

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
May 17, 2007

Participants:

Mike Beckwith (Vice Chair)
Rob Spafford
Kenny Hicks
Lloyd Brewer
Rog Hardy
Randy Connolly
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.

Before the conference call began, the TLG Chair, Mike Beckwith, suggested that the TLG membership roster be updated. He recommended that the TLG members be listed as the primary participants and that any other interested parties are copied with the information. Jeri DeLange said that she would send an email out to everyone after the upcoming BEIPC meeting on May 23 and then allow people a few weeks to respond before she updated the list.

As there were no agenda items, Beckwith suggested going into a round table discussion.

Round Table:

Beckwith: Reported that the Tribe and State met yesterday on the first substantive meeting for the LMP. He said that the mediator will formulate an outline of key elements of the potential LMP based on previous drafts and his Phase I assessment. A first step will be formulation of a statement on lake water quality status and potential trends based on results of the recent lake studies and predictive model development efforts.

Beckwith indicated that sampling for Lake monitoring should begin around the third week in June with the State conducting the sampling in the northern portion of the Lake and the Tribe in the southern end including a site in the lower St. Joe River. Beckwith noted that while EPA will pay for metals and chlorophyll analyses by its lab in Washington, the Tribe and State will be paying for the nutrient and phytoplankton analyses to be performed by local labs, and for side-by-side chlorophyll analyses to be performed by the USGS lab as a means of ensuring past, present and future data comparability.

Rog Hardy inquired if Michael Harty was participating in the process as the mediator for the LMP and Beckwith replied that he was. Hardy said that he assumed the mediator would take notes and do a write-up. Beckwith responded that the mediator had prepared a schedule of the monthly meetings and that he believed that everyone knows where they need to go. Hardy commented that he liked actually doing something and asked about the process of the plan and

funding. Beckwith brought up the need to work in parallel processes now that everything is starting to move forward and that the consensus is that it be transparent by the reports generated through the process.

Hicks: Thanked Beckwith for the LMP update and indicated that it was one of the questions he wanted to inquire about. He pointed out that he had heard more today than in the last three months and that he was encouraged by what he had heard about the LMP moving forward. He also mentioned that cleanup work in the Silver Valley was in full force. Randy Connolly asked Hicks if yards were being done again. Hicks replied that they were, but that the recent rain had slowed things down a little. He pointed out that overall, there would be less yards remediated this year than what was done last season.

Brewer: Reported that there would be a WCAC meeting on May 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spokane Valley Hospital outpatient wing. He mentioned that there would be three speakers making presentations on: 1) Vulnerability of the Spokane Aquifer to Contamination by Guy Gregory of the WA Dept. of Ecology; 2) Our Drinking Water – Its Quality and the Monitoring Data by Bill Rickard, Environmental Analyst for the City of Spokane; and 3) Spokane River Cleanup Projects for Summer 2007 by Zach Hedgpath, WA Dept. of Ecology. Brewer said that he sent an email to everyone with the meeting information.

Other Discussion: TLG members discussed various aquifer issues including the results of the recent USGS aquifer study. This included the: amount of water moving in it; physical depths; defined boundaries; total recharge; recharge areas; monitoring; contamination; precipitation; and lower summer levels.

Hardy: Nothing to report.

Connolly: Mentioned that he would be meeting with the WA Dept. of Health (WADOH) on advisories for Lake Roosevelt and the Spokane River as WADOH has funding from the ASTDR to provide advisories for the lower Spokane River as well as other parts of Lake Roosevelt. Hicks asked how the advisories would be developed; whether they would use existing data or take new samples. Connolly replied that he believed the advisories would be developed with new samples and that there would be a meeting with the Spokane and Colville Tribes on how to do the advisories.

Beckwith: Asked the TLG to contact him if anything needed to be brought up. Otherwise, he planned to continue the conference calls every other week.

Hicks: Indicated that he may not be able to participate on the May 31 conference call.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 5/31/07.

Thank you for your participation.