

TLG MEETING MINUTES

Technical Leadership Group (TLG) Meeting

April 12, 2012, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Idaho Fish & Game (Conference Room)

2885 W. Kathleen Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID

Attendees:

Mike Stevenson, BLM

Glen Rothrock, IDEQ

Rusty Sheppard, Kootenai County TLG Rep.

Toni Davidson, USFWS

Ed Moreen, EPA

Bill Adams, EPA

Jeff Johnson, BLM

Jan Olsen, IDEQ

Dave Leptich, IDFG

Gordon Sanders, LBC

Terry Harwood, BEIPC

Bill Rust, Shoshone County TLG Rep.

Sandra Raskell, CDA Tribe

Dave George, WA Dept. of Ecology

Katherine Rowden, NOAA/Silver Jackets

Bonnie Douglas, LBC and CCC

Jeri DeLange, BEIPC (Note-Taker)

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 Vice-Chair, Mike Stevenson, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. as Rebecca Stevens (TLG Chair) was unavailable. He then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of Draft TLG Conference Call/Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2012: A motion was made by Dave George to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Bill Rust; and was unanimously approved.

BEIPC Executive Director Update: Terry Harwood provided updates on BEIPC activities. He has been working with Anne McCauley (EPA) on figuring out the remedy protection projects and priorities, but there cannot be any work done until the ROD Amendment is signed. Some of the remedy protection projects in side drainages were not included in the ROD Amendment, so the work will need to be incorporated into an ESD (Explanation of Significant Differences). Some of the work will also require the local governmental entities to sign an O & M agreement with the State and Federal governments.

For the roads remediation program, the State (IDEQ) and EPA are doing a pilot project to remediate unpaved roads. They hope to have the unpaved road sampling program completed by the end of summer. Roads in the floodplain will not be sampled as they will be assumed to be contaminated. Terry indicated that he has been meeting with the road districts to figure out a solution for flooding and recontamination on gravel roads. For contaminated paved roads, he has been working with EPA and IDEQ on an inventoried list, but only the roads with 10 years of life expectancy or less will qualify for the program. They have not yet finalized the amounts of funding for each individual road district in the Box and Basin. However, the work will be done as a remedy, rather than a roads maintenance program.

Regarding flood control issues, Terry has been working with the Idaho Silver Jackets. He put together a list of available data that he sent to the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers (USACOE). For Shoshone County, he worked on a hazard mitigation plan with the Panhandle Health District (PHD) and the County folks. They have modified the list to 40 projects that will be sent to the USACOE tomorrow. He's not optimistic about getting funding to build any levees until they can get \$4 million for the USACOE to do a watershed and levee analysis because the levees are not certified. He thinks that maybe the best way to get it done will be to do a piece at a time.

For the August BEIPC meeting, Terry mentioned that he is planning a workshop to figure out cleanup funding needs. People became interested after Bill Adams made a presentation on funding scenarios at the last meeting. He added that many of the elected officials are pleased with where we are going to come out with the ROD Amendment.

Bill Adams said that it looks like funding for the Upper Basin is about what is needed to accomplish everything over time. Bill Rust suggested that it would help if there was a plan for the Lower Basin because it's difficult to argue that you need to spend money there until you have a plan. Bill Adams agreed that it would be good to get some things in the cue short of getting a ROD Amendment for the Lower Basin to provide a sense of what may be needed.

Announcements: Terry Harwood informed everyone that Curt Fransen (IDEQ Director) will be the new BEIPC Commissioner for the State of Idaho. Rob Hanson (IDEQ) will be the State's alternate and Bruce Schuld (IDEQ) will replace Rob as BEIPC staff.

ROD Amendment Update: Bill Adams gave an update on the ROD Amendment. EPA will be distributing the ROD Amendment declaration to key stakeholders for review on April 19th and also the stream and riparian technical memo. On April 23rd, EPA Headquarters (HQ) will begin the review process. EPA will then respond to HQ's comments and complete the response to public comments. The pre-signature ROD Amendment will tentatively be released in late June followed by the final signature copy in July 2012.

EPA's high priority projects include the following:

- *Basin Property Remediation (ongoing)*
- *Basin Gravel Roads*
- *Box and Basin Remedy Protection*
- *Box and Basin Paved Roads*
- *CTP Operations and Upgrades*
- *Repository Design/Construction (Box and Basin)*
- *OU-2 Groundwater Collection*
- *Mine and Mill Design/Construction*
- *Progress in Lower Basin – Modeling/Pilot Projects*
- *Coordination on Cleanup/Restoration Actions*

Bill also presented information on the: 1) 2012 cleanup work for property remediation and gravel roads; 2) paved roads policy; 3) community fill plan development; 4) Lower Burke Canyon repository design; 5) Central Treatment Plan (CTP) operation and design for upgrades; 6) OU-2 water collection pre-design; 7) Lower Basin data collection; and 8) CDA Trust work.

For the Superfund Jobs Training Initiative (JTI) program, Bill informed everyone that Renee Gilbert has been hired as the Community Partner. There will be four orientation sessions (late April and early May) and tryouts will be held on May 10th. The class schedule will be May 14th to 25th. The training will include health and safety, first aid, flagging, and sampling.

Regarding the Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) program, Bill indicated that it's an opportunity for the community to get assistance for technical understanding and more information. The TASC Coeur d'Alene website is: www.community-plan.net/tasc.bunkerhill.

He also provided information on how the public may access data collected by EPA's GIS team and site partners for the Bunker Hill/CDA Basin Superfund site. The demo application for public mapping and data viewing is located at: <http://gispub9.epa.gov/CDA>.

Break

Lower Basin Update: Ed Moreen made a presentation on the Lower Basin. He spoke about the hydrology of the CDA River and displayed some photographs of past high water events. They are continuing to collect data including water quality, sediment sampling and stream bank coring. This will be used for modeling flow predictions and contamination issues and possibly as design input for a pilot project. He indicated that the Lower Basin PFT will be doing some workshops to talk about the data.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.