

TLG MEETING MINUTES
Technical Leadership Group (TLG) Meeting
October 17, 2012, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wallace Inn (Gold Room)
100 Front St., Wallace, ID

Attendees:

Rebecca Stevens, CDA Tribe (TLG Chair)	Bill Rust, Shoshone County TLG Rep.
Bill Adams, EPA	Bruce Schuld, IDEQ
Terry Harwood, BEIPC	Rene Gilbert, EPA
Don Carpenter, IDEQ	Lynn Daniels, ACOE
Rusty Sheppard, Kootenai County TLG Rep.	Sandra Raskell, CDA Tribe
Anne McCauley, EPA	Jerry Boyd, CCC
Ed Moreen, EPA	Denna Grangaard, IDEQ
Katherine Rowden, NOAA	Jeri DeLange, BEIPC (Note-Taker)
Glen Rothrock, IDEQ	

This summary provides the salient issues. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

Call to Order/Introductions: The TLG Chair, Rebecca Stevens, called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of Draft TLG Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2012: A motion was made by Ed Moreen to approve the draft minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Sandra Raskell; and was unanimously approved.

Update on Page Repository Expansion Status: Bruce Schuld provided an update on the expansion of the Page Repository. The first phase of mitigation for the WENI (West End Natural Infiltration) wetlands has been completed. The new wetlands are located on a long lineal strip of state-owned land (between I-90 and the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes) which was remediated in the 1990s, but the property had never been fully reclaimed. They are finished with the major construction work and are now working on revegetation.

BEIPC Executive Director Update: Terry Harwood provided an update on BEIPC related activities. For the paved roads program, there is \$54 million established for work in the Box and Basin. The Roads Board will meet on November 14th to discuss the strategy and program of work. Specific amounts of funding have been set aside for each jurisdiction. The local road jurisdictions will work with the Roads Board for approval of the project work and the funding cannot be spent anywhere else. The Board is thinking about having a workshop with the communities to discuss the possibility of coordinating the work.

The unpaved roads program (i.e. gravel roads that are contaminated from flooding, sediment deposition or surfaced with mine waste) will be incorporated into the property remediation program. The pilot project has been awarded for work on Beacon Light, Patterson, Ninemile Cemetery, South Doyle roads and streets and alleys in Woodland Park. Before work can begin

on the pilot project, local jurisdictions will need to sign-off on the design specification documents and drawings and agree to O & M from that time forward. Harwood is also working on easements for remedy protection projects in the Box and Basin. There are two kinds: 1) urban projects; and 2) side drainages. Anne McCauley (EPA) is the lead for remedy protection work in the Box and Basin.

Break

Update on Lower Basin Data Gatherings/Findings: Ed Moreen gave an update on the Lower Basin. The data collection work includes flood stage sampling, bed erosion, sediment movement, and bed/bank coring. Kim Presbo (EPA) is working with Ed on the Lower Basin. Results of the sampling will be provided at the next Lower Basin PFT meeting. He indicated that development of the simulation model is progressing, but additional studies are needed to collect sufficient data for accurate predictions. Bulk lead concentrations for Water Year (WY) 2012 show an increase in lead levels as you get close to Harrison.

Update on Coeur d'Alene Lake Management Plan (LMP): Glen Rothrock provided an overview of LMP activities that have occurred over the last three years. He presented information on the State and Tribe's water quality sampling, monitoring programs, public outreach, nutrient source inventory and nutrient management plan, etc.

Update on October 5th BEIPC Workshop: Terry Harwood gave a brief update about the October 5th special planning meeting for the BEIPC and noted that the Basin Commissioners wanted to have a planning session before the November 7th BEIPC meeting. Topics of discussion included EPA's draft Implementation Plan, budget spreadsheet, funding priorities, and the BEIPC's one and five-year work plans. These will be discussed in further detail at the November 7th BEIPC meeting.

Other Discussion: Katherine Rowden conveyed information to the TLG about services that the National Weather Service provides that people may find useful.

Lunch

Review of BEIPC One-Year Work Plan: Terry Harwood and Rebecca Stevens presented the draft one-year work plan to the TLG. During review and discussion, the TLG proposed revisions to certain sections of the document regarding changes to some of the language. Harwood incorporated the changes upon agreement by TLG members.

Break

Review of BEIPC Five-Year Work Plan: Terry Harwood and Rebecca Stevens presented the draft five-year work plan to the TLG for review. Revisions were made to some of the language after discussion and agreement by the TLG. The revised draft work plans will be discussed later today at the CCC meeting. Then they will be presented to the Basin Commission for approval at the BEIPC meeting on November 7th.

Hercules Mine/Mill Site Cleanup: Ed Moreen gave an overview of the cleanup at the Hercules mine/mill site. The construction work has been completed. However, they had to dig down to bedrock around the foundation to remove the contaminated material, so the hillside is mostly a rock face. He relayed information about the new signage that EPA is looking at for all the repositories and gave TLG members handouts of the proposed ideas.

Denna Grangaard provided a brief update on the interpretive sign for the Hercules historical mill site.

Special Announcements:

- 1) Bill Adams informed everyone that EPA's new Alternate Commissioner for the BEIPC will be Rick Albright who will be replacing Dan Opalski.
- 2) The next BEIPC meeting will be held on November 7th at the CDA Inn.
- 3) Rebecca Stevens cancelled the TLG conference call on November 1st due to the November 7th BEIPC meeting. The next TLG call will be on December 6th.

Adjourn: As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.