MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, February 16th, 2009
PLACE: Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building
TIME: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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- Review minutes of the last meeting – January 19th, 2009

- Combine Hills Wind Project Phase 2 Update – the next phase of this wind power facility will involve the placement of an additional 63 wind turbines West of Pine Creek and south of Umapine.

- Feasibility Study, public input for Decision Making - The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have been sponsoring the Army Corps of Engineers’ Walla Walla River Flow Improvement Study. Gary James from the Tribes will present the Tribes vision of the project, what they want to achieve (specific flow rates and benefits we believe it will produce for other basin stakeholders), and to assure those in attendance that the Tribes plan to go into the selection process with the whole basin's concerns in mind. Margie McGill, from the Corps, will present the alternatives that have been developed, including the pros and cons of each alternative. After those presentations they would like to take oral comments and questions as a way to get feedback from the community on which alternative to design and construct. The alternatives include storing Pine Creek and Walla Walla River winter flows in a Pine Creek reservoir that would supply much of the irrigation water needed the rest of the year. This would allow a portion of the valley’s irrigation water to remain in stream for fish. Another option would be pumping Columbia River water to irrigators so that irrigation water from the Walla Walla River can remain in stream. In addition an aquifer recharge component will be included. The Tribes would like to make a decision by March 2nd on which alternative will move forward.

- Announcements

Next Meeting: March 16th, 2009 at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St., 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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