

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting Minutes Monday, March 4, 2019, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees:

In the room: Tom Ring, Stuart Crane, Kerrie Mathews, Chuck Garner, Stan Isley, Jon Kohr, Dave Brown, Tyson Carlson, Jason Shira, Peter Price, Jolee Ramos, Chris Kossik, Scott Turner, Trevor Hutton, Jerrod McPherson, Ben Floyd, Larry Martin

On the phone: Samantha Cox, Jessica Kuchan, Justin Bezold, Erin Moore

Approval of Minutes:

- February 4, 2019 – The group approved the draft meeting minutes posted on the website.

Previous Business:

- None.

New Business:

- **2019-19 – BM Gap LLC (G4-33205).** Chris Kossik presented. The proposal is an alternate source as a temporary emergency use for a portion of their share of water normally provided by the Union Gap Irrigation District (UGID). The applicant requests 500 gpm, 399.23 consumptive ac-ft/yr, for the irrigation of 100.1 acres of orchard. Withdrawals are not expected to impair neighboring groundwater users. The well is already existing for another water right, and is above Parker, with pumping impacts expected to be to the Yakima River above Parker. The application is only requesting withdrawal if the UGID pipe is not available to them for the coming irrigation season. Once the UGID pipeline is delivering again, this authorization will expire. Yakama Nation asked for verification that the existing POU is wholly within the boundaries of UGID. Concern was also raised that the authorization would be provisioned to be clear that the use would cease once UGID was delivering to the POU again, that monitoring would occur, and that the use would be shown to be flow neutral to TWSA. Ecology confirmed their plans to address the concerns. **Thumbs up.**
- **2019-20 – Kodiak, LLC (G4-33218).** Tyson Carlson presented. The applicant proposes to develop a 241-Unit RV resort near Naches with year-round water use. The proposal is for 36 consumptive ac-ft/yr. Indoor consumptive use is anticipated to be 10.9 ac-ft/yr, with the outdoor elements designed around the remaining consumptive water available, based on calculations from the DOH Water System Design Manual, WAC 139-539(A), and the WIG. The consumptive use will be mitigated with water from Archie den Hoed, purchase pending, and the original location of the mitigating water right was along the Yakima River upstream of the north end of the Yakima Canyon, south of Ellensburg. The proposal will be water budget neutral to TWSA at Parker. Water will be withdrawn from up to three wells, drilled to around 600 feet into the Ellensburg formation, which would put them in hydraulic continuity with the Naches River. The

group discussed Exchange Contract use, but determined it would not be necessary because there are no target flows in that reach of the Naches River. Impacts are not expected to impair nearby groundwater users. **Thumbs up.**

Other business:

- **Benton County Rural Water Supply Program Presentation.** Jerrod McPherson and Ben Floyd presented a status of Benton County's Rural Water Supply Program development. The Program's description and the presentation are available at <https://www.ezview.wa.gov/?alias=1962&pageid=37065>. Questions regarding the program can be directed to Jerrod and Ben. When the Program is ready for implementation, it will be brought back to the group.