

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting Minutes Monday, February 4, 2019, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees:

In the room: Chris Lynch, Stuart Crane, Tom Ring, Dan Haller, Jon Kohr, Stan Isley, Dave Brown, Paul Dempsey, Erin Moore, Tyson Carlson, Scott Turner, Candis Graff, Jolee Ramos, and John Kirk

On the phone: Samantha Cox, Jessica Kuchan, Seth Defoe, and Justin Bezold

Approval of Minutes:

- January 7, 2019 – The group approved the draft meeting minutes posted on the website.

Previous Business:

- **Kittitas County OTC Amendment 2018.** Representatives from Kittitas County, WDFW, Yakama Nation, and Ecology met on January 24th and reached consensus on which areas could be approved and which areas needed additional discussion. The group discussed the revised maps Kittitas County presented. The Teanaway area requires local mitigation; the Section 26 drainage of T. 19 N., R. 17 E. and Spex Arth are the remaining two areas that need additional discussion. In the documents submitted by the County, the areas in white are approved while the areas highlighted in yellow on the list are not. Jessica Kuchan confirmed that the Tillman Creek area is not covered by the OTC program. As requested by the Yakama Nation, Kittitas County will amend the language regarding parcels to confirm that the total number of parcels covered by the OTC program and the number previously approved by the group in each section will not increase. Tom Ring also wants to ensure the standard 'may be subject to a future priority call' language is added to this approval. **Thumbs up with that language change.**

New Business:

- **2019-17 – Stedman (G4-36019).** Scott Turner presented. The proposal is for one residential connection at 350 gpd used year round with 500 square feet of lawn and garden irrigation, mitigated by Land Lloyd's right (CS4-00714sb2). The Exchange Contract will be used to address out of season impacts. The beginning of the Exchange Contract use is amended from the one pager from a September 1st start to an October 1st start (10/1-3/31). Pumping impacts that are expected to Peterson and Fowler Creeks would be locally mitigated by the Land Lloyd mitigation water right, originating from Fowler Creek. O. Mykiss is found in Fowler Creek. **Thumbs up.**
- **2019-18 – Kittitas County (CG4-35799(E)).** Scott Turner presented. The proposal is a request to expand the permitted place of use (to lands located upstream/upgradient of the KRD Highline Canal) with no change to the quantities permitted. Yakama Nation and Aspect discussed the hydrogeology of the area. Yakama Nation requested a more in depth discussion of the hydrogeology in the decision document. **Thumbs up on the assumption that the hydrogeologic nature of the expanded place of use won't affect the streams.**

Other business:

- The group requested that Ecology modify the WTWG form so that it includes the original diversion river mile and originating source stream or subbasin for the mitigation water right.