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PRCC Habitat Subcommittee Meeting
CONFERENCE CALL

FINAL APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2018
12:00 pm
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

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Brandon Rogers, YN

Erin McIntyre, GCPUD, Admin Assistant

Pat Wyena, Wanapum

Kate Terrell, USFWS

DECISIONS of January 11, 2018

- December 14, 2017 draft meeting minutes approved.
- Waiting another month for a decision regarding Silver Side Channel Acquisition was approved.
- Pacific Appraiser Associates Spec Sheet was affirmed as approved.
- Sponsorship funding of the UCSRB Science Conference for January 24 and 25 was affirmed as approved.
- ORRI Spawning Bed No. 4 Spec Sheet was approved.

- I. **Agenda Review** – Two items were added to the agenda. Listed as item X is “Proposal – Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District and City of Leavenworth Fish Screens, from Jenni Novak, WDFW”. Listed as item XI is “Proposal – Twisp River Floodplain Lower Acquisition Phase II, from Chris Johnson, MSRF (Buckley)”. No other additions were made to the agenda.

- II. **Approval of Minutes for December 14, 2017 (D. Rohr)** – Approved.

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- III. **Action Items Review from December 14, 2017 Meeting (D. Rohr)** – All were completed or under review and discussion during today's meeting.
- IV. **Habitat Funds and NNI Report, 2017 (D. Rohr)** – Rohr commented the Year-End Report for 2017 is under development and will be distributed when received.
- V. **Review - Silver Side Channel Acquisition Activities (K. Terrell)** – Terrell has received information that the owner is interested in selling the property at the appraised value but possibly without including the uplands involved in the acquisition. HSC is concerned with the amount of time this decision is taking. However, the HSC approved waiting one more month to receive a letter of commitment from the owner to sell, including a description of the area to be included in the sale.
- VI. **Affirmation of Approval and Update – Pacific Appraiser Associates Spec Sheet dated November 8, 2017 (D. Duvall, D. Rohr)** – This Spec Sheet was approved by HSC members present at the December 14, 2017 meeting, subject to Rohr obtaining follow up approval from Terrell and Carlson who were not present at the meeting. Accordingly, Rohr affirmed approval had been received from Terrell and Carlson.
- VII. **Affirmation of Approval: Sponsorship Participation of January 24, 25 UCSRB Science Conference (D. Rohr)** – Sponsorship of the UCSRB Science Conference was approved by HSC members present at the December 14, 2017 meeting, subject to Rohr obtaining follow up approval from Terrell and Carlson who were not present at the meeting. Accordingly, Rohr affirmed approval had been received from Terrell and Carlson.
- VIII. **DECISION: ORRI – Spawning Bed No.4 in the Penticton Channel (Chris Fisher)** – Utilization data pertaining to the other spawning beds previously funded was received by Fisher and electronically distributed to the HSC members prior to today's meeting. Some HSC members had questions regarding the data, and there was additional discussion of the Spec Sheet Proposal. After review and discussion, HSC members voted to approve the project with funding from Habitat Fund 602 up to \$504,000.
- IX. **Summary and Review of Habitat Projects Master List - (D. Duvall)** – Duvall shared the End of Year Project Summary close out listing that he had developed. A copy of an Excel spreadsheet with the project summary information included was distributed to HSC members prior to the meeting, and Duvall was looking for comment and input from committee members. Accordingly, more review, explanation, and discussion will take place at the next HSC meeting in February. Duvall encouraged HSC members to send any comments they may have directly to him electronically prior to the February meeting.
- X. **(Agenda Item Addition) Proposal – Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District and City of Leavenworth Fish Screens, Jenni Novak, WDFW (K. Terrell)** – A joint meeting of the HSC and HCP Tributary Committees was held beginning at 11:30 am this day. Jenni Novak, WDFW, accompanied by Shaun Stanley of WDFW and Aaron Penvose of Trout Unlimited, gave a power point presentation outlining this proposal. Before giving the presentation, Novak read a letter, dated January 11, 2018, she had received from the IPID Manager, Tony Jantzer. The Jantzer letter included comments regarding the Boulder Field Project plus considerations involving the IPID and City of Leavenworth fish screens. The letter was discussed by committee members and Novak continued with the presentation.

A short description of the proposal is included in the January 8, 2018 HSC Project Specification Sheet, with Jenni Novak, WDFW, listed as the Project Sponsor. The short description describes the stated objective of the IPID and City of Leavenworth proposed fish screen projects is to bring both screens into compliance to protect all fish species at all life stages from injury, entrainment, and mortality. Novak commented that BPA has provided approximately \$320,000 to fund the design/project management of this proposal, the IPID has volunteered to provide construction equipment and labor, and the permitting and construction funding was being requested of the PRCC Habitat SC (approximately \$1.645 million) and the HCP Tributary Committees (\$476,000). There was no listed contribution by the City of Leavenworth. Novak, assisted by Stanley and Penvose, explained the proposal in detail and answered questions posed by committee members. At the conclusion of the presentation and discussion, Novak and Penvose informed the committees they were meeting on January 16th with the City of Leavenworth, and they asked if the committees could give them a sense of the committee members' opinion regarding funding of the proposal, either verbally or in writing. They indicated they wanted to share that information with the City. After additional discussion, the presentation was concluded and Novak, Stanley, and Penvose were excused from the meeting.

