

**TLG MEETING MINUTES**  
Technical Leadership Group (TLG) Meeting  
January 16, 2013, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Templin's Resort, 414 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Post Falls, ID

**Attendees:**

Rebecca Stevens, CDA Tribe (TLG Chair)	Sergio Pierluissi, Fish & Wildlife Service
Mike Stevenson, BLM (TLG Vice-Chair)	Bill Rust, Shoshone County TLG Rep.
Dave George, WA Dept. of Ecology	Bruce Schuld, IDEQ
Terry Harwood, BEIPC	Rene Gilbert, EPA
Bill Adams, EPA	Randy Connolly, Spokane Tribe
Rusty Sheppard, Kootenai County TLG Rep.	Sandra Raskell, CDA Tribe
Dave Leptich, ID Fish & Game	Jerry Boyd, CCC
Ed Moreen, EPA	Denna Grangaard, IDEQ
Jeff Johnson, BLM	Jeri DeLange, BEIPC (Note-Taker)
Bob Flagor, KSSWCD	

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.

**Call to Order/Introductions:** The TLG Chair, Rebecca Stevens, called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Approval of Draft TLG Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2012:** A motion was made by Bill Rust to approve the draft minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Sandra Raskell; and was unanimously approved.

**BEIPC Executive Director Update:** Terry Harwood indicated that: 1) he has been working on the annual accomplishment report for 2012. The draft will be presented later in the meeting; 2) the EPA and State have asked him to help with engineering remedy protection projects in the Upper Basin from flooding and stormwater runoff. He is working with Anne McCauley (EPA) on Basin and Box projects; 3) the State of Idaho will be using a public works contracting process for remedy protection projects. For projects in the Box, the State will be doing the work; and the Trust will be doing projects in the Basin; 4) they will also need to get environmental covenants from the property owners which allow the Trust or State to build and EPA to be on the property; and 5) the local jurisdictions will need to take over O & M after the projects are completed.

Stevens asked if an environmental covenant would go with the title of land if a landowner sold the property. Harwood replied that it would, so the new property owner would be required to comply. Then he provided information on the status of remedy protection projects for Grouse Creek (Smeltonville), Meyer Creek (Osburn), 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Mullan), Jackass Creek (Kellogg), and Little Pine Creek (Pinehurst). Regarding the unpaved roads program, a pilot project was done last year to remediate five segments of contaminated gravel and dirt roads with clean material. This year, Harwood will be meeting with the consultants to finalize the list of unpaved road segments to be completed in 2013 and future years if necessary.

For the paved roads program, a Roads Board has been established consisting of Craig Cameron (EPA), Bruce Schuld (IDEQ) and Jon Harwood (Road Surface Remediation Manager for IDEQ). To be eligible for the program, roads must be contaminated underneath and have 10 years or less of pavement life. Each road jurisdiction will have a set amount of funds for the project work with a 10% allocation for engineering. Bruce Schuld is planning a Roads Workshop on February 5th in Kellogg to provide information about the program to the local jurisdictions, elected officials and community members. They are encouraging people to work together to save costs on projects.

For the February 20<sup>th</sup> BEIPC meeting, Harwood informed everyone that election of BEIPC officers will be held. There will be two new representatives from Shoshone County on the Basin Commission, but he has not received a letter from the Governor's office yet on who will be designated. He also indicated that he will be out of the office from March 16th to April 8th.

**Remedial Action Implementation Plan Update:** Bill Adams (EPA) provided an update on the Superfund Cleanup Implementation Plan (SCIP). This is a 10-year plan that will guide the cleanup work. EPA put the draft plan out for public input for 30 days, but only received several comments. Some of the comments pertained to having public involvement earlier (rather than later) and often. Others wanted to see different aspects such as modeling.

Adams mentioned that the cleanup projects have already been identified in the ROD Amendment. Now they can get input on timing, how an action is conducted and whether it's a priority or not. There will also be another level of local input for affected property owners to provide them with information such as dust and noise, access to driveways, etc. Because EPA's funding sources are limited, they want to make sure they receive added value when they do various projects and public involvement. They are still working through this for the best balance to make sure it's efficient. For the Lower Basin, they are committed to doing work to address human health concerns. Adams suggested that maybe in the BEIPC process (i.e. meetings), there may be a method for the public to help prioritize some of this work.

***Major cleanup work in 2013 will include:***

- *Remedy protection design and construction*
- *Property remediation – sampling, construction, etc.*
- *Roads remediation work in Box and Basin*
- *Repository operations/closure, design of LBCR and Page expansion*
- *Design of water collection in Box*
- *Design of Central Treatment Plant (CTP) upgrades*
- *Data collection/identification of pilot projects in Lower Basin*
- *Ongoing project specific and basin monitoring*
- *Final design for Interstate Callahan and Ninemile Waste Consolidation Area (WCA)*
- *Construction of Ninemile WCA*
- *Lower Burke Canyon repository design/construction*
- *Supporting activities*

This spring, EPA will also be conducting another session of job training in the Silver Valley as they did last year through EPA's Job Training Initiative.

**Medimont Bank Stabilization Project on CDA River Update:** Bob Flagor of the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District (KSSWCD) gave a presentation on the Medimont bank stabilization project on the CDA River. After reporting the results, he commented that the project finished ahead of schedule and under budget. TLG members then discussed various issues related to CDA River bank stabilization and erosion.

## **Break**

**Spokane River Beach Cleanup Update:** Dave George (WA Dept. of Ecology) provided an update on cleanup actions completed along the Spokane River in 2012. The State of Washington led and funded the work as part of the OU-3 Basin cleanup in coordination with EPA. Remedial work included removal/capping, riparian plantings, enhanced aesthetics, and public access controls to guide the public and ensure that the gravel capping did not get damaged. The four recreational sites that were remediated are Myrtle Point (Plantes Ferry Park), Islands Lagoon (Centennial Bridge), Flora Road and Barker Road North.

**Lower Basin Update:** Ed Moreen (EPA) made a presentation on Lower Basin activities. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, there was a Lower Basin Project Focus Team (PFT) meeting to provide information about the sampling results collected so far on the CDA River. *(Note: For anyone interested, information from the meeting is available on CD upon request).* He said that EPA is continuing efforts on data collection to fill key gaps for development of the sediment transport model. Moreen also provided information on the Central Impoundment Area (CIA) groundwater collection design. Design activities are planned early in 2013 (i.e. this quarter).

**Discussion on Potential Public Service Announcement (PSA) for Lower Basin Recreation:** Denna Grangaard (IDEQ) provided information on a potential PSA opportunity about Lower Basin recreation and how to reduce health risks from recreational activities at sites where there may be possible exposure to lead contamination. She asked the TLG for feedback on what the message should be and email ideas to her at: [denna.grangaard@deq.idaho.gov](mailto:denna.grangaard@deq.idaho.gov)

**2012 BEIPC Annual Accomplishment Report:** Terry Harwood made a presentation to the TLG on the draft 2012 annual accomplishment report for the BEIPC. He indicated that the draft will be presented to the Basin Commissioners at the February 20<sup>th</sup> BEIPC meeting. Upon their approval, the document will be published and posted to the BEIPC's website.

**Upcoming Announcements:** The next TLG meeting will be scheduled in April. There will need to be an election for TLG officers.

**Adjourn:** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.