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## PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2016

1:00 pm

Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

### PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

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Kate Terrell, USFWS

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Dale Bambrick, Justin Yeager (alt), NMFS

Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Associates, Facilitator

Chris Fisher, CCT

Lee Carlson, YN

Carl Merkle, CTUIR

Orlene Hahn, GCPUD, Executive Assistant

### Attendees

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Lee Carlson, YN

Jeremy Cram, WDFW

Dave Duvall, GCPUD

Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Associates, Facilitator

Aaron Penvose, TU

Chris Fisher, CCT (via phone)

Justin Yeager, NMFS

Kate Terrell, USFWS

### Action Items from November 12, 2015 Meeting:

1. **Discussion with Larry Rees re Appraisal information.** Duvall, Rohr and Rees to talk offline and define what will be added to the spec sheet. **COMPLETED**
2. **Policy** - Rohr and Duvall to write-up the Policy and have a Draft Policy ready for the Committee to review by December 31, 2015. Discussion of the policy will happen at the first meeting in January 2016. **COMPLETED**
3. **Scaffold Camp Acquisition I** – Duvall to make the appraisal request to Rees. **COMPLETED**
4. **Scaffold Camp Acquisition II** – Duvall to make the appraisal request to Rees. **COMPLETED**
5. **Steve Kolk 60% Plans and Cost Estimates** – There is to be a conference call on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Rohr is to get a hold of Tracy Hillman with HCP and Steve Kolk regarding coordination of the HSC and the HCP Tributary Committees. **COMPLETED**

### FINAL MINUTES

- I. **Agenda Review** – Added CCNRD meeting notice regarding Icicle Creek Funding Coordination, and review and approval of Scaffold I & II appraisals.

- II. **Action Items Review from November 12, 2015 HSC Meeting** – November 12, 2015 Action Items have been completed or discussed during today’s meeting.
- III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2015, November 30, 2015 Conference Call and December 2, 2015 Conference Call** (D. Rohr) – The Committee approved all three sets of meeting minutes.
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter through December 31, 2015** (D. Rohr) – The 2015 End of Year Report has not yet been completed. Rohr will forward a copy to the HSC when available.
- V. **Review of Draft HSC Policy Document Development** (D. Duvall, D. Rohr) – Prior to today’s meeting, Rohr distributed an electronic copy of the draft outline he and Duvall had developed in working on the Policy Document. After Duvall and Rohr reviewed the draft outline with the HSC members, one suggestion was to remove Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) from the draft document as it was not necessary to be included. No additional comments were received, and Duvall and Rohr will continue to expand the draft document to include a description of the information identified in the draft outline.
- VI. **Review of New Specification Sheet with Appraisal Information Request Added** (D. Duvall, D. Rohr) – Prior to today’s meeting, Rohr distributed an electronic copy of the new Spec Sheet to the HSC for their review. The HSC discussed the new Spec Sheet and had no additional edits and/or comments. Rohr will add information as to when the Spec Sheet was amended, and he will distribute an electronic copy to each HSC member. Members were encouraged to begin using the new Spec Sheet and to share with other parties that they work with regarding project proposals. The primary change to the Spec Sheet was the addition of a request for certain information when an appraisal is involved regarding a fee simple land acquisition.
- VII. **Parks/Goodman Acquisition – Affirmation of HSC Decision** (D. Rohr) – Rohr affirmed for the record the HSC decision to not fund this proposal. The HSC had extensive discussion during the December 2, 2015 HSC conference call meeting, and the decision to not fund was made during that meeting.
- VIII. **Wilson Property Acquisition – Affirmation of HSC Decision** (D. Rohr) – Rohr summarized the HSC activities surrounding this acquisition. The HSC approved the acquisition by email vote on September 29, 2015 subject to a property appraisal and the HSC making a final decision regarding public access. The property appraisal was received and subsequently approved by the HSC during the HSC Conference Call Meeting of November 30, 2015. Additionally, during the November 30, 2015 meeting, the HSC affirmed their final decision for acquisition of the property for up to \$303,500 from Fund 602, including the provision of public access by foot traffic only and no motorized vehicles. Accordingly, questions surfaced from Aaron Penvose, Project Sponsor, regarding contract language contained within the Habitat Funding Agreement that pertained to “Public Access”. Therefore, Penvose attended today’s HSC meeting to explain his concerns and to offer a solution. After extensive discussion, the HSC agreed to include the following language in the Habitat Funding Agreement regarding public access to the Wilson Property Acquisition -- “Public access shall be allowed on the property (limited to foot traffic only, no unauthorized vehicles, and therefore the access needs no further development) with certain conditions and/or restrictions, as approved by the PRCCHSC, except that in the event that the property is resold to a private party public access shall not be required”. Penvose was notified of the HSC decision by telephone discussion during the meeting. Duvall to proceed with contract development.
- IX. **Review of Robinson Acquisition (2013) – Use of Remaining Funds** (D. Duvall) – Duvall explained to the HSC that after the last invoice had been submitted for this project (HFA 602-17H), the balance remaining was \$4,852. Accordingly, Chris Johnson, Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation and the sponsor for the project, had contacted Duvall with a request to re-scope the remaining funds and use them for 3 additional

