

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 5, 2017, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees:

Dave Brown, Stuart Crane, Stan Isley, Jonathan Kohr, Chuck Garner, Larry Martin, Jeff Slothower, Kurt Walker, Justin Bezold, and...

on the phone was Jessica Kuchan.

- Approval of Minutes:

May 1, 2017 – the group approved the minutes.

Previous Business:

- None.

New Business:

- 2017-56 Conner, 2017-57 Ronning, 2017-58 Menzel, 2017-59 Burress Evans Claim, 2017-60 Burress Dean Claim: Justin Bezold of Trout Unlimited's Washington Water Project discussed these five similar proposals. All five are permanent acquisitions of Class 5 (1877) priority Manastash Creek water rights for instream flow Trust water right use, only in the primary reach of Manastash Creek. All five rights are appurtenant to land that also enjoys KRD water rights. Future irrigation will continue on each place of use, but only with KRD water, and limited to assessed KRD acreage only. All five properties are now connected to KRD's lateral 13.8 pipeline. This water will, in the future, be subject to the same availability (Class 5) as it has been in the past. The group agreed these five projects are good for Manastash Creek flow and fish, with no negative impacts to TWSA or other water rights. **Thumbs Up for all five.**
- 2017-61 Mancuso: Kurt Walker of Ecology presented this proposal to the group. This proposal is for one well for 1 WBN domestic use, irrigating 500 square feet of lawn and garden, using the Exchange Water Contract August 1st to October 31st, mitigated from the Kittitas County (Roth) Water Bank. The place of use is near the south bank of the Yakima River just upstream of the mouth of Swauk Creek. Pumping impacts would be to the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2017-62 McDaniel: Kurt Walker of Ecology presented this proposal to the group. This proposal is for one well for 1 WBN domestic use, irrigating 500 square feet of lawn and garden, using the Exchange Water Contract August 1st to October 31st, mitigated from the Kittitas County (Roth) Water Bank. The place of use is uphill and southerly of 2017-61, with pumping impacts largely to the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- 2017-63 Pitzer: Kurt Walker of Ecology presented this proposal to the group. This proposal is for one well for 1 WBN domestic use, irrigating 500 square feet of lawn and garden, using the Exchange Water Contract August 1st to March 31st, mitigated from the Kittitas County (Roth) Water Bank. The place of

use is along the Lake Cle Elum Road about 1 mile east of Cle Elum Dam. Pumping impacts to the lower Cle Elum and Yakima Rivers. **Thumbs up.**

- **2017-64 Delphi Terra Firma LLC:** Kurt described this proposal to the group. It's for a WBN well for a single domestic supply and 500 square feet of lawn and garden irrigation, mitigated by the Bourne Water Bank, using the Water Exchange Contract from 9/01 – 3/31. The place of use is on Easton Ridge, NNW'ly of the confluence of the Cle Elum River with the Yakima River, with pumping impacts to those rivers. The group was OK with this proposal. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-65 Bruce:** Kurt described this proposal to the group. It's a water right permit application for a well for a single domestic supply and 500 square feet of lawn and garden irrigation, mitigated by the SwiftWater Ranch Water Bank, using the Water Exchange Contract from 9/01 – 3/31. The place of use is westerly of the West Nelson Siding Road I-90 exit and easterly of Easton, with pumping impacts to the Yakima River. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-66 Raap and 2017-67 Raap:** Jeff Slothower described these 2 proposals to the group. 2017-66 is a 9-30-1878 priority Coleman Creek water right and 2017-67 is a 6-30-1873 priority Coleman Creek water right. These proposals seek to move the point of diversion (POD) for each water right upstream 0.5 mile on Coleman Creek to an existing diversion and pipeline currently utilized by Mr. Raap's father, and would eliminate the 2 existing downstream Coleman Creek POD's for these 2 rights. There are no intervening Coleman Creek diverters/water users. WDFW (Steve Boessow) has already submitted comments to these proposals, which will be subject to the same future water availability, based on their priority dates, that they have historically enjoyed at their original POD's. Kurt noted that Ecology is not taking a position regarding the water use quantities at this time, but is supportive of the concept provided. **Thumbs Up for both.**

Next Meeting:

- July 10, 2017, Monday @ 1:00 PM, YFO Conference Room
- New Proposals in by COB Wednesday, July 5, 2017 (normally would be Monday, July 3rd, but for the July 4th holiday).

2017 Future Meeting Schedule:

- July 10; August 7; August 28; October 2; November 6; December 4; January 8 2018; February 5; March 5 2018, all on Monday @1:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned.