MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, March 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 – February 16th, 2009
- Feasibility Study, public discussion to assist 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, and Margie McGill, from the Corps, presented the project goals and options being considered last month at the watershed council meeting. After feedback at our meeting and meetings on the Washington side of the basin, the Corps and the Tribes, are identifying ways to modify the alternatives being considered. Gary and Margie will provide an update on the various flow augmentation alternatives and respond to questions and comments. The alternatives include storing Pine Creek and Walla Walla River winter flows in one of two possible Pine Creek reservoirs 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 involve pumping Columbia River water to irrigators so that irrigation water from the Walla Walla River can remain in stream. In addition, irrigation efficiency, and shallow aquifer recharge using winter flows have also been investigated as ways to augment lower flows in the river. **The Tribes would like to make a decision by April on which alternatives will move forward.**
- Project Committee Report – Recharge Program, Fruitvale Water Mgmt
- Update on OWEB’s Review of the STELLAR Proposal
- Announcements: Watershed Council Member Recognition Dinner

Next Meeting: April 20th, 2009 at the Rotary Room, Milton-Freewater Community Building, 5th Ave. and Ward St., 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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