

**TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**January 8, 2008**

Rebecca Stevens (Vice Chair)  
Nick Zilka  
Terry Harwood

Rog Hardy  
Carrie Holtan  
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:** None.

Rebecca Stevens led the call as the TLG Chair, Kenny Hicks, was unavailable. Before going into a round table discussion, she asked Rog Hardy who he was representing. Hardy replied that he was representing Benewah County. He said there was a discussion between Commissioner Buell and himself (i.e. while Hardy was working in Texas); and he knows what he said. Hardy indicated he had not resigned. He also mentioned he sent another letter to the editor of the CDA Press which should be published soon.

**Round Table:**

**Rebecca Stevens** – Reminded everyone about the eco-prioritization and ROD amendment meeting in Smelterville following today's TLG call. She will not be able to attend, but Carrie Holtan will be attending and representing the CDA Tribe.

**Nick Zilka** – Nothing to report.

**Jeri DeLange** – Mentioned she is planning to schedule a Communications PFT meeting in late January or early February.

**Terry Harwood** – Indicated that Andy Mork (IDEQ) will be scheduling a Repository PFT meeting in January; and DeLange will be helping to arrange a location. For the annual accomplishment report, Harwood sent draft copies to the BEIPC Commissioners, alternates, staff, TLG and CCC Chairs for review. Comments are due back by January 23. He has an Idaho Homeland Security meeting today; and he's also working on the hazard mitigation plan which includes protection of the remedies. Harwood said he called the Chief of Staff in the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee about funding for the infrastructure package he is working on for protection of the remedy.

**Rebecca Stevens** – Asked Harwood about the next Funding PFT meeting. Harwood replied that his contractor prepared a list of funding opportunities and he shared this information with the Funding PFT members. He plans to schedule a meeting later.

**Terry Harwood** – Mentioned he also sent an economic stimulus infrastructure package to the Governor's office; and that Shoshone County's infrastructure priority is for sanitary sewer. Recently, at a meeting he attended as president of the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers, they discussed infrastructure funding and how it affects the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). There is a proposed \$200 million dollar economic stimulus funding package for North

Idaho, but in Harwood's opinion, if the State does not get the stimulus package, then we will probably not receive any funding for infrastructure needs for some time. There is also talk about a stimulus package for Superfund, but he does not feel this is likely.

Harwood informed everyone that information for the BEIPC board packets is due by February 6. He mentioned the CCC has not set a meeting date yet.

**Rebecca Stevens** – Thinks the Basin Commission may be interested in hearing about the FEMA research at the February BEIPC meeting. For the next TLG meeting, she suggested an agenda item be added for a Funding PFT update and to find out if other TLG members may be interested in being added to the PFT. She inquired about the CCC Chair, John Snider. Harwood said that Snider was staying with family in Oregon, but that Tom Beierle and Jerry Boyd keep in contact with him. Stevens inquired whether there would be any CCC members at the ROD amendment meeting today. It was noted that CCC members were invited.

**Rog Hardy** – Asked if there was any discussion outside the Upper Basin in regards to infrastructure (i.e. stimulus funding).

**Terry Harwood** - Replied affirmatively and said it relates to the whole nation, but that he was talking specifically about North Idaho. He pointed out there will be hearings first on infrastructure, and that he received a request to give an evaluation of infrastructure in Idaho.

**Carrie Holtan** – Nothing to report.

**Rebecca Stevens** – Said she will be sending out a draft agenda for the Lower Basin PFT meeting on January 20. It will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Idaho Fish & Game Office in CDA. Some of the proposed agenda items include: CDA River bank stabilization project update; presentation on the enhanced conceptual site model (ECSM); technical data gaps and information sharing; and identifying next steps and future goals. If anyone has additional suggestions, please let her know.

For the TLG meeting, she indicated there will be a discussion about the TLG roster; and that DeLange will send out an email request to TLG members to update their contact information. Stevens asked TLG members to send suggestions for other agenda items to Kenny Hicks, herself, or DeLange. Regarding the LMP (lake management plan) response to comments package, Stevens said the State and Tribe are working on it and hope to have it out by the end of the week. It will also be posted to the web; and then they will be able to finalize the LMP.

**Terry Harwood** – For informational purposes; he said that IDEQ eliminated 15 positions to meet cutbacks in the State budget for FY 2010. He also gave back 2009 funding from the BEIPC to help out as well.

**Rog Hardy** – Indicated he plans to attend the Lower Basin PFT meeting. However, he is critical of information sharing in the Lower Basin. He still thinks the PFT is not able to meet its mandate, but he is coming to learn. Hardy thinks the EPA is doing a good job in the Upper Basin in their attempts to get input for prioritization. He would like to see the same spirit in the

Lower Basin and Lake, and hopes there will be more effort downstream. Hardy asked if the Lower Basin PFT mission statement proposed by Ed Moreen (EPA) was approved.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Thinks people agree the PFT felt good about the language.

**Rog Hardy** – Commented that “agree” was well worded. One issue that he has discussed with other County reps. is whether the LMP will be dealing with impacts to water quality on the Lower St. Joe even though there are no impacts with metals. He feels it should be included as well and would like to have a discussion at the meeting.

**Rebecca Stevens** – Told Hardy it was a good point. She said the issue will be discussed at the Lower Basin PFT meeting before bringing it to the TLG.

**Rog Hardy** – Brought up the ECSM and indicated there is no way to get information out to people before the meeting. He would like to know what’s coming and made a request for it. Stevens replied the person with the information has been out of town. Hardy suggested that it would be good to get the information before the meeting. Harwood agreed with Hardy as long as the information is in a format that’s ready to use. Stevens also agreed and said she will check into it with Ed Moreen (EPA).

Regarding data gaps, Hardy also suggested it would be helpful to send this information out for reference, especially as the data gap points may involve a lot of different locations. He pointed out this may be a challenge for people wanting to come and participate. Stevens responded she may be able to put the information in the body of an email. Hardy thinks it will help make a better discussion.

He mentioned that the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) gave a presentation that was very interesting, but that it’s not for this meeting. Stevens agreed. Hardy then inquired whether the NRD Trustees would be at this meeting. Stevens replied she had not heard anything. Hardy suggested there could be informed stakeholders about mandates and indicated he will bring up TLG protocols and new technologies later. However, he feels it’s logical to follow new technologies for that environment (i.e. water saturation of sediments).

**Rebecca Stevens** – Thinks it would be a good discussion and suggested that Hardy bring it to the Lower Basin PFT meeting.

**Rog Hardy** – Commented that with the agreement between Avista and the Tribe on dam relicensing, there is going to be a lot of funding spent in watersheds, like in NRDA. He thinks information sharing along with PFT and TLG input will be good for developing holistic approaches. Hardy appreciates time for those items.

**Rebecca Stevens** – Also thinks it would be good. She will update Kenny Hicks.

**Schedule:** The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 1/22/09.

Thank you for your participation.