tasks related to the property. Duvall explained the 3 tasks to the HSC, and after review and discussion, the HSC denied the request. Duvall will notify Johnson of the decision.

- X. **Middle Entiat Restoration Project - 60% Design and Cost Estimates (All)** – The HCP Tributary Committees discussed this subject in their morning meeting, and the HSC members continued the discussion into the afternoon HSC meeting. The HSC was alright with the 60% Plans and Cost Estimates, commenting that a lot of reviews still need to take place for the project but that they saw no red flags. Rohr will notify Steve Kolk, BOR, of the HSC discussion.
- XI. (Additional Agenda Item) **Icicle Creek Funding Coordination Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Rohr had received an email invite to this meeting to be held on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Ellensburg, 1:00 – 3:30 pm. Rohr had recently distributed the meeting information electronically to HSC members. Yeager and Duvall stated they both would plan to attend, schedules permitting. We will discuss the information learned at this meeting at the next HSC meeting in February.
- XII. **Potpourri (D. Rohr)**
  - Cascadia Conservation District – Tyee Ranch Conservation Easement – Rohr informed the HSC that he had received an email from Mike Rickel, CCD, with a request to ask the HSC if they have interest in reconsidering funding of the Tyee Ranch Conservation Easement. The HSC informed Rohr they have no interest. Rohr will notify Rickel.
  - A. NNI Funding List for “2015 and beyond” – Rohr stated this continues to be a work in progress with the PRCC.
- XIII. **Project Updates**
  - A. **602-23H - McIntyre Dam** – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency (C. Fisher) – No new information
  - B. **602-14H – Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)** – ONA, Kari Alex, will be meeting next week with the Allendale folks. If there is an issue Fisher will get a hold of Rohr. The HSC had discussion regarding the following subjects. Additional HSC discussion will take place after the Allendale meeting next week.
    - 1. Water Diversion, well drilling, etc. – nothing new
    - 2. Allendale Dam – A meeting is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> and they are aware of the HSC position; should know more in about 2-3 weeks.
    - 3. Letter to ONA / Kari Alex – no follow up needed; remove from the meeting agenda.
  - C. **602-16H - Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell)** – With the 24 hour pump test completed and the test results back, TU scheduled meetings with the Roaring Creek board of directors and also the adjoining property owners. Both meetings went very well, and it was decided to do another pump test during the 2016 irrigation season. The purpose for this exercise is to see if the adjoining wells will be impacted while they are irrigating during the pump test on the RCWUA well. TU has decided to move the larger user off the RCWUA well to a different point of diversion. With a refined lower water use at the RCWUA well, TU is hopeful that the adjoining wells will not be impacted during the pump test. TU is moving forward with the POD change and also engineering for the other user, and should start seeing some traction in the first part of January.
  - D. **603-27H - Peshastin and Icicle Irrigation Districts Pump-back System Options Feasibility Study (K. Terrell)** – Tabled
  - E. **602-13H - Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram)** – Nothing new

