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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

9:30 am

Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, Deane 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

Lee Carlson, YN (Via Phone)

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Patrick Weyena, GCPUD (Via Phone)

Kate Terrell, USFWS

DECISIONS

1. February 8, 2018 meeting minutes approved.
2. Approved preliminary development costs up to \$5,000, from Fund 602, for the CDLT Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition Proposal, but denied the funding request to secure a property appraisal as the HabSC will take care of necessary appraisal activities.
3. Rejected the request to fund the Hancock Springs Restoration, Phase 2, Proposal submitted by Methow Conservancy.

MEETING MINUTES

I. **Agenda Review – No additions to agenda.**

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- II. **Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2018 (D. Rohr)** – Meeting minutes approved.
- III. **Action Items Review from February 8, 2018 Meeting (D. Rohr)**
1. Terrell and Rohr will coordinate to schedule Trout Unlimited for the March meeting to provide an update of the Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II – update will be scheduled for the April 12th meeting.
 2. Duvall spoke with Lundgren at CCFEG and plans to close the account in March 2018 - completed.
 3. Rohr will coordinate with the HCP Tributary Committees' chair regarding changes with the March meeting schedule - completed.
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report, Year-End 2017 (D. Rohr)** – The 2017 year-end habitat funding report was distributed to the HSC, which included all expense reports by project to date
- V. **(9:30 Presentation) Proposal – “Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition”, Mickey Fleming, David Morgan, CDLT (D. Duvall)** – David Morgan reviewed the spec sheet photos with the committee members. The HSC asked questions relating to the surrounding property and other details. After the presentation by CDLT, the HSC spent a considerable amount of time discussing a variety of issues surrounding the project, which included potential cultural concerns, cost per acre, irrigation withdrawals, fate of neighboring property, upstream water rights, temperature, etc. Rohr was to gather and distribute a comprehensive list of questions while Duvall was to gather temperature data and work with Grant PUD cultural personnel on those items. Eventually the HSC agreed to approve the preliminary development costs up to \$5,000 from Fund 602. The request to fund the property appraisal was denied as the Habitat SC will take care of the appraisal activity.
- VI. **(11:00 Presentation) Proposal – “Hancock Springs Restoration, Phase 2”, Methow Conservancy (K. Terrell)** -Robes Parrish (USFWS) and Jason Paulson (Methow Conservancy) gave a presentation on a proposal for Hancock Spring Phase 2, in which Rohr distributed a spec sheet prior to the meeting for review by the HSC. Phase 1 of the project was generally considered very successful. After the presentation and numerous questions (e.g., stamped drawings, lessons learned, pumping issues, deer fence, beaver dams, etc.) by the HSC, the committee deliberated together and eventually rejected the proposal. The committee felt the project had merit but concluded the costs were too high to support.
- VII. **Affirmation of Approval – Twisp River Floodplain Lower Acquisition Phase II, Chris Johnson, MSRF (D. Rohr)** – proposal approved Feb 8th subject to J. Cram concurrence.
- Rohr informed the committee that concurrence had been received from Cram.
- VIII. **Update - Proposal -- Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District and City of Leavenworth Fish Screens, Jenni Novak, WDFW (K. Terrell)** - There was a short discussion on the status of the proposed project, but to date, an expected updated spec sheet has not been submitted to the HSC. In summary, the HSC continued discussion of their willingness to consider the project if a cost share of at least 25% matching funds are provided pending an updated spec sheet. The HSC also is discussing the matching funds possibly coming from non-fish funds. Duvall expressed his

concerns on how the process had been conducted to date, suggesting that a spec sheet really needs to be submitted to the HSC to be considered first and foremost, with the sponsor in agreement with the details before modifying the spec sheet or initiating any negotiation between any of the parties involved.

IX. Potpourri (D. Rohr)

- A. Update - Contracting, Liability, Indemnification Activities (D. Duvall) Duvall reported that he was waiting on comments from internal GCPUD staff on the project matrix and would share with the HSC upon receipt.
- B. Update – Memo to K. Alex Regarding Interest in Monitoring Fish Migration Success at McIntyre Dam (C. Fisher) - See McIntyre Dam discussion below.

Project Updates

- A. **McIntyre Dam - Fish Passage Efficiency (C. Fisher)** – ONA submitted a spec sheet for optimizing passage at McIntyre Dam. While there was interest expressed by the HSC, more time is needed to fully review the proposal before making a vote. To be further discussed at the April meeting.
- B. **Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** – Fisher will continue working with ONA on getting this project completed.
- C. **Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell)** - Recent work on the Roaring Creek Project has been entirely centered around preparing to advertise the project for bid. TU worked with the engineers to address a punch list of small tweaks and plan clean up. TU has reviewed and revised projected construction costs and submitted for additional funding accordingly. The necessary permits are in place and the bid package was advertised on February 28. March will focus on managing the bid process, including contractor Q&A, conferences, and job walk. Bids are due at the end of March, contractor selection in April with construction beginning in May.
- D. **Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** – February saw continued work on getting the permits in place and agency coordination. Fishway and waterline designs are also being worked on by engineers' along with coordination meetings with advisory groups. Overall there is progress being made even though some minor changes have been made.
- E. **Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram)** - A majority of work on the Clear Creek Project in February 2018 focused on the bid advertisement process. After soliciting bids in late January, a mandatory pre-bid conference and site walk with interested bidders and the landowner in early February. There is an apparent low bidder that meets all required qualifications and will work toward finalizing the contract in early March, which came in considerably lower than the fall bidding process. Diversion removal should occur during the 2019 in-water work window.
- F. **MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell)** - No updates.
- G. **Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** – Cram reported the array is operational and fish are being detected.

- H. **Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) (J. Yeager)** - Representatives from TU, Barkley, and MVID continue to meet and discuss project details; a commitment to work together to ensure some construction can be completed during the spring/summer of 2018.
- I. **Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell)** - No updates.
- J. **Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher)** - No updates.
- K. **Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall)** – No updates.
- L. **Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell)** - No updates.
- M. **(Review status) Boulder Field (D. Rohr)** – No updates.

Next Meeting – Thursday, April 12, 2018, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

Actions Items from March 6, 2018 Meeting

1. Colockum Confluence Land Acquisition, CDLT – Rohr was to gather and distribute a comprehensive list of questions while Duvall was to gather temperature data and work with Grant PUD cultural personnel on those items.
2. Hancock Springs Restoration, Methow Conservancy – Rohr will send letter to Heide Anderson and Jason Paulson, Methow Conservancy, informing the proposal was not approved.
3. Terrell and Rohr will coordinate to schedule Trout Unlimited for the April 12th HSC meeting to provide an update of the Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II.