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Agenda

Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project Workgroup Meeting

Hotel Windrow, Elks Grand Ballroom, 502 N Main Street Ellensburg, WA https://maps.app.goo.gl/S6HdnBAPH9JAVF1L8

March 13, 2024; 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

<u>Click here to join the</u> <u>meeting</u>

- 9:30 9:40 Welcome/Introductions and Agenda Overview Ben Floyd, White Bluffs Consulting
- 9:40 9:50 YBIP Executive and Implementation Committee Updates Wendy Christensen, Reclamation and Tom Tebb, Ecology
- 9:50 10:05 2024 Water Supply Update Carryover Storage Chad Stuart and Chris Lynch, Reclamation
- 10:05 11:05 Conservation Update and Preparations for Anticipated 2024 Drought Lori Brady, SVID; Urban Eberhart, KRD; Scott Revell, Roza; Graysen Squeochs, WIP/Yakama Nation; Jason McShane, KID, and Heather Simmons and Kelsey Collins, Ecology
- 11:05 11:15 Public Comment¹
- 11:15 11:30 **Break**
- 11:30 12:00 Lower Kittitas Reach Restoration Update Arden Thomas, Kittitas County, Wendy Christensen, Reclamation and Chris Sheridan, BLM
- 12:00 12:30 Roundtable Discussion/Recognition of Steve Malloch Workgroup Members Ben Floyd, White Bluffs Consulting

12:30 - Adjourn

2024 YRBWEP Workgroup Meetings – June 5 (Richland), September 11 (Toppenish), December 13 (Yakima)

For additional information, see the reports and documents available at this link: <u>http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/yrbwep/2011integratedplan/index.html</u>

¹ Those wanting to provide public comment can do so during the designated agenda item. Each commenter will be limited to 2-3 minutes for comments (depending upon number of commenters) to maintain meeting schedule. Additional written material can be submitted with comments for inclusion in the meeting notes. Previously provided comments are noted and not necessary to repeat.



— BUREAU OF — RECLAMATION

Yakima Basin, March Water Supply Update for YBIP Work Group

Picture compliments of Chris Lynch, looking south from HW12 over Rimrock Reservoir















30-Day Forecast





90-Day Forecast





Yakima Subbasin forecasts

Yakima Basin Forecasts, Mar-Jul, AF									
Mar, 2024	Low	Composite	High	Low	Adopted	High			
Parw	1335515	1777742	2317954	67%	90%	117%			
kee	77465	117398	152192	57%	87%	112%			
kac	70661	109113	133284	58%	89%	109%			
cle	294299	388518	462893	69%	91%	108%			
bum	84211	115405	144389	66%	90%	113%			
rim	153840	194118	239627	72%	91%	112%			
Yumw	552891	783021	964807	63%	89%	110%			
Nacw	465387	709407	950700	58%	88%	118%			
System	680477	924551	1132384	66%	90%	110%			



March's April 1, 2024 TWSA ESTIMATE								
April 1 - September 30								
Parameter*	+/-/=	Low	Adopted	High				
Apr 1-Sep 30 Natural Flow at Parker est.	+	1262	1664	2167				
Return Flow Estimate, est	+	300	320	350				
April 1, Reservoir Content, est	+	457	476	501				
TWSA	=	2019	2460	3018				
SEP 30 EST RESERVOIR CONTENT	-	76	76	93				
FLOW OVER SUNNYSIDE DAM	-	280	420	616				
TWSA FOR IRRIGATION	=	1663	1964	2309				
NONPRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT	-	1070	1070	1070				
REMAINING TWSA	=	593	894	1239				
YRPW-KID		11	3	0				
PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		1239	1239	1239				
% RATIO= REMAINING TWSA/PRORATABLE ENTITLEMENT		47%	72%	100%				
TITLE XII FLOW TARGET, cfs	April	300	300	500				
Added flow available, cfs *#*		126	134	142				
Non-storeable Portion of added flow, cfs		38	38	38				
Storable portion of added flow, cfs		87	95	104				
BA May Pulse Flow Volume		Low-BA	Mid-BA	Mid-BA				
*Values are in 1,000 ac-ft unless otherwise specified.								