- F. **602-29H - ORRI - Penticton Spawning Platform #3** (C. Fisher) – Nothing new; completed and can be removed from meeting agenda.
- G. **602-11H - Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II** (J. Cram) – The project continues to be on hold while the Jones Shotwell board of directors work through water right questions/clarifications. The SRFB grant award was approved and TU is working to finalize the contract. TU is also preparing for a presentation at the annual JSDC shareholder meeting later this winter. An update on the project was given at the Wenatchee Watershed Planning Unit meeting in mid-December.
- H. **601-20H - MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District** (K. Terrell) – In general, the project continues to move steadily along and each month inches closer and closer to completion. \*Bach Drilling has reached substantial completion on the production well project. They have a small punch list that will need to be completed in the spring before irrigation season, and they plan to return in mid-March. Once these are completed the team will charge and commission the new west side pipe system and check for function. The E2-E5 lateral improvement contract was awarded to Lloyd Logging of Twisp, Washington. Lloyd will begin work weather permitting in spring of 2016. Lloyd is aware of the timeline and understands that this phase of the project must be complete prior to the 2016 irrigation season. Bianchi Construction has pulled out for the winter due to the frozen ground and snow. The TU team has decided to award Bianchi an extension on substantial completion to finish the project in the spring 2016. The new completion date is April 10, 2016. With only about 10 days of work left to do, they should have no problem finishing before the 2016 irrigation season. Individual Wells: All the well drillers have pulled out for the winter due to the weather. To date: The TU team has 4 wells left to drill, 5 pump upgrades yet to install, and 9 wells yet to be commissioned. This phase will all be completed in the spring of 2016. West side tree removal: Sweberg Contracting was awarded the contract for the west side tree removal. Sweberg mobilized his crew and equipment the last part of November. Sweberg chipped everything that was 20 inches or smaller and the larger logs were shipped over to a west side pallet manufacturer. Sweberg came prepared with a lot of specialized equipment which allowed them to move through the project at a good pace. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in December they were done with this phase of the project. They will return in the spring for the final clean up.
- I. **602-27H - Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array** (J. Cram) – Nothing new
- J. **603-24H - Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015)** (J. Yeager)
1. **Temporary Pump Station** – Nothing new
  2. **Permanent Pump Station (Wilson Acquisition)** - TU spent December working on the pump station acquisition and preparing for closing in January. The acquisition appears to be locked up and TU is excited to see this piece of the project being completed, so we can regain focus on all the other pieces for implementing the new system. After receiving approval for funding of the acquisition in late November TU ramped up design and engineering again. After holding for several months on the acquisition the team got the engineers back to work, initiated the property and topographic survey, worked with BPA on permitting, met with engineers and permit people on the fish screen design and worked on funding contracts. In addition TU met with the Barkley Board and provided updates and continued discussions on design, operation and maintenance. TU also continues to work with Ecology on the

processing of the water rights changes. TU anticipates a busy January with the Wilson closing and the ramp up on all other aspects of the project.

- K. **602-33 - Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition** (J. Cram) – Nothing new; expectation is to move the house in the spring.
- L. **602-34 – Buckley II Acquisition** (K. Terrell) – The property has been acquired and payment sent to MSRF.
- M. **602-35 – 1890s Side Channel Restoration Effectiveness Monitoring Project** (L. Carlson) – Carlson stated this remains in legal review by YN.
- N. **603-31H – Bonaparte Creek Discharge Monitoring** (C. Fisher) – Completed; to be removed from meeting agenda.
- O. **Scaffold Camp Acquisition I – Appraisal Requested** (L. Carlson) – The appraisals for Scaffold I and for Scaffold II have been completed and distributed to the HSC. It was pointed out that a Conservation Easement (CE) exists on Scaffold II, and the HSC discussed and questioned the specific details. It was stated that the Methow Conservancy owns the CE, and the value of the property is reduced by approximately \$70,000 due to the CE. The HSC discussed the accuracy of the \$70,000, and Terrell stated she would check into the number and report at the next meeting. Also, Brandon Rogers and Jarred Johnson of the Yakama Nation and project sponsor will be invited to attend the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide update information. Carlson will take care of the invitation.
- P. **Scaffold Camp Acquisition II – Appraisal Requested** (L. Carlson) - to be further discussed at the February 7, 2016 meeting.

XIV. **Next Meeting:** February 11, 2016, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office, 1:00 pm.

**Action Items from January 7, 2016 HSC Meeting:**

1. Duvall and Rohr will update the draft policy document and continue to work on a final draft.
2. Rohr will add a date of amendment the Spec Sheet and distribute a final electronic copy to each HSC member.
3. Duvall will notify Chris Johnson, MSRF, that the HSC denied his request.
4. Duvall will develop the Wilson acquisition contract.
5. Rohr will notify Steve Kolk that the HSC saw no red flags regarding the Middle Entiat Restoration Project 60% Design and Cost Estimates.
6. Rohr will notify Mike Rickel, CCD, of the HSC decision regarding the Tyee Conservation Easement question.