

Technical Leadership Group - October 11, 2002 10:00-11:10am Teleconference Meeting Notes

Members Participating:

Bill Rust, for Shoshone County
Bob Launhardt, for Shoshone County
Clyde Sheppard, for Kootenai County
Tom Mullen, for Kootenai County
Anne Dailey, for USEPA
Angela Chung, for USEPA
John Roland, for WDOE
Phillip Cerner, for Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Jack Gunderman, for Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Rob Hanson, for IDEQ
Carl Washburn, for IDL
David Lepard, for IDWR
Scott Stokes, for IDT
David Fortier, for BLM
Mike Stevenson, for BLM
Bob Kirkpatrick, for USFS
Paul Woods, for USGS
Randy Connolly, for Spokane Tribe of Indians

Members Not Present:

Frank Frutchy, for Benewah County
Roger Hardy, for Benewah County
Nick Zilka, for IDEQ
Bryan Helmich, for IDFG
Dan Audet, for USFWS
Jim Hansen, for USFWS
Jeff Johnson, for USFS
Fred Kirschner, for Spokane Tribe of Indians
David Brown, for NRCS
Shallan Dawson, for K-S Soil Conservation District

Also Participating:

Sheila Eckman, USEPA
Luke Russell, IDEQ
Roger Helm, USFWS
Steve Hughes, URS
Anne Dettelbach, Ross & Associates

Introductions, Welcome, and Overview of Technical Leadership Group Responsibilities

After a round of Technical Leadership Group (TLG) member introductions, John Roland (Ecology) reviewed the TLG's **major responsibilities**.

- X As a group, develop **recommended 1- and 5-year Basin Commission workplans** for consideration and decision by the Basin Commission. John underscored the importance of having government representatives (i.e., the TLG) participate in this process to ensure that the Basin Commission's workplans complement other agencies' project plans and priorities. The workplans will derive from the ROD. EPA's technical contractor, URS, may be a resource to support this effort.
- **Develop "design documents" for specific heavy metal remediation projects** in the Basin. John noted that the TLG may choose to form small groups to develop such site-specific plans and documents.

NOTE: Phillip Cerner (Coeur d'Alene Tribe) clarified that the 1- and 5-year workplans may also reflect project priorities from the Lake Management Plan.

2003 Basin Commission Workplan Needs

Sheila Eckman reported that remediation work to be conducted in the Basin in the 2003 season will need to be prioritized by January to be eligible for certain EPA funds. Developing the 2003 workplan proposal will therefore need to be an immediate priority for the TLG. These federal monies have some restrictions (due, primarily, to timing issues). Future funding eligibility requirements are anticipated to be more flexible.

Core Staff Group

John Roland (Ecology) reported that a core staff group (John, Sheila Eckman (USEPA), Luke Russell (IDEQ), and Phillip Cerner (CdA Tribe)) had been tapped by the Basin Commissioners at their September 27 meeting to help establish the Basin Commission. One of this group's tasks was to develop a proposed framework under which the TLG would operate. The core staff group was also directed to develop an operating framework to be used by the Citizen Coordinating Council, which is being established concurrently to provide citizen advice to the Basin Commission. USEPA offered the services of Ross & Associates to help develop operating protocols for these two groups. Anne Dettelbach will be the primary Ross & Associates contact for this effort.

Preliminary List of Current Basin Projects

John Roland noted that an additional responsibility assigned to the core staff group is to develop a list of current related environmental projects in the Basin (that deal with heavy metal remediation and/or Lake Management Plan implementation). The TLG, CCC, and Basin Commissioners will use this information to help set remediation priorities. The list of projects will be reviewed by the Basin Commission and discussed at the TLG's first face-to-face meeting.

Anne Dailey (USEPA) explained that EPA is working with Steve Hughes at URS to develop a table to capture the relevant remediation-related project information. Anne will send the table around to TLG members to fill out (and send to others to fill out) in the next day or two. At that time, Anne will indicate where data/information should be submitted and by what date. Key data fields include:

- X Description of activity;
- X Goals/objectives of activity;
- X Agencies involved;
- X Funding sources;
- X Regulatory authority;
- X Start/interim/planned completion dates;
- X Contractor(s) used on the project.

Example projects include: residential yard remediation, treatability studies, river stabilization pilot studies, and so forth. At this time the table will be limited to remediation-related activities and will not include non-cleanup related projects. Each government agency should determine which projects to describe in the table.

[ACTION: Please help fill out the table and circulate it to others in your organization/who may be familiar with ongoing activities in the Basin](#)

Planning the First TLG Meeting

The first TLG meeting will take place in the Basin in mid-November. Anne Dettelbach is polling members for their availability the weeks of November 11 and 18 and will work with the core staff group to select the date(s). A one- or two-day meeting is being envisioned. Key agenda topics include: (1) agreement on the organizational protocols; (2) review, discuss table of ongoing activities; and (3) begin developing 2003 Basin Commission workplan. The agenda will be revised, as needed, leading up to the meeting. TLG members will receive an agenda, the table of ongoing projects, and draft organizational protocols in advance of the meeting.

Routine TLG Conference Calls—Thursdays at 8:00am

TLG members were invited to join routine conference calls that take place at 8am Pacific every Thursday. The calls provide an opportunity for participants to learn about and stay in touch with projects/activities

taking place in the Basin. Anne Dailey (USEPA) will send out an invitation and provide call-in information for these Thursday calls to all TLG members.

Following this discussion, the call adjourned.

Materials to watch for:

- (1) the (partially executed) table of ongoing projects (likely, from Anne Dailey)
- (2) the MOA document (from Anne Dettelbach)
- (3) a copy of the ROD--for those who expressed an interest (from USEPA)
- (4) *in a few weeks*, a meeting agenda and draft operating protocols (from the core staff group)