State & YRBWEP Trust, Acquisition, & Conservation added to Title XII flows from 126 to 142 cfs.Subject to updates



Hydrologic Summary

- Yakima Reservoir Storage is low, 425 KAF, 65% avg.
- Feb Precip was 75% avg.
- February forecasts are near 90% avg.
- TWSA is 2.460 MAF, 84% of normal.
- Prorationing is 72%
- Title XII flow is 300 cfs plus 134 cfs.
- April BA pulse flows would be in the mid-range.
- YRBWEP Conservation from 2023: 22.4 KAF

YAKIMA BASIN INTEGRATED PLAN



RECENT CONSERVATION ACTIONS AND DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS STRATEGIES

MARCH 13, 2024

Sunnyside Division Board of Control

- 94,614 acres
- 5th largest irrigation district in WA
- The district is 69% non-proratable and 31% proratable



Sunnyside Division Board of Control Water Conservation Program

- Funded by the 1994 Yakima River Basin Enhancement Project Act (YRBWEB)
 - Voluntary program with 2/3 of saved water devoted to in-stream flow purposes
- Partnership with United States Bureau of Reclamation and Washington State Department of Ecology
- Multiple Benefits of conservation include, more efficient use of the water supply, improved water quality, and improved fishery benefits





Enclosed Lateral Improvement Projects (ELIPS) Phase II

- 5 year multi-phase projects
- Reduces seepage, and evaporation loss
- Provides on-demand system for landowners



Sunnyside Canal Improvement Project (SCIP) Phase I

- 30 fully automated check structures
- 3 equalizing reservoirs
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)



2023/2024 Construction Season

- Piped 4.5 miles of open channel
- Installed 59 flow meters

2024/2025 Construction Season

- Pipe 5.5 Miles of open channel
- Install 60 flow meters









Conservation Improvements Summary

- Since 2004 water conservation projects have resulted in over 38,000 acre-feet of water for in-stream flows
- Average Federal Cost per acre-foot for conservation projects is \$1,989
- SVID has contributed over 20 million dollars on water conservation since 2004

Other Upcoming Projects





- Canal Lining to reduce seepage losses in open canals
- Upgrades and modernize aging SCIP hardware





Drought Preparedness

- Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District landowners to fallow lands
- Transfer to Roza Irrigation District if initiated by the Roza Board of Directors







KRD Conservation Efforts

Urban Eberhart, Secretary Manager Kittitas Reclamation District

South Branch Canal Piping - 2024





South Branch Canal Piping - 2024

- Save water seepage from the canals.
- Provide for more consistent water deliveries to customers within the district.
- Create more capacity in the canal system.
- Help threatened species within the vicinity of the districts canal distribution system.

North Branch Canal Lining - 2024



Conservation Project Name	Linear feet of canal lined or piped	CFS of Conserved Water	Average Acre-feet of Conserved Water*	Date of Agreement / Agreement No.
13.8 Canal Lining Project	N/A	3.5	1215	March 2015
North Branch Lining Phase 1	2940	1.6	581.96	R16MA13720
North Branch Lining Phase 2	9731	5.4	1927.96	R16MA13720, 001
North Branch Lining Phase 3A	2185	1.2	428.44	R16MA13720, 002
South Branch Lining Phase 1	4300	1.4	491.73	R16MA13720, 002
North Branch Lining Phase 3B1	701	0.39	138.9	R16MA13720, 003
North Branch Lining Phase 3B2	1589	0.85	303.4	R16MA13720, 003
South Branch Lining R2-3	4000	1.28	449.9	R16MA13720, 004
South Branch Piping	2100	1.52	543.5	R16MA13720, 004
South Branch Lining R4-5	5800	1.76	628.4	R16MA13720, 005
South Branch Piping	2100	0.7	240	R16MA13720, 005
North Branch above Johnson	5600	3.11	1110.2	
South Branch Piping	8242	2.64	942	
North Branch above Stevens	3600	1.05	376.27	
Totals	52888	26.4	9377.63	

KRD's Tributary Supplementation

Improvements create the ability for the canal to have more capacity to carry water to streams that are part of the tributary supplementation program and for future surface and ground water storage sites.



October 2023 – Releasing spawning Coho salmon into Taneum Creek.





2024 – Special Operations: Drought Planning Wapato Irrigation Project GRAYSEN SQUEOCHS, PE YAKAMA NATION ENGINEERING

WIP Water Supply

The Wapato Irrigation Project has senior and proratable water rights.

Existing infrastructure makes it difficult to distribute shortages equitably, WIP actively works to manage flows to all units.

Typically, WIP reduces diversion to avoid prematurely exhausting water right.

 Requires regular monitoring, most of which relies on manual measurements from ditch riders

WIP will adjust the diversion schedule to use most of the remaining storage during the first half of September.



