



## **UCSRB MEETING**

Chelan County Commissioners Hearing Room  
400 Douglas Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Thursday, December 17, 2009  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

### **Board Members Present:**

Ron Walter, Chelan County, Chair  
Lee Carlson for Paul Ward, Yakama Nation  
Bud Hover, Okanogan County  
Mary Hunt, Douglas County  
Bill Towey, Colville Tribes

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

**Others Present:** Lee Carlson, Yakama Nation; Chuck Jones, Alliance Consulting Group for Douglas County; Joy Juelson, J & J Environmental; Mike Kaputa, Chelan County; Char Schumacher, Okanogan County; Bob Steele, WDFW

### Action Items

1. Derek Van Marter and Julie Morgan will meet with Britt Dudek and others to discuss river sediment issues and other natural resource priorities in Douglas County and to include wording as necessary to finalize the letter currently drafted to the RCO, SRFB, and NRCS in support of long-term agreements for riparian farming.
2. UCSRB staff will begin coordinating and scheduling UCSRB board members to meet with legislators and agency representatives as part of the March 2010 Washington, DC visit for educational outreach and reporting purposes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chair Ron Walter.

### **Welcome and Introductions (Chair Ron Walter)**

Ron welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a round of introductions.

#### **1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (Ron Walter)**

Ron Walter asked for approval of the conference call minutes from Thursday, October 22, 2009. The minutes were approved as drafted.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the conference call minutes from October 22, 2009. Lee Carlson seconded the motion and all approved.*

**2. UC RTT Analysis Workshop Update (James White and Julie Morgan)  
Approve Anchor QEA, LLC Contract Amendment**

James White gave an update regarding plans for the RTT Analysis Workshop, and noted that the workshop was rescheduled from November 2009 to January 2010 due to a scheduling conflict in November. James then asked for an extension to the Anchor QEA, LLC contract to extend the date for support in the final evaluation and completion of work for the January RTT Analysis Workshop. The Board approved the contract deadline extension.

*Mary Hunt made a motion to approve the contract amendment to extend the timeline for the Anchor, QEA, LLC to support the evaluation for the UC RTT Analysis Workshop project. Bud Hover seconded the motion and all approved.*

**Approve Terraqua, Inc. Contract Amendment**

James also asked for approval for a timeline adjustment and revised schedule for the Terraqua, Inc. contract for reporting related to the RTT Analysis Workshop. He also noted that payment for the Terraqua tasks is contingent on securing funds from the Yakama Nation.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the contract amendment for a new timeline for the Terraqua, Inc. to develop and coordinate the UC RTT Analysis Workshop Synthesis Report. Lee Carlson seconded the motion and all approved.*

**Approve RTT Analysis Workshop Program Letter to Participants**

James then asked for approval of a welcome/informational letter in the workshop program for the January 12-13, 2009 RTT Analysis Workshop. The letter outlines the purpose of the workshop and welcomes the participants to the event.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the content of the RTT Analysis Workshop letter and to authorize the UCSRB Chair and the RTT Chair to sign the Analysis workshop letter to participants. Bill Towey seconded the motion and all approved.*

**3. Beyond Traditional Conservation Easements (Derek Van Marter)  
Approve letter to RCO, SRFB, and NRCS in support of long-term agreements for riparian farming**

Derek Van Marter reviewed the letter recently drafted to the RCO/SRFB regarding support of alternatives to traditional conservation easements that support long-term agreements for riparian farming. He said that he had added the NRCS as a contact on the letter, as previously directed by the Board. Bill Towey suggested adding Derek's contact information to the last paragraph for return comments. Mary Hunt also suggested adding wording regarding issues specific to Douglas County. Derek Van Marter and Julie Morgan will meet with Britt Dudek and others to discuss river sediment issues and other natural resource priorities in Douglas County and to include wording as necessary to finalize the letter currently drafted to the RCO, SRFB, and NRCS in support of long-term agreements for riparian farming. ☑

**Project and Funding Coordination (Derek Van Marter, Joy Juelson, Lee Carlson, and Julie Morgan)**

**Funding Coordination with BPA for Non-Accord Funds (Van Marter, Juelson, Carlson, and Morgan)**

Derek Van Marter began the discussion by identifying details of the BPA programmatic and outlining the overarching goals in completing the programmatic.

The goals of the programmatic are to:

1. Reduce the level of uncertainty of the amount of funds with which we are working for implementation of habitat restoration and protection projects.
2. Provide flexibility in long-term funding agreements to fund projects over a multiple year period.
3. Focus on reach-based restoration and protection.

