

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

Attendees:

In the room: Kerrie Mathews, Stan Isley, Chuck Garner, Erin Moore, Samantha Cox, Jolee Ramos, Chris Kossik, Trevor Hutton, Paul Dempsey, Tyson Carlson, Dave Brown, Jon Kohr, Stuart Crane

On the phone: Meghan O'Brien, Peter Dykstra, Jessica Kuchan, Tom Ring

Approval of Minutes:

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

Previous Business:

- None.

New Business:

- 2019-21 – Granite Creek Ranches (G4-36024). Trevor Hutton presented. The proposal is for two residential connections from an existing well at 350 gpd each, used year round, with a total of 1,000 square feet of seasonal lawn and garden irrigation, mitigated by Land Lloyd Development's right (CS4-00714sb2). The Exchange Contract will be used to address out of season impacts (10/1 – 3/31). The location is in the yellow zone. The impacts are expected to be to Fowler Creek and the Yakima River. The mitigating right originates from Fowler Creek. WDFW noted it would be helpful to have the mitigating right's original point of diversion mapped. **Thumbs up.**
- 2019-22 – Michael Morin (G4-36031). Chris Kossik presented. The proposal is for one residential connection from a proposed well at 275 gpd used year round with 500 square feet of seasonal lawn and garden irrigation, mitigated by New Suncadia's 1883 right (CS4-02255(A)CTCL). The group requested that the priority date of the mitigating rights also be included in the information submitted. The withdrawal is below the City of Roslyn Domerie Creek diversion. The Exchange Contract will be used to address out of season impacts (9/1 – 3/31). The location is in the yellow zone. Impacts are expected to be to the Yakima River and possibly to Domerie Creek. Domerie Creek did not contain any ESA-listed species during a National Marine Fisheries Service study conducted for the City of Roslyn transfer. WDFW noted a downward trend in flows for Domerie Creek and noted that only Sculpin and Cutthroat were found. **Thumbs up.**
- 2019-23 – Kittitas County, Schnebly, Nash (G4-36032 and G4-36033). Meghan O'Brien presented. Kittitas County purchased a portion of the Schnebly water right under Court Claim 02064 and changed the purpose of use to instream flow and mitigation. The Schneblys and Nashes retained enough interest in the right to irrigate 25.05 acres. Additionally, the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the sale also required the County to lease back water to the Schneblys to irrigate 82 acres for up to 10 years. The transfers to the County have already taken place. The applications under discussion today are for the temporary permit for the irrigation of 82 acres for up to ten years and (G4-36032)

and for the irrigation of 25.05 acres retained (G4-36033). Under both authorizations, the mitigation is in kind, in place, and in time, and would be flow-neutral to TWSA. The group discussed the consumptive use calculations, which primarily derive from the 2017 ROEs previously approved by the group. Stan offered insight into the historical variation of the calculations between the WIG and the Courts. **Thumbs up.**

- **Kittitas County Water Bank OTC Program Update.** Erin Moore presented the County's figures up to March 27, 2019 (see the attachments provided by the County). The projected OTC figures are taken from 2019, but will be updated to reflect that part of the update period was in 2018. Contact Erin Moore for questions on the County's OTC program.

Other business:

- Last month the group reviewed proposal 2019-19 for BM Gap LLC regarding their request to temporarily withdraw irrigation water from a well if Union Gap Irrigation District would be unable to deliver to their land as a result of the damaged pipe from the slow moving landslide. WDFW noted that if UGID water were to be diverted into the Roza Canal as proposed, there would be a flow limiting reach below Roza Dam that would lose water if the request was granted. Ecology noted that the application is on hold because the applicant believes UGID will be able to deliver irrigation water to them in time. Ecology will evaluate the information if the application is not withdrawn. The topic will need to be revisited for the UGID permanent change applications.