The committee members continued their discussion and several questions surfaced, including the request from Novak to provide a sense of the committees' position regarding moving forward on this proposal. Committee member's discussion continued with additional questions, comments, and opinions. The discussion concluded with committee members agreement to sharing, either verbally or in writing, a sense of their position regarding the proposal, including their comments regarding what might be necessary for consideration to be given in order to support this proposal. Rohr and Hillman (HCP Committees' Chair) were directed to develop a draft letter for consideration of the committees to review for delivery to Novak, and short of sending a letter, Rohr and Hillman were directed to deliver the information verbally.

- XI. **(Agenda Item Addition) Proposal – Twisp River Floodplain Lower Acquisition Phase II, Chris Johnson, MSRF (Buckley) (K. Terrell)** – Committee members had only recently received this proposal and commented they were not prepared for a discussion at this time. Accordingly, this proposal will be placed on the February meeting agenda to be addressed at that time.
- XII. **Potpourri (D. Rohr)**
 - A. Update - Contracting, Liability, Indemnification Activities (D. Duvall) – Duvall reviewed the ongoing internal process taking place within GCPUD. He will provide additional information and keep the HSC advised as this moves forward.
 - B. Update – Memo to K. Alex Regarding Interest in Monitoring Fish Migration Success at McIntyre Dam (C. Fisher) – Fisher is waiting on information and will follow up with K. Alex.
 - C. Contract 602-25H (Rees) - Review of Land Acquisitions and Conservation Easements (D. Rohr) – No new information.

Project Updates

- A. McIntyre Dam - Fish Passage Efficiency (C. Fisher) – Nothing new to report.
- B. Shuttleworth Creek Projects (C. Fisher) – To be discussed further in February.

- C. Roaring Creek Flow Restoration and Diversion Removal Project (K. Terrell) - In December, TU continued to work on RCWUA/ERV orchards bid documents to tailor them for this specific project, which entails going through the entire bid package again and make changes where needed. In addition, with the review process of the plans for the project complete, TU has been working with the electrical and mechanical engineers to make the needed changes to the plan set. This review process was brought on to make sure the plan set was very clear and accurate for the bidding contractors. The project schedule at this point has the bid-documents going out on the street February 19th 2018, with project construction starting April 23rd 2018 and final completion July 7th 2018. TU continues to keep RCWUA and the ERV Orchards folks up to date on the project progress as we move forward.
- D. Icicle Creek Boulder Field PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) – Nothing new to report.
- E. Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project, Phase II (J. Cram) - Work with the Jones Shotwell Ditch Company is starting to regain momentum after a slow period during which the JSDC was conducting an internal water rights review. We had several meetings with the JSDC Board of Directors regarding the water rights review status, questions about the piping project, status on current grants, and what steps would be taken to get back to the point where we left off. In the coming weeks we are likely to have an additional meeting or two and work to answer some questions from the JSDC Board related to water rights and water use.
- F. MVID – Methow Valley Irrigation District (K. Terrell) – Nothing new to report.
- G. Silver Side Channel PIT Tag Array (J. Cram) - Nothing new to report.
- H. Barkley Irrigation Company Permanent Point of Diversion (July 12, 2012) plus 2015/16 O&M Funding (May 14, 2015) - (J. Yeager) - December was busy. TU has been working tirelessly to try and get the project ready for implementation. This work included numerous reviews of the entire contract package including the bid doc, tech specs, design, contract forms, and bid forms. By the end of the December the contract package was in a solid position for posting the first phase of the project. Getting the contract together may have been completed prematurely, because we continue to seek funding to fill the gap prior to going to funding on Phase I. TU was very busy dialing for dollars in December. We put together three formal grant proposals on the project this month as well. Time is becoming the biggest enemy as we try to work through all of the loose end issues and secure all the assurances needed to committing to a project of this scale. We are getting ever closer and aside from the funding gap only have a few easements to shore before the project is bomb proof and ready to go live. If all goes well, we will publish phase I and get along with it all.
- I. Stormy Creek Fish Passage Project (K. Terrell) – Done, remove from list.
- J. Skaha Dam Fish Passage Project (C. Fisher) – Monitored this past fall, Fisher will request results.
- K. Cascade Orchards Icicle Creek Flow Restoration Project (J. Yeager, D. Duvall) – Working on surveys before snow fall. Update to be provided next month.
- L. Wenatchee Basin Barrier and Diversion Inventory Proposal – CCFEG (K. Terrell) - Working on their prioritization list.

Next Meeting - Thursday, February 8, 2018, 1:00 pm, Grant PUD Wenatchee Office

Action Items from January 11, 2018 HSC Meeting

1. Duvall will lead a review and discussion of the Habitat Projects Master List at the February meeting that has been electronically distributed to HSC members.
2. Follow up discussion of the Icicle-Peshastin Irrigation District and City of Leavenworth Fish Screens Proposal will take place at the February HSC meeting.
3. The Twisp River Floodplain Lower Acquisition Phase II Proposal will be discussed at the February HSC meeting.

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