

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 6, 2019, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees:

In the room: Jason Shira, Tyson Carlson, Ingrid Ekstrom, Paul Dempsey, Scott Turner, Jon Kohr, Kerrie Mathews, Stan Isley, Chuck Garner, Stuart Crane, Nathan Draper, Jolee Ramos, Chris Kossik

On the phone: Tom Ring, Meghan O'Brien

Approval of Minutes:

- April 1, 2019 – The group approved the draft meeting minutes posted on the website.

Previous Business:

- None.

New Business:

- 2019-24 Selah-Moxee Irrigation District (CS4-01651@10). Meghan O'Brien and Nathan Draper presented. The proposal is for a change for the 2019 irrigation season only and the purpose is to add the Fowler Ditch Association's (FDA_) diversion and canal to the place of use for SMID. Up to 10 cfs of Selah-Moxee Irrigation District (SMID) water has been made available through previous conservation efforts and has historically been donated to the Trust Water Rights Program. Union Gap Irrigation District (UGID) uses the Fowler diversion, but won't be diverting into the FDA Canal this year. UGID's diversion of water into the FDA Canal has helped FDA convey its water to its service area in the past. The Fowler Ditch Association requested this transfer of SMID water to make sure there is enough conveyance water in the canal for them to serve their customers while Union Gap Irrigation District is not diverting at the POD. It is a downstream transfer from the SMID Moxee Hubbard diversion and still below the confluence of the Naches and Yakima Rivers. There is no increase in consumptive use. **Thumbs up.**
- 2019-25 Dave Brown/Pro Ag Services. Tyson Carlson presented. This proposal is for a mitigated water right for 6 acres of berry farm along the confluence of Wenas Creek and the Yakima River. Dave Brown/Pro Ag Services has contracted with Archie and Mari Den Hoed to purchase up to 10 consumptive ac-ft of water. Tyson discussed analysis of mitigation suitability. Water appears to be in continuity with the Yakima River, not Wenas Creek. The group discussed the hydrogeology presented in the maps. The mitigating right (formerly Flying M) originates in lower Kittitas County. Lower Wenas Creek is flow challenged and a lot of work is going into getting Steelhead to upper Wenas Creek. If other evidence comes forth that shows negative impacts to Wenas Creek flows, the right would not mitigate for local impacts and could be curtailed. **Thumbs up, pending that provision.**
- 2019-26 Kunkle. Tyson Carlson presented. This proposal is for indoor domestic use only to one cabin for 0.01 cfs, 0.02 ac-ft/yr, mitigated by Ecology's Cabin Owner Mitigation Program (Bruton Ditch Project rights CS4-00195CTCL(A)sb6, CS4-00195CTCL(B)sb6, and

CS4-00195CTCL(C)sb6). The Exchange Contract will be used to address impacts to TWSA. Kunkle shares a water system with Strand/Clark (2019-27). The diversion is from an unnamed spring, piped to the first use at Kunkle's cabin, then piped further to the Strand and Clark cabins. There are ESA-listed species in the Cle Elum River system, but not in the unnamed tributary. Kunkle has a 1944-priority water right confirmed under Acquavella that authorizes use in the same amount for years when that water right is not curtailed. The group discussed a previously approved proposal across the river that had a similar background (Salmon La Sac). **Thumbs up, with provision regarding possible curtailment if there are future impacts to senior water rights.**

- 2019-27 Strand/Clark. Tyson Carlson presented. This proposal is for indoor domestic use only to two cabins for 0.02 cfs, 0.02 ac-ft/yr, mitigated by Ecology's Cabin Owner Mitigation Program (Bruton Ditch Project rights CS4-00195CTCL(A)sb6, CS4-00195CTCL(B)sb6, and CS4-00195CTCL(C)sb6). The Exchange Contract will be used to address impacts to TWSA. See discussion from 2019-26. **Thumbs up, with provision regarding possible curtailment if there are future impacts to senior water rights.**