

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 4, 2018 @ 1:00 PM

Attendees:

In the room: Dave Brown, Tyson Carlson, Stuart Crane, Peter Dykstra, Robert Granger, Dan Haller, Stan Isley, Chris Lynch, Larry Martin, Kerrie Mathews, Erin Moore, Jolee Ramos, Tom Ring, Arden Thomas, Kurt Walker, and Martha Wyckoff

On the phone: Mark Crowley and Tim Reiersen

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- Approval of Minutes:
April 2, 2018 – The group approved the draft meeting minutes posted on the website.

Previous Business:

- **2018-12 – Treat (CS4-01141sb10/S4-84509-J).** The draft ROE is currently posted on Ecology's website for comment.
- **2018-13 – Teanaway Valley Family Farms, LLP (S4-83722-J and S4-83724-J).** The ROE has not yet been posted.
- **2018-15 – Flying M. Ranch (KITT-17-05, KITT-17-06, and KITT-17-07).** Final numbers are coming soon. Ecology will soon issue an amended modification order for the three conservancy board decisions.

New Business:

- **2018-17 – Lamon (G4-35977).** Kurt Walker presented. The proposal is for one residential connection at 275 gpd used year round with 500 square feet of lawn and garden, mitigated by New Suncadia's Teanaway right (CS4-YRB03CC02255@1). The Exchange Contract will be used to address out-of-season impacts (9/01-3/31). WDFW would like to investigate potential changes in flow conditions on Domerie Creek. Yakama Nation would like an Ecology update on the summary of supplemental ESA-work (relating to the City of Roslyn transfer proposal of a few years ago) to support additional permit-exempt uses. **Ecology has emailed these updates out and the group will give a vote.**
- **2018-18 – Mack Creek Ranch (CS4-01467@11sb3a(B)/ CS4-01467@11sb3a(B)@1).** Tyson Carlson and Martha Wyckoff presented. There are two applications and two actions underway:
 1. Mack Creek Ranch is purchasing the 155 acres of remaining irrigation water right on Masterson Ranch that is currently in temporary trust. That water is proposed to be changed to instream flow and mitigation use and placed permanently into trust (with a provision in the trust water agreement that it can be pulled out in the

- future). There are no current out of stream uses proposed at this time for this water. This transfer is proposed to carry the consumptive use water past the Parker and Prosser streamflow gauges on the lower Yakima River gauge. The ACQ may not exceed 284.82 ac-ft/yr. **Thumbs up.**
2. Mack Creek Ranch has a new WBN permit underway to utilize the remainder of the consumptive use that is currently in the Masterson bank, 31.559 ac-ft/yr. The current proposal is: a) to use this Masterson bank senior water during drought years in the Teanaway River basin to supplement MCR's more-junior Teanaway River 166-acre irrigation water right when it falls out of class and is curtailed; and b) during full water supply years in the Teanaway, to use the 31.559 ac-ft/yr of Masterson bank senior-priority water to irrigate approximately 17.5 acres on a portion of MCR's hayfield not confirmed a water right in the *Acquavella* adjudication. This amount of water would only allow for full-season irrigation of approximately 17.5 acres, but MCR plans to submit a farm plan during drought years to show how they will use this 31.559 ac-ft of water. They may either 1) identify a fixed 17.5 acres to irrigate with a full duty or 2) apply no more than 31.559 ac-ft through deficit irrigation across MCR's irrigated acreage, but not a combination of both options. Consumptive use impacts associated with this transfer are intended to be mitigated in time, in kind, in place. **Thumbs up conditional to an acceptable water management strategy.**
- **2018-19 – Flying H Youth Ranch (CS4-01106sb16@1.** Kurt Walker presented. As part of a settlement agreement, Ecology is authorizing Flying H Youth Ranch to withdraw 0.754 cfs and 87 ac-ft/yr from the Naches River for continuous domestic supply and stockwater use, as well as irrigation of 16 acres. To access the water, Flying H is changing the place of use to all land owned by Flying H Youth Ranch, adding two purposes of use (domestic and stockwater), changing a point of diversion from a destroyed diversion to an existing diversion at the headwaters of the Carmack-Parker Ditch, adding a point of diversion along the Naches River Slough, and adding two points of withdrawal (wells). They are limited to 47.85 ac-ft of consumptive use. A draft ROE was provided as part of the settlement, and Ecology will make that draft available to the group for review. **Thumbs up.**
 - **2018-20 – Cooper Lake Cabin Community (G4-35927, S4-35928, S4-35830, S4-35931, S4-35933, S4-35937, S4-35943, and two pending).** Tyson Carlson presented. The proposal is single domestic of 0.05 cfs and 0.01 ac-ft/yr each for 11 cabins (totaling 0.55 cfs and 0.11 ac-ft annual consumptive use). The cabins are located in a fairly primitive area, with no access in the winter. The figures were calculated based on occupancy and use of the cabin, and had to be for existing, indoor use only. The uses are mitigated by the Bruton Ditch Rights (CS4-00195CTCL(A)sb6, CS4-00195CTCL(B)sb6, and CS4-00195CTCL(C)sb6) (i.e., the Cabin Owners Bank). Cooper Lake has Bull Trout, and they are presumed to be in the river. The Yakama Nation clarified that Chinook Salmon should be removed from the proposal's list of ESA consideration, because they are not ESA-listed in the Yakima River Basin. The Yakama Nation noted that they are planting

sockeye in the Cle Elum watershed. The Cooper River is a fish bearing stream. If there is not sufficient water in Cooper River to allow for diversions, these rights may be subject to curtailment through a priority call by the Yakama Nation. The Exchange Contract will be used for all 0.11 ac-ft/yr to address impacts to the Cle Elum River and Yakima River as well as TWSA. **Thumbs up.**

Other business:

- None