

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
November 4, 2010

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Sandra Raskell (Note Taker)
Jeri DeLange
Denna Grangaard

Randy Connolly
Dave George
Bill Adams
Terry Harwood

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

Round Table:

Jeri DeLange – Had to leave early, and asked the Tribe to take meeting notes. Jeri talked about the recent CCC meeting and Communications PFT meeting. The Communications PFT will finalize the CCC survey questionnaire for final review by the CCC Chair and Vice-Chair. At the CCC meeting on October 27th, Vera Williams presented a mini-workshop (on behalf of the CCC and Communications PFT) on public comment and how to provide constructive comments during public comment periods. Board packets were mailed on November 3rd for the Basin Commission meeting to be held on November 17th.

Rebecca Stevens – Asked how many CCC members were at the meeting and if there had been any new members. Jeri said there were 3 citizens and no new members. Rebecca suggested talking to different groups and making presentations about the CCC to encourage attendance. Groups she recommended were the Lands Council and Kootenai Environmental Alliance.

Jeri DeLange – Said that Stevens made a good point, and she would look into it.

Denna Grangaard – This was Denna's first TLG call. The past week was Lead (Pb) Awareness Week and the ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) offered different posters on this topic to hand out to different groups. The posters included information on health effects for pregnant women and children from lead contamination. Volunteers in Kootenai County distributed posters to local physician offices, WIC offices, etc. Grangaard distributed posters in Shoshone County at similar places. There is an article in Health Matters discussing different issues related to lead. This can be found on the IDEQ website.

Rebecca Stevens – Will forward Grangaard a contact to call to answer questions about lead contamination and poisoning.

Randy Connolly – Will be presenting at the Lake Roosevelt meeting about the Midnight Mine.

Dave George – Nothing to report.

Bill Adams – Comments are coming in for the proposed plan for the ROD Amendment. November 23rd is the comment deadline. EPA is still waiting for key commenters such as County Commissioners, Hecla, etc. Each comment is scanned and placed in a database. There will be individual responses as well as group responses. An Upper Basin PFT meeting will be held December 7th to go through the proposed project list and comments received. EPA is reviewing the Hecla 10 year plan. Comments for the Adaptive Management Plan are due Wed (11/10), however the date is flexible.

Terry Harwood – Terry is in the process of soliciting input and comments on the 2010 BEIPC Accomplishment Report. Feedback is due back to him by December 9th. The final report will be presented at the February Basin Commission meeting. For the Basin Commission meeting on November 17th, there will be an Executive Session during lunch to discuss personnel issues. At the February Basin Commission meeting, there will be some changes to Kootenai County representatives for the Commissioner and Alternate positions (as they will be replaced due to election results). Harwood will be making a presentation about the BEIPC at the November 19th Panhandle Pachyderm meeting.

There was some discussion among the TLG regarding the levee system and potential for flooding in the Silver Valley. A meeting was held recently to discuss flood issues. Governor Otter will send a letter to federal agency regional administrators requesting a meeting with ACOE, NOAA, EPA, FEMA, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security and other agencies.

Rebecca Stevens – Asked if any Shoshone County representatives will change due to election results?

Terry Harwood – No, they will stay the same. Harwood will be presenting to new Shoshone and Kootenai County Commissioners to explain clean-up issues. Harwood is approaching citizens and groups and asking them to be more specific in the comments they provide to EPA on the Proposed Plan. Rebecca inquired about Benewah County not participating as much anymore (at the TLG level). Terry said that he will follow-up with Benewah County.

Rebecca Stevens – Has heard concerns from Silver Valley communities in the fact that they would like to participate more, however there are funding restraints to provide staff to be involved in the clean-up issues. More advertisement may be needed in order to draw these groups to become involved.

Terry Harwood – Agrees people should be more involved. It depends on funding for advertising as well as ensuring all meeting guidelines are met.

Rebecca Stevens – Reminded everyone that the next Basin Commission meeting will be held on November 17th at Centennial Distributing in Hayden, ID.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 12/2/10.