

Meeting Date: April 21, 2021

Location: This meeting was conducted by Zoom conferencing

**Attendees via Zoom conference:** Brian Miller, RC&D, Anna Lael, KCCD, Mark Crowley, KCCD, Cassandra Weekes, WDFW, Josh Rogala, WDFW, Melissa Speeg, KCT, Rebecca Was-sell, MCF, Michael Horner, YBFWRB, Katy Pfannenstein, USFWS, Kevin Hayden, WWT, Cole Provence, Ecology, Joe Connor, BPA

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE-**

- A. The meeting agenda was approved.
- B. The minutes from the March 17 YTAHP Core Team Meeting were approved.
- C. The FY 2021 YTAHP Contract 87467 Inter-Local Agreements have been issued, and the first invoice to BPA will be submitted in May.
- D. The 4th Quarter YTAHP Status Report for Contract 84929 was submitted on March 31 and has been accepted by BPA. The Work Element Budget for this contract needs to be reconciled, and the final invoice will be submitted to BPA in May.
- E. The upcoming BPA Anadromous Fish Habitat and Hatchery Review was discussed. The deadline for submitting the Project Proposal is May 3. A Zoom conference has been scheduled for April 26 at 11:00 a.m. for further discussion.

2. **CORE TEAM PROJECT UPDATES-**

A. **NYCD- No report this meeting.**

B. **KCCD- Anna Lael & Mark Crowley-**

- **Coleman Creek at Olmstead-** Almost completely done. There are a few minor components to complete yet, but the Board has accepted the project as substantially complete. The leasee is hoping to start the water for the rill irrigation system soon. The pump still needs to be hooked up for the sprinkler system. The plantings have been completed by Mid-Columbia.
- **EWC at Whiskey Creek-** KCCD has a Interlocal Agreement with Kittitas County to provide designs for installing a siphon on the canal to go under Whiskey Creek.
- **Parke Creek-** KCCD is working with Anderson Perry to finalize the designs to remove two gravity diversions and replace them with a pump diversion and sprinkler system. Construction is planned for fall/winter 2021-22.
- **Caribou Creek-** KCCD is working on designs and plans to remove three gravity diversions and install a pipeline to deliver the water from an existing screened diversion near the City of Kittitas to the place of use for the water.
- **Swauk Creek-** Still trying to finalize the cultural process. There is work being done by the landowner that has nothing to do with our project but has affected some of the cultural sites of concern.

C. **KCT- Melissa Speeg-**

- **Kachess River-**

- NEPA is moving along. There are required comment periods (30 day comment period for the preliminary EA) and filing periods (45 day objection filing period if they get comments submitted).
- KCT applied to SRFB. They are looking at some other funding opportunities as well. Working with YBIP and USFWS funding currently. When the budget comes out of the legislature it may open up some different opportunities.
- **Hanson Ponds-**
  - KCT held a technical working group meeting last week to review the draft Habitat Assessment. Really great participation and turn out by partners. Inter-Fluve will now be taking feedback and creating the final product.
  - Looking for temperature data in the Hanson Ponds reach.
- **Gold Creek-** Engineers are beginning designs for the preferred alternative.
- **Upper Yakima River-** Completed video and we are submitting the final reporting documents now. KCT will have a field visit in May with the ECY project manager and then they should be wrapped up.
- **Cottonwood Cove-** Still working on finding the additional funding we need for this project.
- **Habitat Guide-** They have a final copy. Working with Alex on creating a space on the website for more information.

#### D. MCF- Rebecca Wassell-

- Benton CD and MCF are working to finalize the conceptual designs for thermal refuge enhancement at Yakima RM 2.5 (Amon Creek confluence) and 4.9 (Bubble Up).
- PIT tag array is installed at Yakima RM 25 thermal refuge site.
- MCF, BCD, and YN are working to prioritize enhancement at other identified cool water input areas.
- MCF has postponed Crow Creek large wood replenishment to 2022.
- MCF has hired Fisheries Engineers to design a culvert replacement (with a bridge) at the inlet of the Bull Canal side channel.
- The North Fork Teanaway project will include berm breaching and wood placement this summer.
- A property owner near Cle Elum has raised concerns about the protection of a groundwater-fed Teanaway River right bank tributary. It seems like there might be an opportunity to work iteratively to protect the stream/wetland complex through easements and restoration.

#### E. Yakama Nation- No report this meeting.

### 3. WDFW- Cassandra Weekes-

- A. This past month has been busy! Much time has been spent on the NPCC Categorical Review proposal which is due May 3. In addition, permitting is in progress for six YTAHP projects, all of which have been discussed today by the project sponsors.
- B. Cassandra asked if there were biological monitoring needs for any projects – let her know and we can plan on sampling this summer or fall.
- C. The YTAHP Active Projects Spreadsheet will be sent out soon.

4. **ITEMS OF INTEREST-**

- A. The new Lead Entity Program Coordinator at the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board, Michael Horner, introduced himself. He updated the group on the current status of the 2021 Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) grant round. In March, pre-applications were submitted and conferences held to provide feedback in order to strengthen the full applications. Those were due April 16<sup>th</sup> and 11 proposals were received. Sponsor presentations will be held online on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Site visits will be held in May, the Citizen Committee and Technical Advisory Group will rank them in July, followed by the SRFB. Funding decisions will be announced in September.
5. The next Core Team Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m.

# **YTAHP Core Team Meeting Appendix**