

**TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**November 12, 2009**

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)  
Sandra Raskell  
Anne Dailey

Terry Harwood  
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 Chair, Rebecca Stevens, brought up the issue of consultants making technical presentations at TLG meetings, and suggested that it could be discussed on a future TLG call. She will send an email to notify the TLG when the issue will be discussed.

**Round Table:**

**Anne Dailey** - Said that she talked with the USGS about water quality monitoring. They will be putting in a new monitoring station at Silverton. Dailey reminded everyone about the next ROD amendment meetings on December 8 and 9 in the Shoshone Room at Silver Mountain. (*Editor's Note: The second day meeting on December 9 was later cancelled*). The topics to be discussed include:

- Recap of the predictive analysis and simplified tool;
- Road costs adjustments;
- Woodland Park alternatives;
- OU2 alternatives;
- Eco-tool setting (i.e. bucketing straw proposals); and
- Remedy protection.

She indicated that EPA is moving forward on a focused feasibility study (FFS) and will make it available for people to review. The draft document should be available beginning February 1-19. She suggested that it could also be posted on the FTP site if people are interested in looking at the document. To help facilitate review, EPA is also planning on sharing the draft FFS with the Upper Basin PFT members on CD. Dailey asked if people were comfortable with this.

**Terry Harwood** - Suggested to Dailey that CDs may be better than making paper copies, especially as some people may not have high speed internet service. Dailey said that she will have a sign-up sheet at the BEIPC meeting for people wanting CDs.

**Anne Dailey** - Noted that EPA is working hard to get everything together for the ROD amendment as it's an aggressive schedule. She asked people to contact her if they had any questions. Dailey also mentioned that she talked to the Audubon Society in Kootenai County and they were quite interested in the ROD amendment.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Commented that she is glad that Dailey goes to various community meetings

to present information, and indicated that she and Glen Rothrock (IDEQ) made a presentation to the League of Women Voters on the CDA Lake Management Plan. She then provided an update on the Lower Basin PFT and Gene Day Pond – Mark Masarik (EPA) and Bryan Helmich (IDFG) have been working on plans to develop Gene Day Pond in Osburn into an urban fishery. The US Army Corps of Engineers Real Estate office has completed a preliminary property evaluation and there is enough non-federal ownership to allow the EPA to move forward on this project.

**Sandra Raskell** - Nothing to report.

**Jeri DeLange** - Mentioned that she will be scheduling the next Communications PFT conference call in January 2010, and a meeting sometime in February (before the BEIPC meeting).

**Terry Harwood** - Informed everyone that he will be sending out the requests for information for the annual accomplishment report. He stressed the importance of the report as it goes to Congress and other federal and state agency staff. Harwood said that he talked to Dan Meyer who indicated that they are not hauling any more waste up to Big Creek Repository (BCR) this year. The stormwater retention pond at BCR contained over 200,000 gallons of contaminated water and it was taken to the Central Treatment Plant for treatment and disposal. He reported that East Mission Flats (EMF) has received one and a half inches of rain in the last week, but that he has it set up for proper drainage. However, he did not get the bridge approach paved this year; and he still has not resolved the arrangements for the monitoring wells. He will talk about this issue with all the people involved this afternoon. Harwood also noted that: 1) there will be a repository operations meeting on November 20 between IDEQ, the BEIPC Executive Director, and the contractors; 2) the University of Idaho's cultural people are putting together a report on EMF; and 3) the BEIPC will vote on the issue of flood control at the November 19 BEIPC meeting at the Gonzaga Law School.

**Anne Dailey** - Inquired if any people at Gonzaga (i.e. who may have concerns about EMF) will be at the meeting.

**Terry Harwood** - Replied that Gonzaga students take a pilgrimage to the Cataldo Mission every September from the Snake Pit down the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. This year, there were about 400 students and Harwood worked out arrangements for the students to walk through the EMF construction site. However, he will have to figure out a different way next year because they will not be able to climb up the road slope at Exit 39 as they have done in the past. He suggested that maybe they could walk across the new bridge.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Asked whether they are trying to put some trail infrastructure in.

**Terry Harwood** - Responded that the students will have an extra 4 miles to go around the repository site if they can not pass through the area. He talked to Rob Hanson (IDEQ) about the possibility of a trail through the site, and brought up other issues that may be dangerous such as traffic going across the bridge when the students are trying to cross.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Said that the Natural Resource Trustees will be providing a report on restoration activities in the CDA Basin at the next BEIPC meeting. They will have color copies for the Commissioners and black/white copies for others.

**Other Discussion:**

Stevens commented that she was saddened to hear about John Snider and made a suggestion about doing a moment of silence at the BEIPC meeting. TLG members also discussed other suggestions such as making an announcement to acknowledge his service to the BEIPC. Harwood indicated that he sent comments about John to his family. Stevens will have a card at the BEIPC meeting for people to sign. *(Editor's Note: John Snider was a TLG representative for Kootenai County for several years and was also the former Chair of the CCC-Citizens Coordinating Council from its inception to April 2009. He was recognized earlier in the year for all of his years of service to the CCC and the Basin Commission).*

Harwood mentioned that Kootenai County is looking for a new representative to replace John. If people know of someone who lives on the Lake or along the River with technical knowledge, let him know. Harwood also informed everyone that Jay Manning (BEIPC Commissioner for the State of Washington) is no longer with the Dept. of Ecology. He suggested that the State of Washington maybe will have a new person. He asked Dailey if there was a new EPA Region 10 administrator yet. Dailey answered no and indicated that Michelle Pirzadeh will be coming for the BEIPC meeting.

**Terry Harwood** - Will be out at EMF later today to tackify the area and get ready for the tour tomorrow. The tour begins at 11:00 a.m. and everyone is welcome. He indicated that Andy Mork (IDEQ), Don Vernon (TerraGraphics), and maybe Ed Moreen (EPA) will be on site for the tour.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Suggested that she would like to get Dan Meyer (IDEQ) on the TLG call after the holidays. Harwood pointed out that Meyer will have good numbers for the yard program (i.e. volume, etc.). Stevens will coordinate the TLG call with Meyer and it will be on how they prioritized the cleanup work with the additional stimulus funding.

**Schedule:** There will be no call on November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 12/10/09.

Thank you for your participation.