

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
January 10, 2008

Kenny Hicks (Chair)
Rebecca Stevens
Rusty Sheppard
Dave George
Bill Adams

Anne Dailey
Bob Flagor
Terry Harwood
Jeri DeLange (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.

Agenda Items: Draft 2008 Work Plan

The TLG Chair, Kenny Hicks, asked if anyone had comments about the draft one-year work plan before going into a round table discussion.

Round Table:

Stevens: Reported that Kootenai County had a meeting last night to work on revising the county's comprehensive plan. She mentioned that the planning commissioners are working hard on the comp plan revisions and how to move forward on the land use designations.

Dailey: Brought up the email request by Rebecca Stevens for information on 303(d) listed streams and asked for clarification on the excel spreadsheet Stevens prepared for people's input. Dailey said that EPA had done a number of remediation activities and that she would reference the five-year review document for information to provide to Stevens.

Hicks: Asked if Stevens was also looking for information on private sector work around creeks. Stevens replied that if it resulted in a reduction in the potential for sediment release, then it would be good information to have.

Sheppard: Nothing to report.

Harwood: Mentioned that he talked with the BEIPC Chair, Commissioner Jon Cantamessa, about the 2008 work plan; and that he sent out the new draft five-year work plan for review. He also talked with U.S. Senator Craig's office and is working on a proposal to make some funding requests for flood control on levees in the Silver Valley. Harwood pointed out that FEMA has new flood inundation maps that show the current levees as failing. He indicated that if this happened, it could cause damage to the remedy and estimated that it may cost between \$120-130 million. He stressed that it was important to determine where we need new levees and flood control, and what work can be done with the existing funding sources.

Harwood also informed everyone that he was working on the stormwater drainage reports for Wallace and Osburn; and would be negotiating another contract with TerraGraphics for infrastructure work through June 30. Then he will sit down with the local communities to figure

out a revitalization plan. He reported that an individual from John Hopkins University in Baltimore will be coming to visit tomorrow.

Hicks: Pointed out that in the draft 2008 work plan (page 10) it said the final report for the Lake monitoring project would be completed in January. He asked whether Harwood had received it.

Harwood: Answered that he did not have the final report yet. He indicated that the Tribe was working on it with someone from the USGS.

Adams: Said that he set up a Mine/Mill PFT meeting for January 23 at the Forest Service office in CDA for the purpose of listing mine/mill sites to prioritize work because of limited funding. He indicated that he is working on small sites for now until they get additional funding later and that he is also working on an inventory to track sites. Adams reported that he will send out a document for the Upper Basin that summarizes all pre-ROD data for the upper regions in the Basin. He mentioned that loading in the various basins will be listed on the CH2M website and that he will send out CDs as well as a link by email.

Dailey: Mentioned that she was having some discussion with the EPA head office about funding for the budget. She commented that funding was tight and informed everyone that EPA will have to provide additional information for human health issues.

Harwood: Indicated that he was working on the annual accomplishment report for 2007, and that Toni Hardesty (IDEQ Director) uses the report for funding requests at the State Legislature. Dailey asked about the funding request from Senator Craig's office. Harwood responded that Craig's office approached him as Senator Craig sits on the senate environment and public works committee. The request would be an appropriation earmark and not CWA funding. Harwood explained that it was specifically COE (Corps of Engineers) and funding for flood control as flooding may wipe out the remedy. He mentioned that a 100-year flood will damage the remedy, but that this appropriation request will not affect EPA at all.

Regarding the new flood inundation mapping, Harwood pointed out that it will require a lot of Silver Valley people to have flood insurance. However, he noted that flood insurance does not take care of the remedy, only the structure.

Hicks: Remarked that he appreciated Harwood asking those questions at the FEMA meeting and for being there for everyone. Harwood commented that he was surprised that some of the FEMA people at the meeting were not even aware that this area is a Superfund site.

George: Nothing to report.

Flagor: Nothing to report.

Hicks: Asked if everyone had reviewed the 2008 work plan. He also asked the TLG to review the draft five-year work plan and to call if they had questions or issues, so that they may help Harwood if he needs to make any adjustments.

Harwood: Suggested that people take a look at the BEIPC website as he added some new photographs of “before” and “after” remediation work.

Dailey: Said that she will provide a link to the BEIPC website for the recreation bio-monitoring results for 2006. She noted that Harwood provided a half-day session last year to present the report and asked if they may do it again. Harwood agreed and also suggested that the last 3 years of Lake monitoring would be a good report.

Harwood: Reminded everyone that the Recreation PFT meeting was today and that he would be attending after the TLG conference call.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 1/24/08.

Thank you for your participation