



## PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

### FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 11, 2019  
1:00 pm  
Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

#### **PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members**

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Kate Terrell, USFWS	Chris Fisher, CCT
Dave Duvall, Deane Pavlik-Kunkel (alt), Grant PUD	Lee Carlson, Brandon Rogers (alt), YN
Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS	Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW	Erin Harris, Grant PUD, Admin Assistant
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator	

#### **Meeting Attendees**

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Chris Fisher, CCT	Brandon Rogers, YN
Dave Duvall, Grant PUD	Erin Harris, Grant PUD, Admin Assistant
Justin Yeager, NMFS	Patrick Wyena, Wanapum, Grant PUD
Jeremy Cram, WDFW	Kate Terrell, USFWS
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#### **DECISION ITEMS from April 11, 2019 Meeting:**

- March 14, 2019 and March 20, 2019 PRCCHSC (HSC) meeting minutes were approved.
- Affirmed email vote to approve the final invoice of \$93,593.52 for Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek (COIC) Flow Restoration Project.
- Agreed to change Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) funding arrangements by discontinuing use of Appendix B, address each CDLT proposal on an ad hoc basis, and stewardship will be a maximum of \$10,000 unless a different amount is approved by the committee, wherein CDLT would need to request a variance if over \$10,000.
- Denied the funding request as proposed for the proposal for "Evaluating Environmental Impacts of Tumwater Dam", Jason Lundgren, Cascade Columbia Fish Enhancement Group (CCFEG).
- Concurred with Duvall's intent to correct the Washington Department of Ecology invoicing oversight for FY18 and FY19.
- Approved funding \$7540.74 if the awarded amount was overspent on Silver Side Channel Fish Tagging Activities. Grant PUD will review invoices and if the account has been overspent, a contract change order will be processed.

## MEETING MINUTES

- I. **SAFETY REVIEW- Completed**
  
- II. **Agenda Review – No additions were made.**
  
- III. **Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2019 Meeting, March 20, 2019 Conference Call (D. Rohr) – Both 3/14/2019 & 3/20/2019 minutes were approved.**
  
- IV. **Action Items Review from March 14, 2019 Meeting (D. Rohr)**
  1. Rohr will include a discussion of the HSC appraisal process and release of final appraisals for the next meeting of April 11th – **Completed**
  2. Rohr will include a continued discussion of Entiat Stormy Project Area “A” Stream & Floodplain Enhancement for April 11th meeting – **Completed**
  
- V. **Habitat and NNI Funds Report (D. Rohr) – E. Harris will follow up with Grant staff for a status update.**
  
- VI. **Affirmation - Approval of Final Invoice for Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek (COIC) Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall) – Email vote completed with committee decision to approve final invoice for \$93,593.52.**
  
- VII. **Review - CD Land Trust Funding Arrangements (Review of Spec Sheet) (D. Duvall) – Committee decided to change the CDLT funding arrangements and do away with the Appendix B document which contained detailed funding information. The committee’s final decision was to handle each CDLT proposal on an ad hoc basis regarding funding decisions, plus the stewardship funding will be set at a maximum of \$10,000 unless a different amount is approved by the committee, wherein CDLT would need to request a variance if over \$10,000. After funding decisions are finalized by the committee, the submitted spec sheet will be updated by Grant PUD to match the final approved funding amounts. A copy of the final spec sheet will be distributed to committee members.**
  
- VIII. **(Continued Discussion) – Entiat Stormy Project Area “A” Stream & Floodplain Enhancement, Yakama Nation (B. Rogers, D. Rohr) - Funding for this project was approved on March 14, 2019 with the caveat that no funding will be provided**

for this project until committee members questions are satisfied regarding the CDLT Land Owner Agreement requirements and the Yakama Nation, project sponsor. Committee members were advised that a meeting to discuss this subject has been scheduled between CDLT and the Yakama Nation. More to follow.

- IX. **UPDATE - Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) Diversion Fish Screen (J. Cram, K. Terrell)** – Waiting on submittal of Spec Sheet for committee review.
  
- X. **Proposal - Evaluating Environmental Impacts of Tumwater Dam, Jason Lundgren, CCFEG (K. Terrell)** – Committee members reviewed the proposal Cascade Columbia Fish Enhancement Group (CCFEG) and several questions and unknowns remained. Accordingly, the request for funding as proposed was denied.
  
- XI. **Proposal - Kahler Creek (Toole and Mardini) Land Acquisition, CDLT (C. Fisher)** – Committee members discussed the proposal and information provided and concluded they would wait on making a decision until their questions are satisfied regarding details of the CDLT Land Owner Agreement and the Yakama Nation (See agenda item VIII above). Rohr will place this item on the agenda for continued discussion at the next meeting, and Fisher will talk with CDLT, project sponsor.
  
