



PRCC Habitat Subcommittee

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 13, 2017

1:00 pm

Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Members

Kate Terrell, USFWS	Chris Fisher, CCT
Dave Duvall, GCPUD	Lee Carlson, YN
Justin Yeager, Dale Bambrick (alt), NMFS	Carl Merkle, CTUIR
Jeremy Cram, Carmen Andonaegui (alt), WDFW	
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Assoc, Facilitator	

Meeting Attendees

Kate Terrell, USFWS	Chris Fisher, CCT
Lee Carlson, YN	Dave Duvall, Grant PUD
Jeremy Cram, WDFW	Erin McIntyre, Grant PUD
Denny Rohr, D. Rohr & Associates	Justin Yeager, NMFS

Decisions Made in April 13, 2017 Meeting:

1. HSC voted to approve \$617,151.00; Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation has until the end of April 2017 to work with the landowner on getting acceptance.

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Agenda Review** – Nothing added.
- II. **Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr)** - Approved
- III. **Action Items Review from March 9, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr)** – Completed
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report (placeholder) (D. Rohr)** – Annual deposits of February 15, 2017 were made to the respective accounts as follows:
 - Fund 601: \$ 989,171.54 (will be increased by \$71,437, per PRCC agreement)
 - Fund 602: \$1,061,086.26

Fund 603: \$ 379,043.81

- V. **(DECISION) Silver Side Channel Acquisition - Review Appraisal (D. Duvall, D. Rohr)** - The Habitat Subcommittee (HSC) discussed the results of the review appraisal, done by Tom Walters, agreeing with and accepting the original appraisal, review appraisal, and the overall process. The HSC approved offering the seller the appraised amount of \$1,265,000 for the property with a limited timeframe for a decision. During a conference call with Chris Johnson, it was decided that the offer would be good through the end of April. BPA has agreed to fund if the acquisition goes through; \$617,151 is being requested from the HSC with the remaining balance to be covered by the Tributary Committee. It is hoped to sell off the two houses once finished and recoup those funds back to the respective committees. A Conservation Easement needs to be renegotiated and revised to sell the property. **HSC voted to approve \$617,151.00; Methow Salmon Recovery Foundation has until the end of April 2017 to work with the landowner on getting acceptance.**
- VI. **(DECISION) Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager)** – Yeager presented the spec sheet provided by Washington Water Trust, which was subsequently discussed by the HSC. The project entails a pump-back pressurized irrigation system which will result in an additional 12 CFS for the Icicle River as a result of the diversion change. The PRCC HSC is being asked to contribute \$191,000 for a 30% project design and is part of a larger project which includes BPA. Several questions were raised by the PRCC HSC of which Yeager will follow up and report back at the next meeting. **No decision made.**
- VII. **Review of Newby Narrows Activities (L. Carlson)** - Carlson reported that the Yakama Nation will be issuing a refund check to the HSC for previous work on the Newby Narrows project.
- VIII. **Potpourri (D. Rohr)** - Nothing to report.

Project Updates

- A. McIntyre Dam – Improving Fish Jumping Efficiency (Placeholder for 2016 Activities) (C. Fisher)-No updates.
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher)
1. Removal of Allendale and Clark Meadows Dams –Fisher reported that the cost of decommission the Allendale and Clark Meadows dams have increased. ONA has secured and additional \$47,000 but are still short \$33,000 to complete the project. ONA is working to find additional funding; Fisher to keep the PRCC HSC apprised of any new development.
- C. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) –Terrell reported that the bid packets should be ready this week, and hopefully construction to start by the end of May with completion by the end of summer.

Trout Unlimited (TU) put considerable effort into the permitting process for the Roaring Creek project in March, 2017. After the JARPA was submitted to Chelan County, TU subsequently received the SEPA determination letter. The Washington Department of Natural Resources

contacted TU about their permitting, which may include an easement to hang the waterline on the Roaring Creek bridge as it goes over the top of the Entiat River, but their permitting and survey team are still reviewing the proposed activities. TU has reached out to a professional surveyor to learn what work may be required. TU continues to refine the engineering plans with the project engineer and continue to clarify the probable construction timeline. Stamped and approved 100% engineering designs were received in early March. Chelan County Public Works has reviewed the engineering plans as part of a Right of Way permit application (the plans call for several hundred feet of pipe to be placed in the county ROW along the Entiat River Road). TU has been developing bid documents for the bid package to be published/distributed as per TU and funding source protocol. They also continue to work with USFWS on easement agreements.

In April 2017 TU should get more clarification on what, if any, Washington DNR permitting may be required. Other components of the JARPA and other permitting approvals should trickle in over the coming weeks/months. The Chelan County ROW permit should also come in sometime in early April (TU has been in contact with the project reviewer and do not anticipate any issues). The bid request will be published in late April or early May pending approval from the permitting agencies and final agreements with USFWS.

- D. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) - No updates.
- E. Trout Unlimited – Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) - No updates.
- F. MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell) – Time extension has been extended until December for completion.
- G. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) – Cram reported the PIT tag arrays are detecting a lot of hits at the Silver Side Channel array.
- H. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) (J. Yeager) – The HSC approved funding during the March 9th HSC meeting as requested up to \$225,000, Fund 603, with two contingencies, including all easements must be secured and documentation must be provided of increased shareholder assessments. Yeager provided an update of the contingencies discussion with TU, including a report of the annual shareholders meeting which occurred April 8th wherein the shareholders approved the increase in the assessments. The securing of the easements and required documentation will be forthcoming. Terrell reminded the HSC that the easements and required documentation must also be in place prior to releasing the approved funding.

- I. Entiat Enlow Flood Plain Protection Acquisition - Update of moving house (J. Cram) – Still ongoing and could potentially be done this spring.

- J. Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell) - Update of hardened ford crossing activities – Project is ongoing.

- K. Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher) – Update of funding contingencies discussion with ONA –Now that the meeting minutes have been approved, Duvall to develop a contract with ONA for additional monitoring as needed. If it is determined passage is adequate, the monitoring funding will stop.

Next Meeting: May 11, 2016, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office – The May meeting will be replaced by a project tour on May 11. A conference call on May 16 at 10:00 AM may be scheduled if needed. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be on June, 8th.

Action Items for March 9, 2017 Meeting:

- 1. Fisher to discuss Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project funding contingencies with ONA.
- 2. Yeager to discuss Barkley O&M Project funding contingencies with TU.