



**UCSRB MEETING**  
Waterville City Hall  
104 East Locust Street  
Waterville, WA 98858

Thursday, October 25, 2007  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Towey, Colville Confederated Tribes  
Paul Ward, Yakama Nation  
Bud Hover, Okanogan County  
Mary Hunt, Douglas County  
Ron Walter, Chelan County

Julie Morgan, UCSRB Executive Director  
Derek Van Marter, UCSRB Associate Director  
James R. White, UCSRB Data Steward  
Barbara Carrillo, UCSRB Admin. Assistant

**Others Present:** Casey Baldwin, UCRTT; Char Beam, Okanogan County; Chris Parsons, WDFW; Britt Dudek, Foster Creek Conservation District; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Marilynn Lynn, Foster Creek Conservation District; Julie Grialou, Methow Conservancy, Russell Langshaw, Grant PUD; Jennifer Bountry, Bureau of Reclamation; Ed Lyon, Bureau of Reclamation, Carol Cowling, CPA; Greg Knott, Bureau of Reclamation; Jennifer Molesworth, Bureau of Reclamation.

Action Items :

1. The UCSRB is requesting that the Implementation Team (IT) take a broader look at the permitting issue related to project implementation. Derek will take the draft UCSRB letter back to the IT for further review.
2. Julie will make the suggested changes to the adaptive management framework and bring it back to the December Board meeting.
3. Staff will compile a running list of implementation plan revisions to be submitted yearly to NOAA.
4. Mike Kaputa, Casey Baldwin and James White will assist in initiating discussions with local groups and WAT's regarding monitoring, project development and watershed planning.
5. Casey will present new information to the Board in December regarding options to address the RTT rating criteria for SRFB projects.
6. Julie and staff will assist in the coordination of regional discussions regarding gaps in monitoring efforts and data collection concentrating efforts in the Methow in the near-term.
7. Barb and Julie will organize plans for an Open House at the UCSRB Office as part of the December Board meeting.
8. A BiOp Process update will be provided at the next Board meeting.
9. A letter will be drafted to NOAA in support of the Entiat landowners for review at the next Board meeting.
10. Julie will update the Board at its December meeting with new information regarding an RFQ for a funding needs assessment.

**The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Bud Hover.**

**Welcome and Introductions (Bud Hover).**

Bud welcomed the group and asked for introductions around the room.

**1. Agenda approval and approval of Board minutes for August 23 and August 29, 2007.**

- The agenda was approved as drafted.

*Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the UCSRB meeting minutes from August 23 and 29, 2007. Bill seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

**2. Implementation Team Update (Van Marter and Morgan)**

- Derek briefed the Board regarding a recommendation from the Implementation Team (IT) to draft a letter to the WDFW in support of pursuing a regional habitat biologist position for permitting salmon recovery projects. Julie asked the Board for approval to send the draft letter to the WDFW. After a thoughtful discussion on the topic, the Board asked for several revisions to the letter. The revisions include more generally addressing the issue of timely permitting at both state and federal levels, and mentioning early involvement in the engineering and design of projects (e.g., quarterly coordination meetings in the Methow), as well as exploring opportunities to align infrastructure through the Board that addresses permitting and oversight.

**3. Governor Gregoire's letter of Congratulations (Morgan)**

- Julie read a letter to the UCSRB from Governor Christine Gregoire congratulating them on the completion of the recovery plan.

**4. Upper Columbia Adaptive Management Graphic (Morgan)**

- Julie gave an update on the current graphic for the Upper Columbia adaptive management framework and noted that the accompanying narrative would soon be complete. The Board asked that a running list of changes to the plan be kept and reviewed with NOAA annually.  Paul Ward requested that the outer ring of the adaptive management graphic be revised to include four large overarching pieces for the public, and suggested leaving more detail on the inside of the framework. Mike Kaputa asked to work with Casey and/or James to talk with the local groups about what is being monitored and how that affects project development, watershed planning and changes in priorities. James will also work on developing more public-friendly monitoring information for those groups that want it.

**5. RTT Update (Baldwin)**

- Casey briefed the group regarding technical review for project proposals. He noted that the RTT is looking at revisions to the technical rating criteria as requested by the Board at its August meeting. A subgroup of the Regional Technical Team is working through options to address the criteria adjustments, and that information will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

## 6. SRFB 8<sup>th</sup> Round Update and Next Steps (Van Marter)

- Derek reviewed the regionally ranked list for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board's (SRFB) 8<sup>th</sup> Round, and gave an update on SRFB activities and funding of projects.

## 7. Management, Logistics & Updates

- **Budget Update** – Carol Cowling gave the Board a budget update, and reviewed the most recent quarterly report regarding revenue and expenses for the UCSRB.
- **HWS System Update** – Derek briefed the group on the status of the Habitat Work Schedule. He said he and others from the region recently attended a training focused on how the system works. He informed everyone that he is currently communicating with the other lead entities in the region regarding options for implementation tracking systems and the ability to share information.
- **501(c)3 Status** – Julie informed the Board that the organization received notification of 501(c)3 status from the Internal Revenue Service which will be effective until 2010.
- **Methow Monitoring Coordination Gap** – Julie noted that she is currently leading an effort to facilitate discussions in the Methow regarding gaps in monitoring efforts and data collection.
- **December UCSRB Meeting** – Julie noted that the next Board meeting will be December 20<sup>th</sup> in Wenatchee. She presented the possibility of having an open house after the meeting at the UCSRB office in Wenatchee to celebrate the completion of the plan.  There were no objections and all approved.

## 8. BiOp Process Update (Morgan)

- Julie informed the group that important information will be transferred to Judge Redden on October 31st. Julie will review new information with the Board at the next meeting. She said a draft MOA would be sent by Phil Miller in the near future.

## 9. Policy Guidance and Coordination (Morgan and UCSRB)

- Julie reviewed with the Board the Entiat fisheries white paper and an email from Sarah Walker regarding the Entiat fisheries issues. She said the Entiat landowners are expressing reservation with their continued cooperation throughout the watershed if the issues regarding a fishery and fish management are not resolved in the near future. Bill suggested we serve as a facilitator regarding these discussions. Mary suggested sending a letter to NOAA Fisheries and WDFW stating the Board's support for creating a fishery in the Entiat that is consistent with the recovery plan.

*Paul made a motion to draft a letter to NOAA in support of Entiat landowner desire for a fishery and the initiation of discussions surrounding a possible fishery. Ron seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

## 10. USBR Assessment of the Methow - Presentation (Lyon and Bountry)

- Ed Lyon and Jennifer Bountry from the Bureau of Reclamation presented an overview of their current work in the Methow.

### **11. East Foster Creek Sediment Control Project (Lynn)**

- Marilyn Lynn thanked the Board for their help in the funding of the East Foster Creek Sediment Control Project, and gave a report on the successful outcome of the project and next steps.

### **12. Review of Draft Council of Regions Work Plan (Morgan)**

- Julie reviewed the work plan discussion items for the Council of Regions meeting held October 4, 2007 and requested Board guidance on the approach in the development of a financial strategy for implementation. The Board recommended that the UCSRB work with the Columbia Basin regions to develop a funding needs assessment, and then roll that up into a statewide report. Julie asked for approval to move forward with executing a request for proposals if needed. There were no objections.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Paul adjourned the meeting at 2:55 PM.

### **Summary of Motions**

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