

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
April 17, 2008

Kenny Hicks (Chair)

Terry Harwood

Rebecca Stevens (Vice Chair)

Carrie Holtan

Mark Masarik

Dave George

Nick Zilka

Anne Dailey

Randy Connolly

Bill Adams

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 and Election of TLG Officers (April 21)

At the beginning of the call, Kenny Hicks asked Rebecca Stevens about the status of the Lake Management Plan (LMP). Stevens responded that the draft had been sent to Boise for review by IDEQ's technical staff. She explained that the LMP process required a lot of coordination as several different people have been working on it; and that the State and Tribe hope to have the LMP timeline schedule at the BEIPC meeting in May. Stevens suggested that the draft may go out in mid-May for local government and stakeholder comment. She also thanked Jeri DeLange for putting together the draft agenda for the upcoming TLG meeting.

Anne Dailey mentioned that Greg Clark of the USGS was able to adjust his schedule to be at the TLG meeting and make a presentation on the BEMP (Basin environmental monitoring plan) surface water update. Stevens said that she would also give an update on the Lower Basin PFT at the meeting. Mark Masarik informed everyone that he would not be able to attend the TLG meeting, but wanted to provide a brief update on the Recreation PFT. He said that Dave White, Chair of the recreation area inventory subgroup, had been working on the inventory spreadsheet for developed and dispersed recreational sites. Stevens then reported that at the recent Communications PFT meeting on April 9, it was decided to combine the Recreation PFT's subgroup for communications strategies and testing into the Communications PFT to avoid duplication of efforts.

Hicks brought up the election for TLG officers and indicated that nominations would need to be made at the TLG meeting. He suggested that if any TLG members could not be at the April 21 meeting, then to forward their nominations to DeLange (by email) before the meeting date.

Round Table:

Harwood: Gave an update on the presentation that he recently made to the CDA City Council about the BEIPC, Superfund and CDA Lake. He noted that it was well received and will be televised in future reruns on the CDA channel. One of the City Council members asked him what they could do and Harwood responded that people need to be aware that CDA Lake has contamination (i.e. heavy metals) on the bottom and that it is part of Superfund. He indicated that word is getting out about the BEIPC as he has made several presentations to various

community organizations such as Rotary, CDA Chamber, etc. and that he was also asked by the Washington Group to do a presentation in Boise last October.

George: Nothing to report.

DeLange: Reported that she had volunteered to be the Chair of the new Communications PFT. She mentioned that the PFT had its first meeting recently on April 9 and that a draft summary of the notes had been sent out to PFT members for review. At the meeting, the Communications PFT developed a mission statement, goals, and list of ideas for the future. DeLange said that she will be providing an update to both the TLG (April 21) and CCC (April 23) to get their feedback on the PFT's ideas in order to make a progress report to the BEIPC at their May meeting. She indicated that the Communications PFT will interface with the CCC.

Harwood: Brought up stormwater drainage issues for Mullan and Wallace and suggested that stormwater may cause severe erosion as both cities have some extremely steep areas. He also mentioned that some of Mullan's paved streets do not have curbs or gutters, so the water rushes down and has no place to go. Harwood indicated that he had been busy working on a proposal to send to Rob Hanson (IDEQ) about this issue. In addition, he noted that a number of consultants who have been working with developers in the Box do not know anything about the institutional controls program (ICP). He has been referring them to Jerry Cobb at the Panhandle Health District (PHD) for manuals about the ICP.

Harwood provided the TLG with a brief update on the BEIPC meeting agenda and informed everyone that he needed information for the board packets by next Friday, April 25. He then mentioned that he had been working on writing an agreement (MOA) for the CDA Chamber to print more Lake maps. He said that he had contacted the Attorney General's office for their opinion and input on the MOA; and that he will work with the Chamber to get the details worked out. Harwood noted that within the BEIPC's scope, he can officially use the AG's office for legal matter. Stevens asked Harwood whether the map would be modified. Harwood clarified that the map would not be modified other than adding only the name of the Chamber if they publish it. After the attorneys review the MOA and the agreement is finalized, he will need to get a copy to the Chamber. However, he emphasized that the map file is quite large.

Stevens: Asked Harwood if the State and Tribe could have 15 minutes on the BEIPC agenda for an LMP update and he agreed.

Hicks: Inquired about the second year of CWA funding and whether any of the remaining funding was allotted to inflow and infiltration (I/I). Harwood answered that he will wait until fall to make any decisions on using the remaining CWA funding. Hicks then asked Harwood if he was still looking for suggestions. Harwood explained that the EPA may say no about the \$35,000 for the I/I. Dailey asked whether the topic was on the TLG agenda. Harwood replied that it was not, but that he could bring it up for a "to do" list.

Zilka: Reported that he had been out in the field collecting additional sampling data. He also mentioned that he had looked at the Pinehurst impact flood design project for Little Pine Creek earlier in the week and that the creek was full and spilling out of its channel.

Dailey: Said that she would send out an email message about the Water Quality PFT and the OU-2 sampling. She indicated that the OU-2 source areas were done and that the results would be posted to the web. Dailey also mentioned that they have field work planned for this summer.

Connolly: Brought up that he was thinking about ideas for using the remaining CWA funding (from the second grant year). He suggested doing something in Canyon Creek to tie things together such as the option to pipe water down to the Bunker Hill central treatment plant (CTP) and asked TLG members to give it some thought.

Adams: Said that he would be interested in talking further about Connolly's suggestion at the TLG meeting. He indicated that he would be providing an update on ecological planning and mine/mill work for the meeting as well. He then mentioned that EPA was working on conducting up and down gradient sampling for OU-2, and also sampling in the Upper Basin for Canyon Creek, Ninemile, Osburn Flats, etc. In addition, they will soon be sampling for high flow events.

Connolly: Asked whether EPA would be sampling all those sites for high flow, or just a few.

Adams: Replied that they would be sampling quite a few as they think there may be major loading. He indicated that there was not a lot of ROD data for up and down gradient, so the sampling will provide current information and help to prioritize work at those areas.

Harwood: Added that it would be good to get data for high and low. He pointed out that for adit discharge, high and low are opposite from what people think.

Other Discussion:

Hicks: Reminded everyone about the CCC meeting on April 23 in Kellogg (at Avista).

Harwood: Commented that he usually attends the Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition (SNRC) meetings, but would not be able to attend next week due to another commitment. He said that Robin Stanley had asked him for an update, so he provided one in writing.

Stevens: Mentioned that the Kootenai Environmental Alliance was having a meeting at noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Iron Horse restaurant in CDA and that Spokane River issues would be discussed.

Harwood: Gave a brief update that the Kootenai County Parks Department was proposing to remove some of the old pilings out of the Lake and River. He said that there had been concerns from environmental groups about the release of heavy metals contamination from the bottom if the pilings are removed. Harwood mentioned that June Bergquist (IDEQ) is working on this and that IDEQ is looking at using a barge to break off the pilings, or using divers to saw them off. He said that he also talked with Ed Moreen (EPA) about this issue and that Bergquist is working with them.

Hicks: Pointed out that if a barge was used to hit the pilings, then a foot or two may remain

below the water level. Harwood agreed that this may create a problem for boats and water skiers.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 5/1/08.

Thank you for your participation.