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## **Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP) 2009 Workgroup**

### **Meeting Notes**

**September 8, 2009, Yakima Arboretum in Yakima, Washington**

### **Review of August 26, 2009 Meeting Notes**

The workgroup did not have any comments on the August 26, 2009 meeting notes.

### **Break Out Session**

The workgroup was divided into three break out groups, each headed by a facilitator. The break out groups were tasked with evaluating the Projects Proposed in the Integrated Water Resource Management Alternative handout and developing a version of an integrated package. The groups discussed the rationale for whether projects should be included or excluded, which projects are necessary for other projects to take place, and the timing of projects. The break out session exercise is a preliminary assessment in the process of developing an integrated package. Results of the break out session are summarized in the Break Out Session Results matrix (attached).

### **Group Discussion**

After the break out session, the workgroup reconvened and each break out group's facilitator summarized the results of their session. Workgroup members made the following comments on the results of the break out session:

- The break out groups mostly had similar conclusions on groundwater storage issues and conservation.
- Very few projects were removed from further consideration.
- KRD South Branch canal modifications - This project would pipe KRDs laterals and use water saved from piping projects to deliver to Big/Little/Manastash and Taneum Creek.
- Some workgroup members feel that there are great opportunities for getting fish into Naneum and Coleman Creeks, as well as other areas.
- Reservations were raised on the small Bumping enlargement project (bull trout habitat inundation and forest habitat). Environmental benefits in the rest of the integrated package will make this project more supportable.
- There is a large degree of interest in determining how individual projects work together and how they can be integrated.
- A pilot project for municipal ASR has been completed in the City of Yakima.
- The break out groups all discussed improving landscape irrigation practices.
- It was suggested that with the confusion over the 85,000 AF the KRD identified as its annual need during drought conditions, that the workgroup should focus on improving total water supply available (TWSA), consistent with previous efforts, and not create competition between entities over water supply.



## **Public Comment**

The workgroup received the following public comment:

- When the fish community discusses flip flop, they should think about how much the group can actually modify and what biological response they expect. There is significant uncertainty in this area. Also, Little Rattlesnake was considered as a possible site for off storage in a previous study.

## **Meeting Wrap-up**

### **Action Items**

- The consultant team will synthesize the input gathered at this meeting and determine which information needs the team can address.
- Findings from the fish passage subcommittee will be presented at the next meeting.
- A presentation on climate change will be given at the October 7 meeting.
- At the next meeting, Yakima county will give a presentation on a suggested water supply goal for the group to consider.

## **Workgroup Members in Attendance**

Brad Avy, Washington Department of Agriculture

Dale Bambrick, NOAA Fisheries Service

Dave Brown, City of Yakima

Alex Conley, Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board

Charlie de la Chappelle, Yakima Basin Storage Alliance

Rick Dieker, Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District

John Easterbrooks, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Urban Eberhart, Kittitas Reclamation District

David Fast, Yakama Nation

Michael Garrity, American Rivers

Mike Leita, Yakima County Commissioner

Bill Lover, City of Yakima

Scott Revell, Kennewick Irrigation District

Phil Rigdon, Yakama Nation - Natural Resources

Derek Sandison, Washington Department of Ecology

Jeff Thomas, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Jim Trull, Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District

Ron VanGundy, Roza Irrigation District

Dawn Wiedmeier, Bureau of Reclamation

## **Other Attendees**

Kevin Bouchey, Yakima County Commissioner

Bruce Chandler, Representative in Washington State Legislature

David Child, Yakima Basin Joint Board

Wendy Christensen, Bureau of Reclamation

Dan Church, Bureau of Reclamation

Stuart Crane, Yakama Nation

James Davenport  
Brian Diehm  
Sharon Edgar, HDR Engineering  
Rand Elliot, Yakima County Commissioner  
Ben Floyd, HDR Engineering  
Joel Freudenthal, Yakima County  
Adam Fyall, Benton County  
Don Gatchalian, Yakima County  
Bob Hall, Yakima Basin Storage Alliance/Yakima Auto Dealers  
Justin Harter, Naches-Selah Irrigation District  
Lynn Holt, Bureau of Reclamation  
Joel Hubble, Bureau of Reclamation  
Chuck Klarich, Yakima Basin Storage Alliance  
Steven Malloch, National Wildlife Federation  
Mike Marvich, Aqua Permanente  
Alec Maule, US Geological Survey  
Mark McClain, Kittitas County Commissioner  
Jason McCormick, Washington Water Trust  
Bob Montgomery, Anchor QEA  
Bryan Myre, Yakama Reservation Irrigation District  
Scott Nicolai, Yakima-Klickitat Fisheries Project  
Onni Perala  
Ryan Rodruck, Office of Representative Richard Hastings  
Ann Root, ESA Adolfson  
Mike Schwisow, Schwisow & Associates  
Dan Silver  
Rick Valicoff, Roza Irrigation District  
Joanne Wellner, Washington Department of Ecology

### **Next Workgroup Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2009 at the Yakima Area Arboretum.

### **Where to Find Workgroup Information**

Meeting materials, notes, and presentations from the workgroup's meetings will be posted on the project website (<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/yrbwep/index.html>). A bibliography of information sources, many of which are available online, will be posted on the website. If anyone needs help finding an information source, contact those listed at the top of page 1 or Ben Floyd at HDR Engineering's Pasco, Washington office, (509) 546-2053, or [ben.floyd@hdrinc.com](mailto:ben.floyd@hdrinc.com).