- XII. **Review - Budget Item for FY18 & FY19 (D. Duvall)** – Duvall received notification from the Washington Department of Ecology that they overlooked submitting invoices over the past two years for HFA 602-30H (White River Gage Station). Ecology would like to correct the error by providing an invoice to the end of the current fiscal year of June 30, 2019 for the outstanding amount. Duvall has reviewed and determined the oversight to be legitimate and is informing the committee of this situation and his intent to comply with Ecology’s request. Committee members concurred with Duvall’s intent.
  
- XIII. **Review - Silver Side Channel Fish Tagging Activities (D. Duvall)** – Duvall informed the committee members that Silver Side PIT Array may have been overspent this project by \$7540.74 but will compare expenditures with the sponsor (CCFEG). If indeed an error is found, a change order to increase the awarded amount may need to be processed. Committee members discussed there was a recent approved change in the scope of work for this project and they determined the overspending was done in good faith. Accordingly, committee members approved funding the \$7540.74 with Cram abstaining from the vote.

**XIV. Potpourri (D. Rohr)**

1. PRCC Habitat Funds Project Specification Sheet – update (placeholder) - **Completed**
2. Discussion of Appraisal Process and Release of Final Appraisals (placeholder) – To be discussed at the next meeting.

### **Project Updates**

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher)** – Nothing new
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** - Nothing new
- C. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** – Nothing new
- D. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** – Work starting up again.
- E. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager)** (Trout Unlimited Report, Aaron Penvose) The project continues to make progress and the project team continues to work through all the issues as they arise. Each week seems to bear more challenge than the preceding one, but everyone keeps working together to get the work done. The weather was much better in February than March and as a result on the ground activities started up again. Selland construction got back to work on the Methow Valley Irrigation District (MVID) inlet modifications as temperatures rose. They were able to get the foundation set with rebar, formed and poured and will be working on the walls and pipe connection in April. Hurst also mobilized this month and started staging and bringing pipe to the Phase 1 staging site in preparation for welding. They are currently welding the HDPE (High Density Polyethelene) pipe with two machines, two shifts a day in 1000 foot runs in preparation for placement as soon as the ditch thaws and is prepped for placement. Their progress the last couple of weeks was good and they are shooting for a June 7<sup>th</sup> substantial completion, even with the late spring weather woes.

The team continues to push the easements ahead with the Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT) and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) folks weekly, we are all hopeful this will conclude soon, but the process has been long and that doesn't seem to be changing. The good news of the month with WDOT though was we got state approval and the plan made it through the State Attorney General's office without a hiccup, so now we are off to final approval with FAA folks.

- F. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** – Nothing new
- G. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** – Completed and to be removed from update list.
- H. **Nason Ridge Riparian Corridor Project – (Placeholder) (B. Rogers)**
- I. **Icicle Creek Fish Passage – Wild Fish to Wilderness (Boulder Field) Proposal (K. Terrell)** (Trout Unlimited Report, Aaron Penvose) During

March we worked with the Washington State Department of Ecology (WDOEc) water quality folks on permits. This included providing substantial project information in support of the permit submitted last fall and setting up an in person meeting with their key staff mid-month. The WDOEc is being cautious with the permitting because there is a large amount of public focus on Icicle Creek at this time. At the meeting we walked through the HEC RAS (can someone tell me what HEC RAS is?) model output and focused on some of the areas where the model was generated at WDOEc's request. WDOEc is interested in understanding slope stability at the conclusion of the project and the extent to which project impacts stay within the project area. WDOEc also expressed need to understand any project impacts that extend beyond the project area (upstream or downstream). Overall the meeting was productive, but we will need to continue to work with them to get the permissions.

In other permit news, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) indicated that the USACE would issue a Nationwide 27 Permit for the project. It sounds like the review is approximately half completed. The USACE is coordinating with the USFWS and NMFS and exploring the possibility of completing Endangered Species Act review via a fish restoration programmatic. We will see how that plays out, hopefully in April. We are currently in the noticing period with SEPA and Shorelines, which will complete on April 7th. Upon completion of the notice, we anticipate the internal county review to go very well.

We also worked closely with WDFW and partners on the City of Leavenworth fish screens, met with Icicle Peshastin Irrigation District (IPID) to discuss agreement details and received word that we successfully secured some additional funding for project implementation!

**Next Meeting** – Next meeting moved to Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office due to scheduling conflicts.

**Action Items from April 11, 2019 Meeting:**

1. E. Harris will follow up with Grant PUD staff for Habitat and NNI Fund Report status update.
2. Discussion will continue at May 8th meeting regarding questions of CDLT Land Owner Agreement and Yakama Nation.
3. Proposal for Kahler Creek (Toole and Mardini) Land Acquisition discussion will continue at May 8th meeting.

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