

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
October 1, 2009

Kenny Hicks (Vice-Chair)
Bill Adams
Nick Zilka

Terry Harwood
Sandra Raskell
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.

The TLG Vice-Chair, Kenny Hicks, led the call as the TLG Chair (Rebecca Stevens) was not available. He led the group into a round table discussion.

Round Table:

Kenny Hicks - Thanked Terry Harwood for the drainage control infrastructure revitalization plan (DCIRP), and noted that it was a good document. In regards to the East Mission Flats (EMF) repository, he mentioned that Mathy Stanislaus (EPA's Assistant Administrator of the Office of Solid Waste and the Environment) made a decision to move forward with the construction. EPA and IDEQ will hold an open house on October 29 about the Enhanced Monitoring Plan (EMP) for EMF.

Bill Adams - Indicated that Anne Dailey was not on the call as she was making a presentation to the Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) today in Coeur d'Alene. He inquired about the TLG agenda for the October 16 meeting.

Terry Harwood - Responded that two of the TLG agenda items include the review of the one-year and five-year work plans. Then the TLG will need to vote on recommending approval of the work plans to the BEIPC.

Bill Adams - Brought up that Neal Yancy (INL) would like to make a presentation on his findings of the Bunker Hill sediment analysis if people are interested. Adams will check with Stevens to see if there may be enough time at the TLG meeting in the morning session, or in the afternoon at the Basin Information Forum (BIF). He reminded everyone that the open house on EMF for the enhanced monitoring plan (EMP) will be October 29 at the Cataldo school house from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Then he provided an update on the Record of Decision (ROD) amendment work for the Upper Basin. They are working on priority setting for the ROD, and have reworked the road costs which they hope to get out today or tomorrow.

Jeri DeLange - Informed everyone that she rescheduled the Communications PFT meeting to October 28 from 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Idaho Parks & Rec./Fish & Game building in Coeur d'Alene.

Nick Zilka - Mentioned that work will start next week in Mullan to armor banks at two residences on the South Fork (i.e. to prevent remedial caps from being damaged). aka

Sandra Raskell - Reported that Rebecca Stevens (CDA Tribe) is out CDA Lake sampling and hopes to have it completed today. For informational purposes, she mentioned that Kootenai County (i.e. Building & Planning Dept.) previously denied Coeur d'Alene River Estates for a site disturbance permit at Medimont, and the developer is appealing the decision. The public hearing will be held on November 5, and comments are due October 6. The Army Corps of Engineers (COE) denied the permit to fill in wetland because it was denied by Kootenai County. For another developer project, Marina Yacht Club (i.e. Blackwell Island), IDEQ will be accepting comments until October 27.

Terry Harwood - Said that he has been talking to Anne McCauley (EPA) about remedy protection. CH2M Hill, IDEQ, and TerraGraphics are using the Drainage Control Infrastructure Revitalization Plan (DCIRP), especially for drainage control in these discussions. He explained that side drainage from stormwater runoff in OU-3 (in the ROD) does not include over the levee flooding in Pinehurst or Pine Creek. He noted that Ron Roizen is working as a grant writer for Shoshone County and used the report (DCIRP) for a request for Silverton drainage control to apply for a FEMA grant. Harwood is working with Idaho Homeland Security and the BEIPC, Shoshone County, and TerraGraphics with the idea to take the lead to request FEMA grants. He talked to Boise IDEQ and they have no problem with this, but he still needs to talk to Benewah and Kootenai Counties. He will keep everyone posted on this issue. The BEIPC does have authority to be a flood control district (i.e. according to Idaho Statute).

Harwood said that he sent the draft BEIPC work plans out to the TLG and would appreciate comments back as soon as possible. He also provided an update on the EMF repository construction and indicated that Mathy Stanislaus (EPA) gave the go ahead to fill EMF. They will be setting beams on the bridge about the second week in October. Currently, they are in the process of rip rapping the slopes of the off-ramp access to the freeway. In order to meet waste storage requirements, they are clearing the footprint for Phase III because stimulus funding has accelerated the hauling into the Big Creek repository. There are many cubic yards of waste being generated. Harwood indicated that Dan Meyer (IDEQ) sent out work plan sections talking about 700 remaining properties to finish sampling. It looks like there may only be about 10,000 cubic yards of capacity at Big Creek remaining if they are not able to develop EMF. Harwood noted that Andy Mork (IDEQ) received several recommendations from the public about planning the rest of future repositories, rather than one repository at a time.

Kenny Hicks - Brought up that there may be better locations and ideas such as in-situ (disposal in vicinity). He proposed looking at a few sites such as those suggested by Bill Rust to see if they may or may not work.

Bill Adams - Said that he thinks it's a good idea and he appreciates the suggestion.

TLG Discussion - Members on the call discussed other various issues related to this topic. Before ending the call, Hicks reminded everyone about the TLG/BIF meeting on October 15 and indicated that there will be no TLG call on October 14.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 10/29/09.

Thank you for your participation.