

**TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**March 19, 2009**

Kenny Hicks (Chair)  
Anne Dailey  
Dave George  
Terry Harwood

Bill Adams  
Rebecca Stevens (Vice Chair)  
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:** ROD Amendment, Eco-Prioritization Tool, PFT Updates, and LMP.

The TLG Chair, Kenny Hicks, mentioned he may need to leave the call early and asked Rebecca Stevens to lead the call for him. She led everyone into a round table discussion.

**Round Table:**

**Anne Dailey** - Reported the USGS water quality data for 2008 is posted on EPA's website as well as a summary of the station data. There is also a link established to the BEIPC's website. She is moving ahead with the documents for the ROD amendment meeting on April 1. The USGS is gearing up for spring sampling depending upon snow melt. For the next TLG meeting, she asked for time on the agenda to make a presentation on annual monitoring results including sediment.

**Bill Adams** - Gave an update on the prioritization tool. They are pulling data from BLM's spreadsheet into the simplified model along with information such as low flow, etc. They are also making cost adjustments to divide costs among the sites as various alternatives may not be associated with a site. Otherwise, the costs will not be realistic. Then they will look at setting up a meeting for the group. For the ROD amendment meeting on April 1, they are merging some of the Upper Basin PFTs into one group (i.e. OU-2, water quality, mine and mill, repositories, etc.) to cover a number of topics at the meeting. In addition, there will be an overview of monitoring and review of recent data reports posted on the FTP site.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Informed everyone that bank stabilization and Lake monitoring had been combined into the Lower Basin PFT.

**Bill Adams** - Mentioned there will be times when the PFTs may need to spin off into smaller groups to implement work on specific issues for at least the next few months. He feels this is the best way to do it. At the April 1 meeting, he will talk about having a semi-monthly conference call.

**Jeri DeLange** - Provided an update on the Communications PFT. She reminded everyone about the free training opportunity being provided by EPA next week on March 26 at the CDA Inn from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There are still a few openings if people would like to attend. She noted that refreshments will be sponsored by the BEIPC and IDEQ. DeLange expressed appreciation and thanks to the EPA, BEIPC and IDEQ. The next Communications PFT

meeting/training workshop will be held on April 17 in Liberty Lake. Cathy Cochrane of the Washington Dept. of Ecology will be providing risk communications training (for PFT members only).

**Kenny Hicks** - Will be meeting with Andy Mork about possible repository site locations. Also brought up whether the TLG will need a half-day or whole day TLG meeting.

**Terry Harwood** - Suggested a draft LMP section may need to be discussed at the TLG meeting.

**Kenny Hicks** - Indicated he wanted the repository information for available sites to at least get vetted with the TLG. He also suggested that EPA make their presentations brief if the same people at the TLG meeting are the ones who usually attend the ROD amendment meetings. For the LMP, he would like to allot enough time for discussion since both sides are out in the public.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Asked Harwood to bring a strawman for the LMP section.

**Terry Harwood** - Said he will bring one and send a draft out to people before the TLG meeting.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Mentioned they are waiting for the Governor and Tribal Chairman's signatures to present the final LMP. She will keep everyone updated.

**Terry Harwood** - Asked Stevens if it was ok to put the strawman out now. Stevens said if it's done, she would suggest a draft.

**Kenny Hicks** - Brought up that he read about the LMP decision in the newspaper, but was not made aware of it by the counties.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Said the State and Tribe are waiting for signatures and then the LMP will be released. She also announced that there will be a NRD workshop in Arizona at the end of the month and the Natural Resource Trustees will be attending.

**Terry Harwood** – Completed the procedure and action for levee system certification report for Shoshone County regarding the needed steps to certify the levees. The required steps would cost about \$350,000 just to analyze the levees to determine their condition and any needed upgrades. However, it will require additional funding for construction work. Harwood brought up the CCC's election protocols and indicated they are outdated, especially as they do not recognize the BEIPC Executive Director and refer to BEIPC staff performing various duties. He and Jerry Boyd are working on a revised draft to put out after the election.

He also reported that Shoshone County's hazard mitigation plan is out for public comment. After the County Commissioners and other community leaders sign it, it can be sent to FEMA. Harwood sent out the stimulus package for the Upper Basin and noted that every project got on the first cut priority list. There are more forms to fill out, but the State is requiring loan funding, and the cities do not have funding. (Overall, 85 projects were on the priority list). All of the Upper Basin funding requests fell within the first 40 projects, so they ranked pretty high for the actual need for work. He does not know what will happen if the communities are required to pay

half of the funding, or whether they will be able to do any work if they cannot pay. He will talk to Commissioner Cantamessa, but he does not have a lot of anticipation that Shoshone County will get any funding.

**Kenny Hicks** - Asked if some of the work may be done in kind.

**Terry Harwood** - Answered no. The funding matches are all loan applications, so he thinks we may have lost out.

**Carrie Holtan** - Inquired about hazard mitigation and the stimulus funding.

**Terry Harwood** - Explained the hazard mitigation plan is for wildfire, flood, earthquake disasters, etc. within the County. The stimulus package is a list of projects that he was asked to put together by the Governor some months ago. He also sent in projects to protect the remedy and sewer I/I projects. These then were all put together into the revolving CWA loan process through IDEQ.

**Dave George** - Nothing to report. However, he indicated the Washington State Legislature put travel restrictions into place for agency staff. So, unless there is a waiver; he will not be able to come over for any meetings.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Offered to check into conference call capabilities.

**Carrie Holtan** - Asked Harwood if there will be a Funding PFT meeting soon. She mentioned that research on grant opportunities may take a while, and suggested that he could hold a quick meeting at the Tribe's office (i.e. conference room) in CDA.

**Terry Harwood** – Indicated that he is planning to call a Funding PFT meeting when things quiet down. He will ask DeLange to send out an email to the TLG to see if any other people are interested in being a Funding PFT member.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Reminded everyone about the TLG election of officers at the next TLG meeting in April.

**Schedule:** The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 4/2/09.

Thank you for your participation.