Areas of Perennial Shortage

Source – WIP Conservation Plan



2024 Drought Plan



- Following the 2015 drought, BIA Division of Water and Power commissioned Cal-Poly Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC) to create the "Wapato Irrigation Project Drought Operations Plan Recommendations"
 - The plan assessed issues that arose in the 2015 water season and identified
 - Institutional Recommendations
 - Identification of key operational information
 - Operational strategies
 - Other recommendations including future infrastructural improvements

2024 Drought Plan



2016 ITRC Drought Plan: Salient Recommendations

- Flow rate data is of high priority
- Critical flow control to areas impacted under normal conditions
 - Use of "fast-track" Laterals to supply critical areas
- Existing infrastructure limitations will only allow for rotational scheduling of deliveries
- Irrigation System Operator (ISO) training and accountability

2024 Drought Plan



Other Activities

- Development of a drought relief well testing and repair plan
- Water user engagement

Ongoing Conservation



★ 2024 Conservation Projects

- ★ Satus 2 Pump Canal Long Crested Weir check structure replacement
- ★ Conversions: Earthen canal to Pressure pipe
 - 🛧 L2-200-53

🗙 L4-491

- P967 (Partial, completion in 2025 construction season)
- Control gate replacement at Wapato Main Diversion

Conservation Work

L2-200-53



L4-400

Satus 2: LCW construction





KID Conservation Efforts

Jason McShane, P.E. Assistant District Manager

RRIGAT

2015 S. ELY ST.

YBIP Workgroup March 13, 2024


Capital Improvement Plan

Canal LiningIn Canal StorageAutomated ControlOperational ReservoirsRecapture ReuseCentral Storage Reservoir





Canal Automation



Automation helps better manage the water

30 Automatic Control Gates Installed since 2009



Capital Investment





Pipeline Replacement



~11 miles of new pipeline installation since 2011

Recapture Wells



KENNEWICK Irrigation district























Since 1980's

• Over 50 miles of canal lined or piped

Since 2007

- Over 45 miles of canal lined or piped
- Primarily District resources and WaterSMART
- Over \$20 Million Invested
- More than 5,000 AF saved annually



Drought Response in the Yakima Basin

Heather Simmons & Kelsey Collins Washington Department of Ecology March 13, 2024

Ecology Drought Planning in the Yakima Basin

Short-Term (2024)

- Emergency Drought Well Program
- Cost-Share for Mitigation
- Hiring two, one-year positions to assist with compliance work

Long-Term

- Telemetered Meter Program
- USGS Groundwater Availability Pilot
- Long-Term Drought Plan with US Bureau of Reclamation and Yakama Nation





Short-Term

2024



Emergency Drought Well Program

Ecology will run the Emergency Drought Well Program in 2024 (if needed).

Ecology will determine if existing and/or new emergency drought wells are completed in declining aquifers.

All applicants must acquire mitigation to offset impacts to the Yakima River (started in 2023).



Mitigation

2024

All water pumped from emergency drought wells must be mitigated.

Cost Share

- Ecology providing 25% match for mitigation purchased from the Selah Moxee Irrigation District water bank to get users up to 75% normal supply.
- Applicants can purchase mitigation to get up to 100% of normal supply (from SMID or other banks) without cost-share.

Shaping Mitigation

 Water banks must hold 20% of the mitigation used in 2024 instream for 5 years (starting in 2025) to account for lag time of impacts to the Yakima River.



Long-Term

2024 and beyond





Uncertainties regarding groundwater availability



Indications that groundwater levels in the Lower Yakima Basin are in sustained declines in many places. Wanapum Aquifer Lower Saddle Mountains Aquifer



There are currently over 450 applications for new water uses in the Lower Yakima Basin.



Emergency Drought Wells – applications to construct new wells or to continue pumping existing wells will face increased denials in coming years.



Telemetered Meters

- Tracking what is pumped from aquifers with limited availability.
- Reconciling pumping with water bank accounting.





Telemetered Metering Program

- NEW emergency drought wells are required to install telemetered meters.
- Encouraging installation of telemetered meters on existing wells.
- Partnering with Roza Irrigation District to incentivize the installation of these meters.
- All emergency drought wells will be required to install telemetered meters in the future.







Prepared in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation, Washington State Department of Ecology, and the Yakama Nation



Numerical Simulation of Groundwater Flow for the Yakima River Basin Aquifer System, Washington



Scientific Investigations Report 2011–5155

U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey



- USGS updating model to conduct estimates of groundwater availability in two test locations.
- USGS is completing budgeting and scoping in March.
- If the tests are successful, we hope to replicate throughout the Yakima Basin.



Yakima Basin Drought Planning

- Yakama Nation, USBR, and Ecology met in January to discuss:
 - Actions in 2024 to address drought.
 - Plans to meet early in the year when drought may occur.
 - Develop long-term plan to replace the 1999 MOU.





Questions?



