



Meeting Date: January 19, 2022  
Location: This meeting was conducted by Zoom conferencing

**Attendees via Zoom conference:** Brian Miller, RC&D, Justin Bader, NYCD, Anna Lael, KCCD, Mark Crowley, KCCD, Josh Rogala, WDFW, Melissa Speeg, KCT, Rebecca Wassell, MCF, Zac Zacavish, MCF Mike Bosko, MCF, Brandon Rossi, YN, Michael Horner, YBFWRB, Lloyd Stevens, Ecology, Erin Eaton, TU, Justin Bezold, TU, Ethan Lockwood, WWT, Marcella Appel, BCD, Joe Connor, BPA

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE-**

- A. The meeting agenda was approved.
- B. The minutes from the December 15 YTAHP Core Team Meeting were approved.
- C. The FY 2022 Expense Contact SOW CR-351590 is pending review by BPA.
- D. The 3rd Quarter contract Status Report was submitted to BPA on January 13.
- E. The Non-Recurring Maintenance needs for fish screens in FY 2023 were discussed.
- F. Joe Connor gave an update on the status of the Executive Manager of the Fish and Wildlife Program position.

2. **CORE TEAM PROJECT UPDATES-**

A. **NYCD- Justin Bader-**

- **Cowiche Creek – Naches Cowiche Canal Co. Siphon: fish passage-** O & M ongoing this FY.
- **Cowiche Creek – Lust/Stevenson Water Quality: riparian fencing, planting, spring development-** O & M ongoing this FY.
- **Ahtanum Creek- Herke South: fish screening and floodplain reconnection/enhancement-** O & M ongoing this FY for phase 1.
- **Wenas Creek – Priority passage and screening project-**
  - Awarded RCPP funding under the Mid-Columbia Steelhead Partnership application.
  - Will begin setting up agreements to facilitate expenditures.
  - Design Firm is currently working on base map and design alternatives. Based on project goals and input from landowner meeting.
- **Wenas Creek – Purdin Ditch Passage and screening project-**
  - Awarded RCPP funding under the Mid-Columbia Steelhead Partnership application.
  - Working with NRCS staff on figuring out how to make agreements with single entities (NYCD or Ditch Association) instead having to do contracts with multiple irrigators using individual contracts.
  - Project engineer working on designs for fish passage, screening, and piping ditch.
- **Wenas Creek –Riparian Enhancement-**
  - Fence install started last month.
  - Weather is making for slow going, majority of posts and braces up, will wait for better weather to pull fence.

- Fish screen will be provided, sized to water right. Water meter will also be provided.
- **Wenas Creek – Chandler Riparian Enhancement-** O & M ongoing this FY.
- **Naches River – Riparian Protection and Enhancement-** Adjacent landowner identified during Trout Meadows project with Yakima County Project to develop riparian fence for livestock exclusion from the creek with establishment of riparian trees and shrubs.

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

- **Parke Creek-** The project is mostly completed. The contractor is trying to find a source for the recommended pipe saddles for the two irrigation pipelines crossing over the creek. The pivots are up and most of the pipe is in the ground for the irrigation portion of the project. They are waiting for the snow to clear to finish the pipe and pump installation.
- **EWC/Whiskey Creek-** Anderson Perry is continuing to work on the design for the canal siphon and creek restoration. The landowners have filed suit on the County so after the next set of design plans the design will probably be put on the shelf for a while.
- **Coleman 2.0-** There will be no construction on this project this year.
- **Coleman 4.3 and Naneum 2.9 & 3.36-** Anderson Perry is scheduled to have the Basis of Design to KCCD by February 28, 2022. AP meet with the Naneum landowner in December to get more information on water use and water needs.
- **Coleman / CID-** Anderson Perry is continuing to work on the designs for the Cascade Irrigation District canal crossing on Coleman Creek.
- **Ranch on Swauk Creek-** Most of the required agreements have been finalized with the WSDOT for the pipe to go through the existing culvert under US 97. The pipe is expected soon. When the pipe arrives the contractor will complete the work.
- **Fish Barrier Removal Board-** With a lot assistance from Alex Conley and Michael Horner, KCCD applied for funding for two projects. 1) replacement of a culvert at the end of McCullough Rd on Naneum Creek, and 2) Coleman Creek / Raap diversion between Vantage Hwy and the CID canal.
- Engineering and Archaeology RFPs were received. Anderson Perry will continue to be KCCD's main engineer and Riess Landreau will continue to be their main archaeologist. KCCD will contract with a second engineering firm and a second archaeology firm as back up if the others get over booked.

#### C. KCT- Melissa Speeg-

- **Restoration Projects-**
  - **Kachess River-**
    - Inter-Fluve finalized designs.
    - KCT is going to hold off constructing for 2022 for a number of reasons:
      1. Get good contractor bids by taking them out to a dry site this August.
      2. Applying for another grant that, if funded, will allow them to complete all proposed restoration work (except trailhead relocation) so they can hopefully condense the number of times they need to go into the site.
      3. Coordinate on helicopter mobilization costs.

4. Getting the wetlands delineation completed so that their permitting is all tidied up for implementation.
  - **Gold Creek-** Working on developing an RFQ was posted in December and they should have a 3rd party NEPA/SEPA contractor hired in February.
  - **Hanson Ponds-**
    - KCT held a TWG meeting and the SRFB TAG and other stakeholders recommended that the City of Cle Elum proceed with a full levee setback. They also suggested the City consider relocating the sewer outfall to a better location. KCT is working with the City to determine whether this is feasible.
    - KCT put in a pre-app for a Floodplains By Design grant to complete designs and permitting.
- **Conservation Projects-**
  - **Cottonwood Cove-**
    - KCT is working on finalizing this acquisition of 15 acres.

**D. MCF- Rebecca Wassell, Zac Zacavish & Mike Bosko-**

- Rebecca and Zac provided updates on current and planned MCF projects including the Whiskey Creek Barriers and the following project-
  - **Coleman 4.3 Acclimation Pond-** 150 deep rooted trees were installed and mulched with ground cover fabric Dec17 into a 20 ft buffer along 175 ft of Coleman Creek's right bank (Leuck property). Inlet and outlet concrete vault plans have been drawn and approved. Inland NW Precast (Newman Lake, WA) was selected for the construction. The vaults will be delivered to the WDFW shop July 1 where they will be fitted with screens, fittings, and planks before being delivered and installed into the acclimation pond. Construction is slated for Late September - Early October.

**E. Yakama Nation- Brandon Rossi-**

- Brandon gave an update on current YN projects including the following:
  - Ahtanum Village in design.
  - Tieton River in design.
  - Permitting for 2022 projects.

3. **WDFW- No report this meeting-**

4. **ITEMS OF INTEREST-None this meeting-**

5. The next Core Team Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m.

# **YTAHP Core Team Meeting Appendix**