at the Yakima Field Office Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned by Dawn at 1:45 PM.