

TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP GROUP (TLG) CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
October 3, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.

Terry Harwood, BEIPC - Host
Rebecca Stevens, CDA Tribe
Sandra Raskell, CDA Tribe (TLG Chair)
Dana Swift, IDEQ, Boise
Laura Laumatia, LMP
Jamie Brunner, IDEQ, Coeur d'Alene (TLG Vice-Chair)
Sandra Trecanni, Washington ECY
Glory Carlile, BEIPC (note taker)

Terry announced that there is not representation from Shoshone County for the TLG because Bill Rust resigned about a month ago. He talked to a County Commissioner about getting someone to take his place.

(These summary notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.)

Round Table:

Rebecca Stevens - Reported on the Restoration Program scoping period that that ended on the 27th of August. They are compiling all the comments and plan to have the Public Scoping Report go out in another week or so and it will be posted on the website. She commented that public scoping is exciting. Plans for the Basin Information Forum (BIF) will be wide open to topics and not just Superfund related. It will probably be in January. The Tribe is doing a predator study on CDA Lake.

Laura Laumatia – The biggest focus in terms of outreach is developing the Lake Management Plan (LMP) website to be ready to go “live” hopefully by the end of October. They are also currently in the planning stages of 2014 for the LMP.

Jamie Brunner – Announced that LMP hired a new limnologist, Craig Cooper.

Dana Swift – no report

Terry Harwood – Introduced Glory, his new assistant. She already is helping him to put together an updated PowerPoint presentation for the STEM expo. Trying to get students interested in science etc.

He described some of his past experience and the current situation since the Federal agencies are out and therefore are not allowed to do anything at all. Fortunately for the project work in the Superfund site, settlement dollars are being used, so they are able to continue working in the Basin.

Rebecca commented that not all of our federal colleagues are furloughed; some positions are actually using settlement dollars. There also are some federal funds that are not closed off and are still being used for reimbursements for example.

Harwood also announced that Shoshone County representative to the TLG, Bill Rust, resigned but believes Rust will still be involved with the CCC. They are trying to figure out if there are still funds from a time ago that could be used that were appropriated for the TLG County representation by the Idaho Legislature. Harwood then reported that Paved Roads Program has cleaned up, improved and paved over 42,000 linear feet of streets and roads in the Basin and the Box. Terry proposed using Public Works type contracts that required competitive bidding resulting in 40 to 50 % less costs than the engineer estimate. Thus, we are

able to do more work with the potential to maybe do all the paved roads and streets on the list. He commented that 12,000 linear feet in gravel roads being capped that will come out of the Special Accounts (SA). The CDA Work Trust pays for the paved roads in the Basin and the SA is in the Box.

Harwood provided updates on current remedy protection projects:

- Completed all the work in Wardner. (Sierra Nevada)
- In the process of replacing the big culvert through the main road in Smeltonville. (Grouse Creek)
- Drainage projects in Mullan are completed. (Dewey and 3rd St.) They are using the streets as the drainage system. Tremendous amount of work is going on. The Trust has a lot of work going on in East Fork Nine Mile.
- Harwood has the Basin 5 year plan done in draft form. Just waiting on some more input for the 2014 work plan.

Sandra Trecanni shared that she is the new Mine Waste Coordinator for the Washington State Department of Ecology and wanted to let TLG know that it will be a full time position on a permanent basis.

Glory Carlile - Expressed her appreciation on how welcome she has felt at the office and from everyone who she has been introduced to via phone and e-mail as well as in person. She is excited about working at the Basin Commission and learning new things.

No other updates.

Announcements:

October 17, 2013 will be the next face to face with TLG at the CDA Water Treatment plant from 10 a.m. until approximately 3 p.m.

Any agenda items should be e-mailed to Sandra Raskell with amount of time requested. Harwood provided the information that it will take some time to review the BEIPC 5 year and 2014 work plan and would like to explain what has been done this year so that questions can be asked there instead of the BEIPC public meeting.

CCC meeting on Oct. 17 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the CDA Police Department on Schreiber Way.

Harwood commented that if we do not have Federal government working by November 20 BEIPC meeting, then November Basin Commission meeting may need to be cancelled. We will have the blood lead screening results to report at that meeting. He confirmed that we will have the TLG and CCC meetings.

Schedule: The next TLG call is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 8 a.m.