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**PRCC Habitat Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 8, 2017

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, YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Meeting Attendees

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Justin Yeager, NMFS

Dave Duvall, Grant PUD

Erin McIntyre, Grant PUD (via phone)

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Decisions Made in June 8, 2017 Meeting:

1. Approved Icicle-Wenatchee Confluence Flood Plain Phase 1 Proposal for \$5K to CDLT using Fund 603.
2. Deferred decision on funding Spawning Platform #4 until 2018.
3. Approved Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal for \$15K to Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group using Fund 602.

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

- I. **Agenda Review**
- II. **Approval of Minutes for May 16, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr)- Approved**
- III. **Action Items Review from May 16, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr)-Done**
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report (D. Rohr) – No updates**

- V. **UPDATE: Silver Side Channel Acquisition** (K. Terrell, D. Duvall) – Terrell reported that the buyer and seller are still negotiating after reviewing the appraisal and review appraisal; a third party may assist in the process. A deadline for a decision was requested but not specifically identified; waiting to hear back from seller on a decision to the committee's offer.
- VI. **(DECISION) - Icicle-Wenatchee Confluence Flood Plain Phase 1 Proposal** (J. Yeager) – Yeager presented a spec sheet for committee consideration for 26 acres of land at the confluence of Icicle Creek and the Wenatchee River. CDLT has been discussing the project and is sponsoring the proposal, which is \$5K for project development and \$5K for the appraisal. After HSC discussion, the committee approved \$5K for development costs but per HSC policy, the appraisal should go through the standard committee process with Rees using the existing contract. **\$5K approved for project development using Fund 603. Yeager will notify CDLT.**
- VII. **(DECISION) – Continued Discussion from May 16th Conference Call / Meeting) ORRI – Spawning Bed No. 4 in the Penticton Channel** (C. Fisher, D. Duvall) Fisher followed up on the Spawning Bed No. 4 proposal, requesting a decision by the committee on how to proceed. After discussion, it was decided that it would be unlikely to have the necessary flows required to complete the project in 2017 and the committee thought it best to evaluate the success of the three previously completed projects for another year before starting the fourth spawning platform. **The HSC decided to defer until 2018, after additional results from 2017 are available. Fisher will notify ONA.**
- VIII. **(DECISION) – Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal** (K. Terrell) Terrell reported that the requested dollar amount for the proposal had been reduced to \$15K from the original amount of \$23K by Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group. The funds will go towards data collection and crew supervision for a fish passage and screening project in the Wenatchee basin. A report will be submitted after completing the project. **After discussion, the HSC approved the proposal for \$15K using funds from Account 602. Terrell will notify CCFEG.**
- IX. **UPDATE: Resolution of Restoration on CDLT (Chelan Douglas Land Trust) Entiat River Properties** (All) The HSC discussed the current, ongoing policy of CDLT regarding habitat restoration on trust lands. There is still some speculation as to whether, how much, and the type of restoration that is allowed on lands owned by CDLT, especially on land purchased with committee funding.

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency** (Placeholder for 2016 Activities) (C. Fisher) – No new updates.
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects** (C. Fisher) Removal of Allendale and Clark Meadows Dams Fisher reported the project is still ongoing and still looking for additional feedback from ONA regarding the pump installation and removal of the second dam. The notes from the previous meeting will help provide additional information.
- C. **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project** (K. Terrell) - TU had hoped to have the bid documents for construction out on the street in the month of May but that did not happen. TU had a delay in executing the agreement between USFWS and ERV

Orchards (the major irrigator on Roaring Creek); it seems the documents may have been forgotten somewhere. With much urging from local USFWS staff this got straightened out and we are back track once again. TU hopes to have these agreements signed in the first week in June. TU has also drafted up access and staging area agreements for project construction, these agreements have been sent out to all RCWUA land owners and are in the process of getting signed. TU has had several calls and meetings with landowners and project partners regarding the construction phase of the project. Everyone is gearing up for construction and we are all ready to see dirt moving, including RCWUA. With the last few items cleared up TU is shooting to have the Bid Documents out on the street the first part of June. Memo complete, going out to bid this week.

- D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array** (J. Cram) Cram reported that juvenile fish have been tagged as part of the ongoing project and fish have been detected above the Boulder Field but passage only likely under specific flow conditions
- E. **Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II** (J. Cram). No new updates.
- F. **MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District** (K. Terrell) - In May TU continues to work on the MVID punch list items. Decommission of the non-productive well has been under way, 3 of the 6 wells have been done and the team is working towards finishing the other 3 by the end of June. TU is still working on drilling a new well up Poorman Creek, it has been a bit of a challenge to get the agreement signed but we believe we are close. Once we have a signed agreement TU will proceed will hire a well driller to complete the project. No work has been done on the MVID Owner's manual in May, TU continues to wait for assistance from MVID personal to help complete this task. The Wright Road drainage issue continues to grow and is bigger than the team had first realized. TU was able to do a site tour on the Jim Johnson Range Land LLC property, this is the property were much of the water originates from and also where Jim Johnson Lake is located, the source to the water run off problem. In addition the 2015 fire made the problem worse. The retention pond that the team was contemplating will not be able to handle the amount water that continues to flow. As a result the team is looking at all options at this time, one example we are investigating is piping the water 3000 feet to the Methow River. TU and BOR are monitoring the water flows and securing all needed information to make sounds decisions before moving forward. TU continues to attend the monthly MVID board meeting to field any questions regarding the MVID project and is still on scheduled to have these items cleaned up by June 30th, 2017 excluding the warranty period.
- G. **Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array** (J. Cram) Cram reported that the array is detecting juvenile spring Chinook and steelhead in the Silver Side channel in the spring and fall and likely overwintered in the area.
- H. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding** (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager) - In May, TU spent significant time working with BIC on pump site planning and project coordination. The focus on the pump station is critical and we anticipate a final site selection in early June. May was also spent working on coordinating the Barkley and MVID ditches and defining their relationship moving forward with a combined infrastructure. This included welcoming the MVID board president at the regular weekly meeting with TU and Barkley. The reception has been good and the draft language has

been passed back and forth between the parties, which we hope will go final in June. TU focused on getting MVID's agreement executed. On several occasions throughout May, TU thought the agreement would be signed but continue to work on it. Hopefully, it will be signed on June 5th. As soon as the agreements are signed TU will give the engineers notice to proceed with the pump station and Barkley pipe alignment reconfiguration. MVID's engineering is done. TU continues to work through the water right change process and are getting ever closer to completing the ROE. The public notice was re-drafted in May and published it in the Methow Valley News. On the permitting front we also worked with BPA on cultural resources modifications and completed the APE. We anticipate conducting the survey work in late June or early July. In the coming Month TU will continue negotiate, develop and plan.

- I. **Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition** (J. Cram) – No new updates.
- J. **Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project** (K. Terrell) Terrell reported the bottom culvert blew out with high water this spring; the hardened ford to be installed this summer.
- K. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project** (C. Fisher) – No new updates.
- L. **Newby Narrows Activities** (L. Carlson) – Carlson reported that the information has been submitted to tribal accountants and tribal dollars should be used to reimburse the HSC for the Newby Narrows project.
- M. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project** (J. Yeager) Yeager reported that the contract is not in place yet. Duvall reminded the HSC that to facilitate contract development, a Word format of the spec sheet should be provided as well to make copying and pasting into the contract easier. Duvall left several messages with the sponsor and will continue following up until completed.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2017, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

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