

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
January 25, 2007

Participants:

Bill Adams	Bob Flagor	Rob Spafford
Mike Beckwith	Rogers Hardy	Brian Spears
Lloyd Brewer	Terry Harwood	Rebecca Stevens
Anne Dailey	Kenny Hicks	Nick Zilka
Jeri DeLange	Mark Masarik	Note taker: Holly LeBret

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:

Brian Spears said that the BIF meeting agenda is half full and invited participants to suggest additional speakers. So far the agenda includes a Lake Monitoring update, a presentation of the Stormwater Erosion Educational Plan (SEEP), an update on the CWA alluvium sorting project, and an update on the Benewah Creek restoration project.

Round Table:

Terry Harwood: Panhandle Health had requested that Harwood provide testimony to the State Legislature on the ICP for the Basin. In the Senate, he said that he testified before the full committee; and in the House, he testified before the subcommittee. The purpose was to add the ICP to the State Rule 41.01.01 along with a few changes to wastewater and sewage disposal systems. In the Senate Health & Welfare committee, the measure passed, with one vote against the proposed changes from Joyce Broadsword, State Senator from District 2. The House Health & Welfare subcommittee debated the changes and without recommendation for approval or disapproval, simply forwarded it to the Full Committee. During his 2-1/2 hours of testimony, Harwood was questioned about the need for Superfund Status and whether or not the State of Idaho should be required to partially pay for any cleanup. He explained that it was in fact a superfund site and referred to several letters of support that were sent to him from communities in the Silver Valley, supporting the ICP. He was requested to provide those letters and will forward them to the Full Committee. He may have to return to testify again, if the measure doesn't pass. His observation was that the preparation of the information may have been inadequate and more information about the existing Superfund status prior to introducing the ICP may better inform the Representatives about Panhandle Health's proposed Rule change.

Bill Adams: He is scheduling a meeting regarding water treatment, and perhaps one for the Mine and Mill PFT, the day before the next Basin Commission Meeting. He has lots to present on the hydrological findings in Canyon Creek. He will send out emails regarding the meetings.

Anne Dailey: She is working through the OU2 analysis. She also has a document to distribute regarding the proposed new State of Idaho water quality standard for cadmium.

Nick Zilka: At the next PFT, he will be presenting results from Pioneer Technical Services, who have been working on Canyon Creek.

Mike Beckwith: He is reviewing the USGS modeling and lake monitoring drafts as he works on developing a monitoring program for the Tribe.

Rog Hardy: He asked if the mediator's assessment on the LMP (the Harty Report) would be published on any webpage. Mark Masarik will check into that. Hardy thinks that the report will cause problems for the various basin authorities. He also inquired of Spears if he had found any statutes relevant to the project in Kootenai County he is working on at the Schlepp wetland conversion on private property intended to compensate the public for loss of tundra swans.

Schedule: The next TLG call is February 8th. A BIF meeting will be held at the Coeur d'Alene Casino on February 13th from 9 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Thank you for your participation.