

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
July 01, 2004

Participants:

Rob Hanson
Phillip Cernera
Dave Stromberg

Jeff Johnson
Rob Spafford
Rusty Sheppard

Bill Rust
Ed Moreen
Rogers Hardy

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:

July Meeting. The intent is to complete a 5-Year Plan by August 8 for the August 18 Basin Commission meeting. Cernera will provide a “straw man” draft by July 22 for the TLG meeting. He will look to EPA to provide details on their Superfund work, and to Rob Hanson and Mark Stromberg for details on CWA work. At the meeting, Cernera will talk about the CWA 04 project proposals he will receive by July 15. The group will be asked to discuss how to deal with any projects that fail to meet the guidelines in the guidance distributed this spring. He will try to provide an updated CWA project table. Cernera will distribute a draft agenda for the July 22 meeting by July 8.

Round Table:

Phillip Cernera for Paul Woods: River and Lake sampling over the last two weeks went well. 3-D modeling of the Lake is going well. He is working on a proposal with Rog Hardy. The sponsor of that project has not been determined, but may be Benewah County, the USGS, or the Coeur d’Alene Tribe.

Rob Hanson: The CWA funds (CWA 03) are not in hand, but he does have “pre-approval”: spending can begin.

Dave Sternberg. Nothing.

Jeff Johnson: Nothing.

Rusty Sheppard: The May Spokane River data are in. Condition of the river is excellent. He will try to distribute the data (IDEQ has it). Zn corresponded well with what Paul Woods has been reporting in the Lake. Cernera noted chlorophyll-a is increasing and Zn still exceeds Aquatic Life Criteria.

Bill Rust: Nothing.

Ed Moreen: Nothing.

Rog Hardy: Rog asked the term of the grant the Coeur d’Alene Tribe is receiving from EPA. He is asking because he is working to renew the counties’ grant. Cernera offered to help the

counties with a discussion of the application/reapplication process. There was a brief discussion of a recent Coeur d'Alene Press editorial about the LMP and Senator Crapo's visit to Coeur d'Alene on the same issue. Rog asked about Steve Allred's status. He is retired, but continues on the Basin Commission at Governor Kempthorne's pleasure. Rog asked about the Tribe's application for TAS. Cernera responded that the "Partial" approval being requested is for the Tribe's "Supreme Court waters". Rog asked about the status of the Tribe's IRMP. Cernera suggested Rog call Tiffany Allgood for the latest information.

Thank you for your participation.