Lower Kittitas Reach Restoration

Arden Thomas, Kittitas County Wendy Christensen, Reclamation Chris Sheridan, Bureau of Land Management

Basin Context

2001 Reaches Project:

Identification of Priority Alluvial Floodplain Reaches

Pearls on a String



Fisheries MCR Steelhead |Spring Chinook |Coho Juvenile Rearing · Flow and thermal refugia • Off-channel spawning rainbow | cutthroat | lamprey | bull trout | sockeye

Habitat Limiting Factors

Floodplain and Off-Channel Habitat

Access to Side Channel and Pond Habitat

Riparian Restoration





2003







2017 83 Acres





2019-2021 386 Acres



THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND





39 Acres



Collective Action

Reach Scale

• 6 miles, over 1,200 acres in public ownership

Project Scale

Schaake Restoration Project



• Lower Kittitas Floodplain Reconnection



Conceptual Design Phase



Schaake Project Area



Approximate Project Area

Linking Efforts Across Properties, Partners, and Time



5.98 River-miles 4.59 Straight-line miles Sinuosity of 1.3

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Schaake Habitat Improvement Project



- Funding \$12M Reclamation
- Schedule
 - Construction complete October 2021
 - Revegetation ongoing (5 years complete)
 - Monitoring ongoing
 - Land Exchange (75 acres) complete October 2023
 - 341 acre-feet surface water right
 - 280 acres acquired in 2003
 - <u>205 acres of floodplain restoration with land exchange</u>
 - Approximately 2-mile reach of Yakima River
 - Tjossem Ditch decommissioning in process by Trout Unlimited



Schaake Land Exchange





- Adds approximately 75 acres along Yakima River to Schaake Habitat Improvement Project.
- To be revegetated with rest of Schaake Property
- Thank you to City of Ellensburg and Twin City Foods for your continued partnership



Lower Kittitas Floodplain Restoration






Floodplain Engagement Potential

- below bankfull discharge
- ___- at bankfull
 - within 18" of bankfull water surface

- higher than 18"

Riparian Restoration Approach

- Riparian regeneration requirements inform design
- Sequencing
- Innovative revegetation techniques





Riparian Restoration Approach (cont.)

- Reforestation integrated into designs
- Sequencing
- Innovative techniques
 - Planting



Agricultural Benefits

tural	XFISH Thank You for your Gift! Date: 9-13-23
5	Received from Olson Honey Address:
	Email: Description: 55 lbs. praches
	FISH Representative: <u><i>MuMum</i></u> FISH Tax I.D. #91-1059920 Phone: 509-925-5990
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	A BALLET STORE
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Recreation Benefits

Future Opportunity

A Concept Plan for City-to-Canyon Trails

A ten mile trail corridor along the scenic Yakima River connecting local and regional trails and parks



City-to-Canyon Trails Committee

with technical assistance from National Park Service Rivers & Trails Program





BLM Lands and Restoration

Questions?



Preferred Alternative

- Cut (Excavation) - Fill







HYDRAULIC DEPTH AND EXTENTS - KITTITAS REACH

At Bankfull Discharge - 6,000 cubic feet per second





HYDRAULIC DEPTH AND EXTENTS - KITTITAS REACH

At the 2-Year Discharge - 7,170 cubic feet per second





Existing Depth



HYDRAULIC DEPTH AND EXTENTS - KITTITAS REACH

At the 10-Year Discharge - 14,000 cubic feet per second







HYDRAULIC DEPTH AND EXTENTS - KITTITAS REACH

At the 100-Year Discharge - 32,300 cubic feet per second





Flood Reduction Benefits

- Decreased Reliance on Flood Levees
- Project Area: 5 homes,
 35 parcels, commercial
 RV park
- Reach: 98 tax lots!

Broader Ecosystem Benefits



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Uplift Metrics

- Removal of ...
 - 2,083 feet of former PL-8499 levee at Hansen Pits
 - 1,422 feet of berm from Hansen Pits down to the head of the "fishhook sidechannel"
 - 874 feet of berm at the RV park
 - 1,185 feet of berm at "football pond"
 - 1,751 -feet of road berm around the "camel pond"
- 11,693-feet of new sidechannel
- Acres of new floodplain (by design!) ...

	Existing	Proposed	Added Floodplain	Added Wetted
Event / Discharge	Floodplain (Acres)	Floodplain (Acres)	(Acres)	Area (Acres)
Bankfull / 6,000 cfs	129.6	139.0	9.4	11.8
2-year / 7,170 cfs	238.9	276.5	37.7	40.0
10-year / 14,000 cfs	793.3	873.9	80.5	82.9
100-year / 32,300 cfs	1,634.4	1,434.5	(199.9)	(197.5)











High Value for Riparian Forest Management

- Project area represents highest value potential riparian forest in 30 mile reach
- 76.4 acres restored or underway since 2018

Riparian Restoration Approach (cont.)

- Reforestation integrated into designs
- Sequencing
- Innovative techniques
 - Planting



Technical Studies

CORRIDOR PLAN

YAKIMA RIVER JEFFRIES LEVEE TO YAKIMA CANYON HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Prepared for Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District

> Prepared by Watershed Science & Engineering, Inc. and Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc.





Hydraulic Modeling: Schaake Restoration – Final Design

Schaake Floodplain Restoration Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center Denver, Colorado

HANSEN PITS CHANNEL MIGRATION AND AVULSION RISK ASSESSMENT

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