

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
February 7, 2008

Kenny Hicks (Chair)
Anne Dailey
Bill Adams
Rog Hardy
Nick Zilka

Terry Harwood
Rebecca Stevens (Vice Chair)
Lloyd Brewer
Randy Connelly
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: TLG Meeting

The TLG Chair, Kenny Hicks, thanked Rebecca Stevens for handling the call last month as he was unavailable and also for making the arrangement for the upcoming TLG meeting on February 11.

Terry Harwood told Stevens that he would use the suggestion she made at last night's CCC meeting and put the names of the parties involved in the BEIPC in the Senate appropriations request to protect the remedy from potential flooding.

Round Table:

Stevens: Informed everyone that the RAMP (response action maintenance plan) for the Trail had been posted to the websites of the Tribe, IDEQ, and Idaho State Parks & Recreation. (Note: The RAMP is also posted on the BEIPC website). She gave a brief update about: 1) the Recreation PFT; 2) the CCC meeting held last night; and indicated 3) that the Tribe was in the interview process to find a replacement to fill her former position.

Zilka: Mentioned that he and Anne Dailey have been working to put together a water quality monitoring team and get additional equipment in anticipation of a high water event in OU-2.

Dailey: Added that she talked with Greg Clark of the USGS in Boise and they are waiting to catch the high flow event. She is hoping as Zilka said to get the impact of high water in OU-2 from flooding. She also noted that sediment sampling will be done this fall and there should be deposition in some places.

Hicks: Commented that if it warmed up quickly, or there is a snow on rain event and the ground is not frozen; then it should be a great year for water storage and to capture water data for North Idaho.

Dailey: Suggested that it may be good to get some aerial photography when the water is high, but was not sure if they have the available funding.

Hardy: Said that he is expecting a high variable flooding event with the amount of snowpack at the lower elevations.

Adams: Reported that there is a mine/mill call today and that he will provide updates on the Water Treatment PFT and Mine/Mill Site PFT.

Dailey: Brought up the OU-2 sampling for the BEMP (Basin Environmental Monitoring Plan) in case there is a high water event. She indicated that there are links for additional information including the gauging stations at Cataldo. (**Note: See links below**).

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/cda>

http://waterdata.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group_key=NONE&search_site_no_station_nm

DeLange: Reminded everyone about the upcoming BEIPC meeting on February 27 at the new CenterPlace facility in Spokane Valley.

Harwood: Mentioned the recent newspaper article about IDEQ and the Lake. He indicated that there was a lot of concern as the article contained some misinformation that said CDA Lake was not part of the Superfund site. Harwood said that the CCC members discussed this issue at their meeting last night and suggested that he (as the BEIPC Executive Director) contact the reporter to correct the information. He said that he would do so and clarify that “CDA Lake is not part of the CERCLA remedy, but that it is part of the Superfund site.”

Harwood then brought up the appropriations request that he is working on with Senator Craig’s office and that Shoshone County has agreed to sponsor. He indicated that he is helping to write the proposal and has prepared a paper on a two-pronged approach for flood control from Cataldo to the headwaters of the South Fork of the CDA River. He suggested that there is not much chance to earmark, but that he will try to go after funding for the COE (Corp of Engineers) to come up with projects such as Meyer Creek and other flood control structures by looking at what we have and what we need (i.e. levees, dikes, etc.) He said that he would also ask for funding for Meyer Creek because CWA funding was spent to develop a preferred alternative so then we can work on that. Harwood mentioned that he sent out the draft drainage analysis reports for comments for Mullan, Wallace, Burke, Ninemile and Canyon Creek. He also noted that the 2002 CWA grant is now closed.

Stevens: Said that she is hoping to update the list of PFTs at the TLG meeting. Hicks suggested that everyone bring PFT information to the meeting to determine whether there is still a need for some of the former PFTs and if they should be reactivated.

Harwood: Commented that he saw Ed Moreen (EPA) at the CCC meeting and that Moreen told him the EPA attorneys have comments on the one and five-year work plans and annual report.

Brewer: Asked Harwood if there was a desire to change the work plan by the Commissioners at the BEIPC meeting. Harwood replied that one issue (he knows for sure) is that he feels the BEIPC would like to be involved in the Natural Resource restoration work to help the Natural Resource Trustees in obtaining grants and funding. He said that he added a section in the work

plan to help the EPA get funding, but was asked to take it out. However, he may be asked to put it back in.

Harwood: Said that he received a question regarding whether any other Superfund areas in Region 10 were getting ecological funding. Another question he received was asked by Shoshone County and whether they could put the snow removed from roofs (in the Silver Valley) into the CDA River. Harwood said that he talked with IDEQ and that Shoshone County received permission for the roof snow to go into the River, but not any of the road scrapings as they may be contaminated.

Hicks: Asked Dailey if she could provide an answer to Harwood's question about ecological funding for EPA in Region 10. Dailey answered that nationwide, EPA's budget is tight and that she was not sure whether the remedial action funding may be cut. She noted that there was a request for \$100 million more of funding for work across the country and there may not be enough funding, but she will find out. Hicks recommended that if this was a dead effort, to not spend the time on ecological. Harwood suggested seeking ecological funding in the next cycle, even if times are tough.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 2/21/08.

Thank you for your participation.