

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

September 3, 2009

Kenny Hicks (Vice-Chair)
Anne Dailey
Bill Adams

Mark Masarik
Nick Zilka
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 led the TLG conference call as the TLG Chair (Rebecca Stevens) was unavailable. He commented about the great job that was done on Sather and Wellman fields in Silverton by the cleanup program and that he was also pleased on the design for the stormwater system. He then inquired if anyone had updates or comments from the EPA's Assistant Administrator, Mathy Stanislaus, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), who visited the CDA Basin a few weeks ago. Bill Adams and Anne Dailey (EPA) said that they had not heard anything definitive (i.e. Stanislaus is still working with EPA staff).

Round Table:

Bill Adams - Informed everyone about the Upper Basin PFT meetings next week on September 9 and 10 in the Shoshone Room at Silver Mountain. He gave a brief overview (listed below) and will send out a draft agenda later.

- *Sept. 9 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)* *OU-2 Alternatives and Woodland Park*
- *Sept. 10 (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)* *Upper Basin Prioritization of Eco-Remedy*

Adams pointed out that they will be doing additional monitoring for the proposed plan. Regarding the Asarco bankruptcy, he reported that the judge has selected a group. If there is no challenge, the funding may come at the end of November. He suggested that the unions could still challenge it, but that he was optimistic. Nick Zilka commented that it was good news.

Anne Dailey - Said that she is working on getting ready for the Upper Basin PFT meetings. She mentioned that EPA's consultant (CH2M Hill) will be conducting sampling on the Spokane River for the Basin Environmental Monitoring Plan (BEMP). Additional BEMP sampling will be done when the water level drops in October. For the Schlepp wetland project in the Lower Basin (i.e. converting agricultural land to wetland), she indicated that the remediation was progressing well.

Nick Zilka - Mentioned that work on EMF is moving quickly. The pile driver started yesterday, and a back door road through the ICP entrance off Canyon Road was constructed for waste material to be brought in while the construction work is going on for the bridge. Zilka then gave a brief update on the Wallace Yard & Spur Line cleanup. He indicated that there will probably be no work started this year as the consent decree, statement of work, and response to comments still needs to be done. Hicks asked about the design and scope of work, and suggested that we may have missed an opportunity. Zilka answered that the document will be available for the public to look at as soon as it's completed.

Anne Dailey - Questioned Hicks about what he meant by missed opportunity.

Kenny Hicks - Replied that he thinks there may be a collaborative opportunity for the County, railroad, EPA, and City of Wallace. He realizes that EPA will need to go through the preferred alternative, but he thinks it may be possible to do a better barrier in collaboration with the County or City of Wallace. He explained that it would be similar to the Smeltonville Flats business center with more stringent R&Rs (rules and regulations). With the close proximity to the I-90 interchange, he feels that this may be a missed opportunity to get the area capped with a better barrier than soil or rock.

Jeri DeLange - Said that she is working on making arrangements for the Communications PFT meeting on September 23. (*Note: The meeting is being rescheduled in October*).

Mark Masarik - Reported that he will be holding a meeting next week on September 9 on Gene Day Pond as the Idaho Fish & Game Dept., Shoshone County and other groups support an urban fishery under the Fish & Game “*family friendly*” program. He indicated that the September 9 date conflicts with the Upper Basin PFT meeting. However, it was difficult to find a date for the initial scoping and site tour, and then have a meeting at Osburn City Hall. He also did not want to lose additional time.

Kenny Hicks - Expressed kudos on the property cleanup work this year. He pointed out that it was high quality work and that attention was paid on how it drains (i.e. such as creating channels and diversions in an organized manner to the River). He also noted that there was much better tarping of loads this summer. Hicks commented that he is looking forward to the Upper Basin PFT meeting; and alluded that he may have a good idea of where the Upper Basin repository site may be located. He stated that he is not against repositories. However, he does not want to see them in the I-90 corridor.

Anne Dailey - Reminded everyone about the Open House on the Page repository expansion on September 9 from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Kellogg High School cafeteria.

Kenny Hicks - Remarked that EPA did a good job about getting the information out on the Page expansion. He said that he is also excited about the prospect of a fishery at Gene Day Pond and pointed out that it has great access.

Jeri DeLange - Mentioned that she helped Tina Elayer (IDEQ) last week at the North Idaho Fair. Elayer set up the arrangements for IDEQ to sponsor a booth at the fair for public outreach. DeLange coordinated with Elayer and other IDEQ staff to provide some information on the BEIPC and CCC. Even though the booth was organized on short notice, DeLange feels that it was successful and would be worthwhile to do again next year for public outreach. The majority of information was about IDEQ (i.e. CDA regional issues). She thinks that the breakdown of the people who stopped by the booth for information was: IDEQ=3/4; and CDA Basin related issues=1/4 (i.e. yard program, ICP, EMF, BEIPC, CCC, etc).

Schedule: The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 9/17/09. Thank you for your participation.