

TLG Conference Call Summary
Technical Leadership Group (TLG) Meeting
November 7, 2013

Attendees:

Randy Connelly, Spokane Tribe
Bill Adams, EPA
Ed Moreen, EPA
Jamie Brunner, IDEQ (TLG Vice-Chair)
Denna Grangaard, IDEQ
Sandy Treccani, WA Dept. of Ecology
Rebecca Stevens, CDA Tribe
Sandra Raskell, CDA Tribe (TLG Chair)
Craig Cooper, IDEQ
Dana Swift, IDEQ
Glory Carlile, BEIPC (note taker)

(Glory provided the information that Terry Harwood was out of town in Plummer on BEIPC business and unable to participate on this conference call.)

Round Table:

Randy Connelly – Nothing to report

Glory Carlile – Reported that she is getting ready for the BEIPC quarterly meeting on November 20th and has already sent out the meeting packets.

Sandy Treccani – Nothing to report

Jamie Brunner – Reported that she was out of the office and unable to review the work plans.

Sandra Raskell – Announced that she will not be at the BEIPC meeting on November 20th. On behalf of the TLG, Jamie Brunner will plan on co-presenting the 1 and 5 year work plans with Terry Harwood.

Craig Cooper – Shared that he was concerned with the amount of time given to review the work plan documents. He wondered if there was a more streamlined approach. He also wondered if they knew if the upstream activities were presenting improvements downstream, especially in the CDA Lake.

Rebecca Stevens explained that normally in the past there has been review of the plans in plenty of time before the meeting. However, because of the government furlough the hiccup was that the review of the drafts of the work plans did not go out in advance for enough time for TLG to review before the meeting. She also suggested Craig, Jamie, Tribe and EPA meet to go over some Basin background. Craig said that he thought that would be helpful as he is getting up to speed.

Bill Adams - Reported the Waste Consolidation Area (WCA) construction is completed for FY13 work and was shut down and buttoned up for the winter. The WCA will be able to receive Interstate-Callahan (I-C) waste next year (2014). These projects are mostly human health based activities and probably will not change water quality significantly.

There is a property remediation project still being worked on in Shields Gulch for a couple of more weeks but most of the remedy projects are shut down – either completed or being wrapped up. He is working on preparing for the Basin Commission meeting on the 20th. He is also in the process of work planning for the Trust and budgets for Page and property remediation projects for next year.

Dana Swift – Nothing to report

Rebecca Stevens – After she thanked Glory for putting the BEIPC meeting packets together, Rebecca noted that the government furlough also affected the Restoration Partnership because 2 co-trustees were out at that time. They are really getting into writing the restoration plan after the scoping process. They received about 240 comments garnered through the public workshops and from the website Caj Matheson has developed to get the word out. She commented that there was overall pretty good input. Geographically speaking they heard a lot of comments wanting restoration in the Lower Coeur d'Alene Basin. The preliminary scoping report can be downloaded from the web site.

Ed Moreen – Reported that the Central Treatment Plant (CTP) and ground water systems design is moving forward. They have received 30% design document last week and it is on schedule and moving forward.

He also reported on the Lower Basin sediment coring - they did additional investigation through vibracoring of the riverbed. Collected 315 samples many of which were field screened for metals using the XRF and some were sent to the lab for analysis. They will present the findings of the data collection in 2014 and there will be more updates in the new year.

Sandra Raskell – Reported on the St. Maries Creosote work. They are hoping to start construction in May or June of next year. They are currently reviewing the 30% design. The Tribe is working on a wetlands program plan.

Sandy Treccani asked what is the program called and being used for. Sandra replied that the plan is to inventory all wetlands within the exterior boundary of the reservation and identify future potential restoration projects.

Rebecca asked about the Citizens Coordinating Council (CCC) meeting attendance at the Oct. 17, 2013 meeting. Ed Moreen reported that he attended and there were only a few TLG representatives that were there. Since Jerry Boyd was ill, Terry Harwood was there to facilitate the meeting. Denna Grangaard also was there.

She asked if Julie Dalsaso was there with a letter. Ed replied that Julie showed up as they were going out the door, one half hour after the meeting time was scheduled to begin. Denna e-mailed the letter to Jerry Boyd and Terry Harwood the next day.

Sandra Raskell suggests that Jamie check with Terry Harwood for more information on presenting the 1 and 5 year work plans prior to the Basin Commission meeting.