

Water Transfer Working Group Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 2, 2019, @ 1:00 PM

Attendees:

In the room: Chris Lynch, Stan Isley, Dave Brown, Paul Dempsey, Jolee Ramos, Chris Kossik, Danielle Squeochs, David Reavill, Jonathan Kohr, Stuart Crane
On the phone: Tyson Carlson

Approval of Minutes:

- November 4, 2019 – The group approved the draft meeting minutes posted on the website.

Previous Business:

- None

New Business:

- **2020-13 – Cahill (G4-36072).** Chris Kossik presented. The proposal is for one residential connection with 500 square feet of lawn and garden irrigation, mitigated by Kittitas County's Roth right (CS4-01676sb5d@2b(B)). The exchange contract will be used to address out of season impacts (8/1-3/31). Total consumptive use is 0.112 acre-feet per year (ac-ft/yr). The local hydrogeology review suggests impacts to the Cle Elum River, but impairment is not expected. **Thumbs up.**
- **2020-14 – Garvey (G4-36076).** Chris Kossik presented. The proposal is for one residential connection used year round and 500 square feet of lawn and garden irrigation, mitigated by the Bourne water bank (CS4-01863sb3@27). The exchange contract will be used to address out of season impacts. The group discussed the appropriate time for the exchange contract to be used, factoring in USBR "flip flop" operations and the new withdrawal impacts being 10 miles upstream of the original diversion. The group agreed out of season impacts should be addressed by using the exchange contract between September 1st and March 31st. The local hydrogeology review suggests impacts to the Yakima River and possibly Nelson Creek, but impairment is not expected. **Thumbs up with the change in exchange contract period of use.**

Other business:

- The group briefly and informally discussed the nature of the Selah-Moxee Irrigation District (SMID) proposals that were postponed until the January 6, 2020 meeting for formal WTWG review, including the nature of how the water is being made available for transfer, the nature of crop use and crop pattern evaluation, and the potential increase in water diversion quantities at the Pomona diversion.
 - Stan posed a thought that the group may find the upstream POD move more acceptable to fisheries interests if SMID were to dedicate 959.4 consumptive ac-ft/yr to instream flow use past the Parker and Prosser gauges to mitigate fully for the upstream move of the Warren Act water.
 - Several members of the group plan to follow up with SMID prior to the next WTWG meeting to discuss concerns and seek clarity.