

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 5, 2018, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees:

In the room: Dave Brown, Kelsey Collins, Stuart Crane, Paul Dempsey, Joel Freudenthal, Chuck Garner, Trevor Hutton, Stan Isley, Jon Kohr, Jolee Ramos, Tom Ring, and Kurt Walker

On the phone: None

* NOTE: The call in number is currently activated and available through April 2018. The current call-in number is (303) 445-3914, and the password is 1245. Stan is currently pursuing a renewal that will be distributed to the group when it is finalized.

- Approval of Minutes:

- February 5, 2018 – The group approved the draft meeting minutes posted on the website.

Previous Business:

- **2018-05 – Mt. View Enterprises, LLC (G4-35942).** Kurt presented. The proposal is for one residential connection at 350 gpd used year round and seasonal irrigation of 500 square feet of lawn/garden, mitigated by the Swiftwater Ranch Water Bank's right (No. CS4-02255(A)CTCL@2). The Exchange Contract will be used to address out-of-season impacts (9/01-3/31). WDFW brought up a concern that Balmers Canyon is critical habitat with possible presence of *O. mykiss*. Fish surveys don't appear to have been conducted. Recommendation at the February meeting was for the proposal to be tabled until fish issues and a path forward can be determined.

WDFW conducted a survey of 100 meters and found five fish, but the impacts are not likely due to water loss. **Thumbs up.**

New Business:

- **2018-10 – Phoenix United Properties LLP (G4-35894(A)).** Kurt presented. The proposal is for two residential connections at 250 gpd used continuously, mitigated by the S.C. Aggregate Bank, Trust Water Right No. CS4-01724CTCLsb7. There will be no outdoor use. The withdrawal is near Burbank Creek, which WDFW indicated has *O. mykiss* present, but impacts are expected to be to the Yakima River, which will be mitigated water for water. The contract will not be used. **Thumbs up.**
- **2018-11 – LeeLynn Inc. and Wiley Mt. Inc. (CS4-02206sb22@2/S4-83689-J).** Kurt presented. The new owners of the Boise Cascade Mill are seeking to permanently transfer the surface water right to instream flow and mitigation. The right is for a total of 5 cfs (2.7 cfs is consumptive and 2.3 cfs is non-consumptive), 484 ac-ft/yr. The group discussed that the consumptive/non-consumptive calculations were not included in the project description. Everyone agreed that once a clarified proposal is distributed to the

group, along with the draft Report of Examination, the group will give their vote via email.

Other business:

- The current WTWG meeting schedule goes through July 2018. Stan proposes additional dates through February 2019 (in bold below):
 - April 2, May 7; June 4; and July 7, 2018; **August 6; August 27; October 1; November 5; and December 3; all in 2018; January 7, 2019; and February 4, 2019;** all on Monday @1:00 PM at Reclamation's Yakima Field Office Conference Room.