

# PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 14, 2018

1:00 pm

# **Grant PUD Wenatchee Office**

### **PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members**

Kate Terrell, USFWS
Dave Duvall, Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), GCPUD
Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS
Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT Lee Carlson, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN Carl Merkle, CTUIR Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

### **Meeting Attendees**

Chris Fisher, CCT
Dave Duvall, GCPUD
Justin Yeager, NMFS
Jeremy Cram, WDFW
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator

Brandon Rogers, YN
Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant
Patrick Wyena, Wanapum (Via Phone)
Kate Terrell, USFWS
Deanne Pavlik-Kunkel, GPUD

# **Decisions Made During June 14, 2018 Meeting**

- 1. May 23, 2018 meeting minutes approved.
- 2. HSC approved payment of invoice for Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project.
- I. SAFETY REVIEW (D. Duvall) Completed

- II. Agenda Review No additions
- III. Approval of Minutes for May 23, 2018 (D. Rohr) Approved
- IV. Action Items Review from May 23, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr) -
  - 1. Rohr to contact Mike Kaputa regarding IPID and City of Leavenworth Fish Screen Construction. **Completed**
  - 2. Rohr to contact YN and WDFW Habitat SC representatives regarding HSC decisions for Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition. Rohr will notify Duvall of YN / WDFW decisions for contracting process. **Completed**
- V. Habitat Funds and NNI Report (D. Rohr) Erin will contact accounting to check on status of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report.
- VI. Affirmation of Approval (D. Rohr) Rohr affirmed YN and WDFW approval of Appraisal for Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition.
- VII. Discussion IPID and City of Leavenworth Fish Screen Construction (AII) Rohr talked with Mike Kaputa and conveyed the HSC comments that he needed to coordinate with Jenni Novak, WDFW regarding this project, and also that a 25% match is requested from each party in order to give consideration of moving forward. Rohr commented that Kaputa informed him that he was informed by Jim Brown, WDFW Regional Director, that Jeff Dingle, WDFW, was to be the contact person regarding this activity. Additionally, Kaputa advised Rohr that the next Icicle Work Group Meeting was scheduled for June 27<sup>th</sup> wherein this subject would be discussed. Kaputa will keep Rohr advised.
- VIII. DECISION ITEM Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Proposal (L. Carlson) Rogers reviewed the proposal with HSC members and explained that Western Rivers is wanting to purchase the property from Weyerhauser. This proposal from CD Land Trust is a request for \$10,000 for them to provide local assistance with administrative services related to the purchase. The time period is May 2018 to May 2019. The request is \$10K for CDLT to help with the buyout. CDLT came to the PRCC HSC and there may be some interest as an important piece of property from a habitat protection standpoint. The PRCC HSC will consider assisting with the buying process and covering some of the administration fees for CDLT during the time period. After HSC discussion, committee members had several questions regarding the purchase that remained unanswered, and committee members requested that Rohr contact Mickey Fleming, CD Land Trust, and request she attend the next HSC meeting to continue the discussion. Accordingly, committee members concluded they will develop their questions and send to Rohr to share with Fleming prior to the next meeting.
- IX. Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition Appraisal (D. Duvall) Questions regarding this proposal have surfaced regarding acquisition versus conservation easement. Accordingly, the HSC concluded they want to discuss this proposal further with Mickey Fleming, CDLT, and asked Rohr to invite her to attend the next HSC meeting. Duvall will not move forward with appraisal activities until after the discussion with Fleming occurs.

- X. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (D. Duvall, J. Yeager) –
  Duvall distributed details of the deliverables related to the reimbursable contract involved.
  He wanted to share and discuss with committee members to assure deliverables are being met and get HSC concurrence that the invoice received is approved for payment. After discussion, committee members accepted the information and approved invoice payment
- XI. Potpourri (D. Rohr) No updates.

# **Project Updates**

- A. McIntyre Dam Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher) No new information.
- **B.** Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher) Land owner participation in this project has changed and are under discussion. Meetings of participants and project sponsors are continuing to take place and HSC will be kept advised.
- C. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) -Terrell shared there is more detail in Aaron Penvose's monthly report. Also, she shared that the project is under construction, and she toured the site last week and everything looks good. Terrell commented that this project is expected to be done mid-July. From the Aaron Penvose's monthly report: With all the submittals and general contracting process taken care of May was time for moving some dirt. Construction on the Roaring Creek project started the first week in May. Installing the RCWUA 4-inch main line was the first order of business for Smith Excavation and by the third week 80% of the 4-inch line was in place, back filled and compacted. They started on the ERV Orchards 6-main line at station 45+00 working backwards to the ERV pump station shortly thereafter. By the end of May, Smith had all the 4-inch main buttoned up and the 6-inch main line was moving along nicely across the Entiat River Bridge. The crew will be installing the 6-inch line on Roaring Creek Road heading North towards the Enitiat River Road soon. TU also retained Forsgren and Associates for assistance with the observation/inspection of the construction phase of the project. With our limited staff resource, having some assistance is working out very well. The inspector/ observer is very competent in his job and is working well with the contractor and TU. TU also continues to keep RCWUA and ERV Orchards up to speed on the project and has weekly check-ins with the Team.
- D. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) Cram commented that BPA is involved with this project and funding is under review. Review is focusing on possibly upgrading, removing, or keeping these arrays in place. The BPA account used to manage funds is being consolidated. The question is being reviewed regarding putting in new arrays and/or which sites need to stay, be upgraded or go away. All sites are permanent sites that we need for now. A request for HSC is a possibility. We should know in the next few months what will need to be fixed and related funding activities.
- E. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) Nothing reported.
- F. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) Nothing reported.

- G. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) (J. Yeager) Some info is included in Aaron Penvose's monthly report, plus Yeager will provide an update next month.
- **H. Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)** This project is complete and can be removed from the agenda. It can be closed out at anytime.
- **I.** Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher) Pit tag arrays were put in, one issue last year, good water year fish didn't use the fish way because the gates were wide open. Alter the outlet and inlet. Going to site visit on 20<sup>th</sup>. This year could be challenging if flows are high again.
- J. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)

   Duvall and Yeager had a phone call update two weeks ago on the work being done that should be complete by this fall. Have not yet decided the location where the pump will be installed. The Wenatchee site is the one the committee approves.
- K. Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal CCFEG (K. Terrell) Almost done.
- L. Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition (D. Duvall) See agenda item X above.

Next Meeting - Thursday, July 12, 2018, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

# Action Items from June 14, 2018 Meeting

- 1. Erin to check on Habitat Funds Reports.
- Rohr will contact Mickey Fleming to request attending next meeting for discussion regarding Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Proposal and Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition Appraisal.

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