

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

May 6, 2004

Participants:

Nick Zilka	Bill Kirschner	Jeff Johnson
Paul Woods	John Roland	David Fortier
Bill Adams	Phillip Cernera	Ed Moreen
Rusty Sheppard	Rob Spafford	Randy Connolly
Anne Dailey	Bill Rust	
Jim Hansen	John Perfect	

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:

Discussion of Strawman RFP:

Cernera opened the discussion by stating that the desire is to get the RFP “out the door” by June 10. Information should go to the Basin Commission, hopefully in the form of a draft for the Commission’s review, at its meeting next week.

Bill Adams questioned the 10 page limit. His reasoning was that a proposal should provide enough detail to demonstrate that it is well thought out. Some suggested that for a proposal where there is a great deal of detail (a sampling and analysis plan was an example) the proposal should describe the proponent’s approach to developing that detail. This could be accomplished within a 10 page document. There was not agreement to relax or remove the proposed limit of 10 pages.

There was discussion about the evaluation criterion that is “Consistency with the ROD”. This included discussion of the constraint that “Clean Water Act Grant funds cannot be used to implement work identified in the ROD.” After discussion, it was agreed it is appropriate to seek EPA (as the grantor) clarification on these related issues. Bill Adams will help coordinate EPA grant staff review and clarification.

Rusty Sheppard asked if the RFP will go to the CCC. It was noted that both John Snider and Anne Dettlebach were copied on the distribution of the strawman. Sheppard was concerned about the distribution of the request itself, that the CCC be given an opportunity to respond with project proposals. John Snider, according to Sheppard, feels like he does not have a mechanism to advance projects. A number of participants discussed their view that the county TLG representatives are the mechanism. IDEQ has partnered with entities to act as the fiscal agent in the past, providing that part of the mechanism. Cernera will call John Snider to hear his concerns and discuss the process.

Round Table:

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Nick Zilka: Nick noted that IDEQ will likely continue in its role as fiscal agent for the Basin Projects in reference to the discussion above.

A Bank Stabilization PFT meeting is scheduled for May 13, from 8:30 to 12:00 at the Fish and Game Building in Coeur d'Alene. Nick plans to lay out conceptual designs. He has heard from a number of agency people that they plan to attend.

Paul Woods: Sampling this week captured what appeared to be the last of the snowmelt runoff. He will be sampling the Lake again in two weeks. In the meantime, he is preparing for the Basin Commission meeting.

Bill Adams: He will send Cernera summaries of activities for the Mine and Mill Site PFT, and for the Water Treatment PFT.

Rusty Sheppard: Avista is raising the Lake level. It should be at summer level in four weeks.

John Roland: Nothing.

Bill Rust: Bill asked about the information from the Box Water Quality group that last week's notes said was "coming soon". Nick Zilka responded that it will, indeed, be coming very soon. There was discussion recalling the TLG's interest in meeting with the Box WQ group before forming a new PFT for Box issues.

John Perfect: Nothing.

Ed Moreen: Ed asked for and received clarification that those PFT leads who are present at the Commission meeting May 12 will make short presentations, and Phillip Cernera will present updates from PFT leads who cannot be there.

Randy Connolly: Nothing. [Please note that Randy's name was omitted from the participant list at the top of the notes from the April 22 and April 29 PFT calls. Randy was in fact on those calls.]

Anne Dailey: EPA's Public Information Officer is going to make a determination Monday as to whether to proceed with a media event at the East-of-Rose Lake and Highway 3 recreation sites. The event is quite likely to happen, but the final decision will not be made until Monday.

Thank you for your participation.