

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
April 28, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)	Mark Stromberg
Anne Dailey	Terry Harwood
Lloyd Brewer	Randy Connolly
Mike Larkin	Rogers Hardy
Paul Woods	Nick Zilka
Mark Addy	Bill Adams
Rebecca Stevens	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Rob Spafford	
Mike Beckwith	

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: 2005 One-Year Work Plan Schedule

Phillip Cernera reported that he had received comments back on the one-year work plan. He discussed the comments with Terry Harwood and there were not many changes. This includes the discussion from last week. Cernera will make the final revisions from the comments received during today's call and give the completed work plan to Harwood for inclusion in the Basin Commission board packets for the May 11 meeting.

The concept of annually updating the five-year work plan was discussed. Cernera asked for input on how people feel about this matter. Anne Dailey discussed the need to project to the future. Look at the coming year, review future projects, remedial actions, design, etc. and then roll forward. Cernera commented that in the short-term, the TLG can start dialogue on the outlook for the human health remedy, what additions may need to be made, or what may be eliminated. As there is no current funding for the ecological remedy, it should not change much.

Harwood agreed with Dailey that the one-year plan needs to be specific, but the five-year plan should keep rolling forward. Once the plan is completed, it should not be too difficult to update annually. Cernera will send a revised copy of the five-year plan to the TLG based on information from Harwood and Dailey.

Cernera mentioned that he will be making a presentation on the one-year plan to the BEIPC on May 11. He asked Harwood about the status of the CWA grants for the 2004 work. Harwood reported that he is working on finalizing the project appropriations. As soon as the grant funding is issued to IDEQ, he will notify the contractors so they can begin work and not lose this field season.

Other Discussion:

Recreational PFT: Dailey discussed the next recreational PFT meeting which will be held on May 16. She will get the information to Harwood for the board packets.

NAS (National Academy of Science) Study: Cerner mentioned that people have been inquiring when the results of the NAS study will be available. He reported that no one will see anything until the final document is published. Dailey commented that there will be a pre-publication report released after it has been through an independent peer review. It should be available by July 13. The final report is scheduled for mid-October. She also reported that the EPA has not seen any drafts or comments.

WCAC (Washington Citizen's Advisory Council): Harwood reported that he and Jim McCurdy have been asked to speak on Basin water quality issues at the next WCAC meeting on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gonzaga Law Library in Spokane. The public is welcome to attend.

BIF (Basin Information Forum): Cerner mentioned that he has not yet scheduled the BIF, but would like to start putting together an agenda. If anyone is interested in specific topics, please send him the information.

Blackwell Island: Cerner discussed the permit application for dredging Blackwell Island to improve boat passage by the Marina Yacht Club. The deadline is today for public comment to the Department of Lands. There is a potential for a public hearing on this issue. He mentioned this could also be a topic for the BIF.

Round Table:

Dailey: Nothing to report.

Brewer: Nothing to report.

Larkin: Reported that he will be looking at habitat issues on the North Fork in late May.

Connolly: Reported on the Upriver Dam study and sampling above the Upriver Dam.

Woods: Discussed that flows in the basin are below normal for this time of year. For anyone interested, 2004 water information is available on the website. From May 16–18, lake sampling will be conducted with the Australian group.

Beckwith: Mentioned that lake modeling effort is part of dam relicensing. Since the lake is nitrogen limited, need to look at nitrogen and phosphorus issues.

Hardy: Discussed writing to Avista regarding lake levels for dam relicensing.

Addy: Nothing to report.

Stevens: Nothing to report.

Spafford: Nothing to report.

Stromberg: Discussed that the study on the Mission Flats repository site has been completed and it does not have significant impacts. A presentation will be made at the BEIPC meeting on May 11.

Harwood: Remarked that John Lawson will be making the PowerPoint presentation on the Mission Flats repository site to the Board at their next meeting. This information will be included in the board packets and will also be posted to the web. Harwood discussed that he was contacted by JUB Engineering regarding the final report for the Mullan I&I project. He will send copies of the report to Cernera and other members of the TLG for their review and comments on the deliverables.

Cernera: Stressed importance of the repository PFT and urged members to attend the May 11 meeting.

Hardy: Inquired about the schedule for the lake education map.

Cernera: Reported that the lake map was currently in the Tribe's GIS office. Another revision should be ready next week. Comments received so far from state and county representatives have been incorporated. The map will be presented to the Basin Commission as a draft for one more review. Then final revisions will be made and the map published.

Adams: Discussed that a site visit for the Canyon Creek project is planned for May 2.

Zilka: Reported on planting for the streambank stabilization project.

Cernera: Discussed the "super mulch" that Christy Lewis of the University of Idaho has been working on to revegetate the Bunker Hill site. This may be a good topic for the BIF.

Schedule: Next TLG conference call scheduled 5/7/05

Thank you for your participation.