

MEETING MINUTES
Water Transfer Working Group
Monday, October 3, 2016, @ 1:00 PM, YFO Conference Room

Attendees: Dave Brown, Tyson Carlson, Stuart Crane, Bill Ferry (phone), Chuck Garner, Carron Helberg, Stan Isley, Jonathan Kohr, Jessica Kuchan, Larry Martin, Erin Moore, Holly Meyers, Cole Provence, Kimberly Saner, Jeff Schuster, Jeff Slothower, Chad Stuart, Arden Thomas, John Verduim (phone), Kurt Walker, Mark Dunbar, and unknown phone callers.

Chuck began the meeting with old business.

Old Business:

- **2016-110 Revised Downs:** The group talked about this proposal at length. This is calculated using the new WIG numbers. Stan said it looked good, proposed change in purpose to instream trust use. The proponents will need to get with Kelsey Collins at Ecology to create the trust water agreement. Jonathan was ok with this. Stuart Crane had a question about Ecology's new stance on upcoming new WIG methodology. The group concluded this is not for future public water banking use, and is TWSA positive. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-108 Anderson/Western Water Partners LLC:** Resort Creek, the 1% low flow evaluation by Ecology is well outside the 1%, thus not needing further ESA consultation, Ecology intends to process. No other water rights are in this area. September 1st – March 31st Exchange Contract use. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2016-113 Rosenberry:** This proposal's map pointed at well generally, within the area indicated. Teanaway River impact from well pumping. ESA listed species contained in reach. Ecology is comfortable. Exchange contract use from September 16-October 31, with \$500 for local mitigation fund. **Thumbs Up.**

New Business:

- **2017-01 Chelminar:** Mitigate with Bruton Ditch Water Bank for up to 35 recreational cabins below Tieton Dam. Use storage contract year-round to insure no impact. Stuart asked that the barrier comment be removed from the one-pager description, as fish passage at Tieton Dam is proposed to be provided in the future. Group agreed to strike-out that paragraph. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-02 Borton:** Postponed.

- **2017-03 Burchak:** Jonathan asked if it was mitigated by the Burchak Water Bank – yes. The Exchange Contract will be used November 1st – March 31st. At Tillman Creek, the unnamed creek has issues. Landowners are upset about the rocks in the creek to divert to the river, mosquito ponds. Culvert is plugged up, lots of water and a beaver dam, and KR D water. These are great projects, well pumping impacts flows in Tillman Creek and the Yakima River main stem that are fully mitigated, and it is a fish benefit. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-04 Wanapum Lake LLC:** Yakima Mitigation Services mitigation, unnamed basin west of Tillman Creek, similar to 2017-03, Exchange Contract use needed September 1st – March 31st. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-05 Roppel:** Unnamed basin west of Tillman Creek, Exchange Contract use from September 1st – March 31st. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-06 Thompson:** Kittitas County (Roth) mitigation, Exchange Contract use from September 1st – March 31st. Jessica commented that it is missing the County’s covenant not to plant trees and shrubs, Kurt said it is required and also to be recorded. The group asked why it is 275 gallons per day, it is because this is a recommendation level. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-07 White:** SwiftWater Ranch Water Bank mitigation, use of Exchange Contract September 1st – March 31st. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-08 Roth:** New Suncadia Water Bank mitigation, Exchange Contract use from September 1st – March 31st. Several WBN’s in area. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-09 Verduim:** Lake Cle Elum east side well, SwiftWater Ranch Water Bank mitigation, Exchange Contract use from September 1st – March 31st, similar to 2017-08. **Thumbs Up.**
- **2017-10 Longmeier:** Big Boulder Creek area along upper Cle Elum River with ESA listed species with almost no nearby water uses, Exchange Contract use from September 1st – March 31st. Jonathan would like to revisit, Stan talked about curtailment caveat, especially here, future regulation, reserve right to have a future priority call against this use. There is flow information from 2015, a drought year. **Tentative thumbs up, while Kurt talks to Tom re: Tom’s request to issue approval with no outside irrigation.**
- **2017-11 Nelson Gelbvieh Ranch LLC:** Jessica said this is the second part of the previous proposal (2016-81) for this ranch given a thumbs up by the WTWG on May 2, 2016. Upper Reecer Creek area, domestic supply for 11 parcels, with not more than 2.0 acres total irrigation, mitigated by the ranch’s own upstream Reecer Creek trust water right. North of KR D Highline Canal in Red Zone for other water banks. Stan feels no need for exchange contract, local mitigation, and talked about calculations. Jessica said most will be left instream. Winter-time diversions are not the issue. Stuart asked if it is mitigated. The information is in 2016-81, the mitigation water right is upstream, used

WIG going into the water bank. 4 acres to be fallowed, with 46 acres still being irrigated. **Thumbs Up.**

Kittitas County Over-the-Counter proposals, Kittitas County reported for October, that they have not been as active as previously projected. Asked if they could provide any different information or make any changes.

Bill Ferry wished everyone well and expressed his thanks to the group as this is his last meeting before his retirement.

Next meeting is set for Monday, November 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the YFO Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.