Joy Juelson briefly reviewed the background of the project and funding coordination effort currently underway with the BPA. She noted that BPA has committed approximately \$3 million annually in non-accord funds towards the Upper Columbia as part of the Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion (FCRPS BiOp) for habitat restoration and protection projects. The current proposal has funds allocated towards projects in the Wenatchee, Entiat and Methow sub-basins starting in 2011 and continuing through 2017.

Joy then reviewed the White Paper recommendations for the BPA non-accord programmatic. She summarized the number and breadth of participation in the workgroup. She noted that at two meetings in November, the attendance and input into the White Paper came from various groups such as projects sponsors, the UC RTT, the UCSRB, and BPA. This group is referred to as the "Project and Funding Coordination Work Group" and is a working group of the UC Implementation Team. The two workshops were staffed by the UCSRB. Joy also noted that the objectives of the two workshops were to:

1. Discuss and develop an outline for a project selection process for non-Accord BPA-funded projects.
2. Discuss and understand how the money could be directed towards projects.
3. Develop an annual allocation process for non-Accord funds by subbasin.
4. Discuss pros and cons of contract administration.

The Board focused discussion on the exclusion of the Okanogan sub-basin in the proposed programmatic. The Board also discussed the notion of pulse versus base funding, construction schedules, and infrastructure. Mary Hunt mentioned the history and ongoing need for BPA to fund projects in Douglas County. Derek then reviewed the funding history with the Yakama Nation 6 million; Colville Confederated Tribes MOA 3 million; BPA 3 million; SRFB 2 million; BOR 4 million; PRCC 1 million; and Trib Fund 1 million. Derek then explained allocations based on the next four years starting in 2011 for each subbasin and noted that these amounts total approximately 21 million annually and is the current framework for this effort. Various funding scenarios were then discussed as well as suggestions regarding sub-contracting the BPA contracts. The Board generally agreed that it is inconsistent for the proposed programmatic to exclude current or future funding from any of the sub-basins in the Upper Columbia.

#### **NCRS Funding Opportunities Update**

Derek gave an update regarding NCRS funding opportunities and informed the group that there are talks currently going on between NCRS and the tribes for collaboration and funding opportunities. Derek said the draft letter to the RCO, SRFB, and NRCS

from the Board in support of long-term agreements for riparian farming will assist in that effort. The Board may also want to discuss this topic with representatives in DC.

#### **4. Initial Preparations for the UCSRB DC Visit (Julie Morgan and Lee Carlson)**

##### **Logistics (Morgan)**

##### **Discussion of Key Topics (Carlson)**

Julie announced that the National Association of Counties (NACo) meeting in Washington, DC will be held March 6-10, 2010. She suggested scheduling the annual legislative and agency meetings for UCSRB Board members with legislators and agency representatives after the NACo conference. Board members discussed scheduling the agency meetings for Thursday. Board members discussed possible topics for the DC visit. Various suggestions included highlighting the Farm Bill, the Forest Service, water conservation benefits, the Habitat Work Schedule (HWS), project and funding coordination, data stewardship, conservation, increased efficiency and accountability.

The Board discussed the possibility of taking a copy of the video that Chelan County Natural Resources recently made to highlight locally completed projects. Bud Hover said that it is important for the Board to express its appreciation to Patty Murray regarding her efforts to sustain PCSRF funding during recent conferences in Congress. Lee, Julie, and Barb will begin working on the leave behind for the DC visit and scheduling meetings for UCSRB members.  Julie asked that any other discussion ideas for the DC visit be emailed to her or Lee Carlson.

#### **5. Management, Logistics, and Updates**

##### **Budget Update (Julie Morgan)**

Julie announced that she will have a budget update at a future UCSRB meeting.

##### **PCSRF Update (Bud Hover)**

Bud Hover gave an update regarding the recent PCSRF funding process, and said that Senator Murray worked hard to get the \$80 million funding maintained, which will continue to be under the same PCSRF structure.

##### **SRFB/Trib Fund Process and SRFB Meeting Update (Van Marter)**

Derek reviewed the most recent final regional ranked list for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) Round 10. He also noted that the SRFB approved \$1.953 million for the Upper Columbia. This amount potentially leverages an additional \$6.868 million from other sources.

##### **FY 2011 Partner Subcontract Amounts**

Julie presented the draft UCSRB partner subcontract amounts for partnership funds for 2010-2011, and asked for input regarding the current partnership amounts listed there. Discussion followed and the budget scenarios were approved as presented.

*Bud Hover made a motion to approve the FY 2011 partner subcontract amounts as presented. Bill Towey seconded the motion and all approved.*

#### **Public Questions and Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **Adjourn Meeting**

Chair Ron Walter thanked everyone for attending, and adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM.

### Summary of Motions

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