

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
August 21, 2008

Kenny Hicks (Chair)
Terry Harwood
Dave George
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

Kenny Hicks asked Terry Harwood about the deadline for the LMP public comment period and whether it had been extended. Harwood said the date was August 25. Hicks is going to check with IDEQ to see if the deadline was extended five days (i.e. for the Counties) to August 30.

Round Table:

Terry Harwood – 60% EMF design comment period extended to September 8. Brought up the cost analysis access report for the northwest corner of Exit 39 to access the EMF repository site, and noted \$300,000 as the cost to build a bridge for nine years life versus \$1.4 million to go around the other way. Harwood prefers Exit 39 as it is a lot less expensive.

Kenny Hicks – Looked at Exit 39 on the BEIPC field trip. Agreed with Harwood on the cost standpoint and believes it's the best option, especially for wear and tear

Terry Harwood – Indicated two motions were made at the last BEIPC meeting in May to revisit the BEIPC protocols. The information (i.e. draft meeting minutes from May 14 and draft copy of the revised protocols) was distributed in the board packets for the BEIPC field trip. The revised protocols will be discussed at the November meeting. U.S. Senator Crapo was here for a tour on Saturday, August 16 regarding flood issues and the new FEMA maps. Harwood prepared handouts for everyone with photos and a writeup of sediment deposition problems. He does not know what the Senator is going to do, but Crapo asked him to accelerate the funding analysis. (Harwood asked TerraGraphics to speed it up). Toni Hardesty (IDEQ) added an additional \$30,000 in funding for a study on levees. Harwood said FEMA assumes all levees will fail now after Katrina.

For next year's work plan, Harwood may ask the PFT Chairs to help write it and suggested that they start thinking about work. He will ask Mark Masarik to think about a general approach to clean up recreation areas after flooding. Harwood feels it behooves the PFTs to come with a potential list of projects if we get any funding. He does not want to keep waiting for projects as people are tired of studying and it's time to do work. Emphasized we will always have flooding issues. Informed everyone that he will be out of the office from September 4–16 on vacation.

Kenny Hicks – Wanted to clarify the \$30,000 funding will go to the drainage control infrastructure revitalization plan (DCIRP).

Terry Harwood - Responded affirmatively and said it will be used to show levee work in the maps (i.e. verifying what levee, what road fill, etc.) He explained that if we do any analysis, then the COE will not accept the work. As far as determining the physical work, COE does not want an analysis unless they do the work themselves.

Jeri DeLange – Focusing on getting the TLG notes up-to-date now that the field trip is over. Planning to schedule a Communications PFT conference call in mid-September, and the next PFT meeting for late September or early October. (*Editor's Note: DeLange will be out of the office from August 25 through September 1 on vacation*).

Dave George – Nothing to report.

Mark Masarik – Tentatively looking at a meeting for sediment deposition issues; waiting for Jerry Cobb to get back with information. Planning to schedule a full Recreation PFT meeting and also look at draft inventory. He will try to plan the meetings in the same week.

Randy Connolly – Nothing to report.

Kenny Hicks – The LMP draft is out for public comments until August 25 (i.e. official date). The County Commissioners are going to meet; and he will check to see if there is going to be an extension for the Counties, or everyone. Gave an update that Shoshone County approved the new FEMA maps. Expressed there was lots of frustration as there were a number of implications for the County if they did not adopt the FEMA maps; then residents who need flood insurance would not be able to participate. He will keep everyone updated.

Hicks and Harwood discussed concerns regarding the new FEMA maps. The greatest impact is to Pinehurst, about the same in Smeltonville, and a great deal in Osburn. Harwood's previous cost estimate for damage to the remedy was \$80 million based on the old maps. With the new maps, the estimate is probably \$100-\$110 million for remedy damage as there is more area affected. He gave this data to U.S. Senator Crapo.

Terry Harwood - Indicated if we get settlement funding for remedies, it will not protect the remedy from flood damage. If our intent is to construct a permanent remedy, then it makes sense to protect it. Asked question: Do you really have a remedy if it's not going to hold?

Kenny Hicks – Suggested it be put in category of defective remedy.

Terry Harwood – There needs to be some guarantee or warranty when we have high water. Maybe the levees are in good shape, but it will take a good engineering analysis to see. If not, there may not be funding for economic development loans.

Kenny Hicks – Brought up that new home buyers may be required to get flood insurance. Huge implications, but understands the County Commissioners were backed into a corner. Clarified

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that FEMA says you have two years to protest the maps, but you need to do modeling, study and analysis. The County has the responsibility.

Other Discussion:

Jeri DeLange – Said the BEIPC field trip was well received. She thanked the EPA for providing the third bus.

Kenny Hicks – Commented the field trip was a great idea to Harwood. Suggested the BEIPC do one every two years. Indicated the TLG needs to narrow down a date for its next meeting.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 9/4/08.

Thank you for your participation.