

**TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**August 10, 2006**

**Participants:**

Lloyd Brewer  
Terry Harwood  
Anne Dailey  
Mike Beckwith  
Mark Masarik  
Rusty Sheppard  
Randy Connolly  
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

Mike Beckwith led the call as the TLG Chair, Brian Spears, was unavailable.

**Round Table:**

**Harwood:** Informed everyone that the BEIPC field trip on August 16 is scheduled to start at 8:45 a.m. and that there will be two 15-passenger vans for transportation. Dailey indicated that there will be lots of “on the ground work” at the Constitution site.

Harwood then reported that he gave a tour for Senator Craig’s staffers on August 9. Some of the projects they looked at included yard remediation, the Big Creek repository, etc. He pointed out that they were very interested in the work going on in Canyon Creek. In addition, they were also interested in the land exchange for the recreation sites that he told them about. He explained that the exchange can be accomplished through an AOC (Administrative Order of Consent) under CERCLA if there is an agreement to clean up, or congressional action.

Senator Craig’s office offered to help if legislation is necessary. He said that the staffers also informed him that the Craig-Wyden bill would be funded for another year or two.

Harwood mentioned that he would be going out with TerraGraphics next week to do some ground truthing for the infrastructure project and to gather additional information. He will also be looking at levees along areas of the South Fork and the dikes at Pine Creek to determine what deficiencies there are and what may be needed to bring them up to standards. He talked with Dave Fortier about the yard program running up to BLM lands and about the possibility of coordinating some work.

He indicated that he was asked to review a document for the PHD on stormwater education for the five northern counties. The document was prepared in cooperation with other entities and developers on how to understand the best management practices (BMP’s) for stormwater erosion.

**Beckwith:** Reported that he is checking into Mica Creek and brought up that Rebecca Stevens had done some work on it when she worked with the conservation district. He mentioned that he talked with Don Martin of the EPA to inquire about the status of the LMP as the mediator had not yet completed the draft report and there had been no response from the State. Beckwith commented that it is frustrating for the Tribe because there has been no response. Anne Dailey mentioned that the State had set aside funding to use in future years. Rusty Sheppard said that he believed a \$60,000 funding request for lake monitoring would be going to the Legislature for approval.

Beckwith informed Dailey that there were no conversations regarding future monitoring set up yet, but that he and Don Martin would start the process. Mark Masarik said that he would follow up with Martin. Dailey indicated that Martin was responsible for setting up meetings with the Tribe and State. Beckwith mentioned that he had been unable to reach Martin and had not gone further. He suggested that cooperative funding may still be available from the USGS if further monitoring was needed.

**Brewer:** Said that he was hoping to set up a presentation on the LMP for the Washington Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC) in September.

**Beckwith:** Gave an update for Rebecca Stevens on the LMP audit as she was unable to be on the call. He reported that the audit was going well and that Stevens (CDA Tribe) along with Glen Rothrock (IDEQ) have made contacts with key parties to gather information. Beckwith indicated that it would be good info to use in the future; and that Stevens and Rothrock are now starting the interview process.

**Dailey:** Reported that EPA reps from headquarters will be touring various sites. She pointed out that they will view activities in the Box such as the Constitution, upper Golconda, Canyon Creek, Woodland Park, etc., all the way to the headwaters. Dailey also gave a brief update for Bill Adams as he was in Alaska this week. She said that work was starting at the Rex mine/mill and also on the Starr Road recreational area on the Spokane River. Harwood mentioned that he talked with Dave Fortier about the BLM's portion of work at the Rex site.

**Masarik:** Nothing to report.

**Sheppard:** Brought up that the date for the "new ICP" PFT meeting on August 22 would not work for him. Jeri DeLange mentioned that she had heard back from two of the PFT members who also said that they would not be able to attend on that date. Harwood pointed out that if the date was changed, it may difficult to find a location where you did not have to pay for the meeting room. Sheppard and Brewer suggested rescheduling the meeting to Friday, August 25. Harwood agreed to change it.

Sheppard questioned why there were so many members for the new PFT as Commissioner Currie had asked how many people Harwood planned to have on it; and that he answered only several. Harwood responded that he had planned to ask people from the agencies involved. However, he received requests from many other interested parties. He indicated that usually

there are lots of people interested at the start, but then they drop off. Harwood mentioned that the State of Washington wants a position statement from EPA before they become involved.

**Harwood:** Commented that the \$60,000 funding for the county TLG reps is still in the hands of the counties as he has not heard anything back yet since he drafted the statement of work. He pointed out that the counties will not get the whole amount all at once, but rather will need to invoice for payment. He also informed everyone that the PHD board approved moving the draft ICP rule unanimously to the Legislature.

**Connolly:** Asked if there would be room in the vans for other people to ride during the BEIPC field trip. Harwood replied that there may be room for a few people. Dailey commented that people could arrange informal car pools.

**Other Discussion:** Dailey inquired about the 2007 work plan. Harwood indicated that it would need to be presented at the November meeting because it would not be good to enter the calendar year without a completed work plan. He suggested that the TLG would need information by the middle of September to start building the document so that it may be completed in October. Harwood offered to begin building a skeleton since some of the people are still out in the field in September. He pointed out that he would need information for the board packets by November 10. DeLange made a suggestion that it would be good to schedule a TLG meeting in October.

Harwood informed everyone that the next BEIPC meeting was scheduled for November 29. He also mentioned that the revised language for the Basin ICP (Section 1.3.1) still needed to be approved for the 2006-2010 five-year work plan, but that the 2007-2011 five-year work plan and annual report would not be presented until February 2007. Harwood said that he sent an email to the BEIPC staff for a discussion on the next BEIPC staff conference call regarding items for the 2006 work plan that needed attention. He also stressed the importance of having a yearly work plan for information, especially funding purposes.

Dailey indicated that she gave the D.C. people a copy of the 2005 annual report and that they were satisfied with it. She remarked that it was a good piece of work. Harwood emphasized that the more they know about the work going on, the better for funding purposes.

Beckwith commented that he would agree that planning is required, but cautioned that when more time is spent planning, then there may not be enough time to do the work. He informed Harwood that he would try to be on the BEIPC staff call, but that he would be out of the office working and may not be available.

**Schedule:** The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 8/24/06.

Thank you for your participation.