

TLG Meeting Minutes
Technical Leadership Group Meeting
October 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centennial Distributing (Conference Room)
701 Buckle Avenue, Hayden, ID

Attendees:

Rebecca Stevens (CDA Tribe, TLG Chair)	Bill Adams (EPA)
Brian Spears (USFWS)	Randy Connolly (Spokane Tribe)
Glen Rothrock (IDEQ)	Sandra Raskell (CDA Tribe)
Jamie Davis (CDA Tribe)	Mark Addy (NRCS)
Nick Zilka (IDEQ)	David Fortier (BLM)
Terry Harwood (BEIPC)	Phillip Cerner (CDA Tribe)
Vera Williams (Citizen)	Anne Dailey (EPA)
W.C. Rust (Shoshone County TLG)	Ed Moreen (EPA)
Rusty Sheppard (Kootenai County TLG)	Jeri DeLange (BEIPC, Note-Taker)

Call to Order/Introductions: The TLG Chair, Ms. Rebecca Stevens (CDA Tribe) welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Changes to Agenda: Ms. Stevens suggested some changes to the agenda as one of the presenters was not available to make their presentation.

Approval of TLG Minutes for July 22, 2009: Mr. David Fortier (BLM) made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Sandra Raskell (CDA Tribe) seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

CWA Financial Report Update: Mr. Terry Harwood (BEIPC) gave an update on the CWA financial report. He mentioned that the second year grant closed on June 30, 2009. The extra project for the CDA River bank erosion evaluation was completed and the final report will be presented at the November BEIPC meeting. The South Fork sewer toxicity project still has about \$28,000 in remaining funding; and there is about \$23,000 left for the Plummer Creek watershed project. Mr. Nick Zilka (IDEQ) will have a final report in February 2010 on the Pinehurst flood study. Mr. Harwood also noted that copies of all the final reports are sent to EPA, and the executive summaries are posted on the BEIPC website.

TLG Discussion on BEIPC Draft One-Year Work Plan: Mr. Harwood presented the draft BEIPC one-year work plan for TLG discussion.

Ms. Stevens brought up that she previously asked (during a TLG conference call) if the TLG wanted to get involved on contaminant management issues. She mentioned that some of the agencies took it upon themselves to submit comment on the Blackwell Island permit request to the Corps of Engineers (COE). She believes that it would be good to have a technical discussion and talk to the Basin Commissioners, especially as these subjects are going to keep coming up. Ms. Raskell said that comments on the Blackwell Island permit request are due to IDEQ by October 27.

For the work plan section on waste disposal, Mr. Harwood said that one alternative they are looking into is “fill the holes”. He wrote a strawman white paper and gave it to the EPA, IDEQ, and Panhandle Health District (PHD) to review. Although the State of Idaho and EPA have responsibility on this issue, he indicated that federal authority trumps. TLG members then discussed other related issues (i.e. liability, brownfields, etc.).

Under the section for blood lead screening in children, Ms. Anne Dailey (EPA) suggested that the news column being written by Ms. Tina Elayer (IDEQ) about the CDA Basin cleanup may be a way to answer some of the questions that people have on this issue.

Regarding property remediation, Mr. Bill Rust (Shoshone County TLG rep.) suggested that the agencies should have a meeting to look at sampling data to discuss the issue of why some of the areas being cleaned up are on the hillside. Ms. Anne Dailey (EPA) pointed out that some of the mine material got hauled to other areas, so that may be why there is contamination in some areas and not in others. Ms. Stevens suggested that they schedule a call with Mr. Dan Meyer (IDEQ) to discuss this.

During TLG discussion of the work plans, Mr. Harwood made revisions to some of the language in various sections as agreed upon by the TLG members.

TLG Discussion on BEIPC Draft 2010-2015 Work Plan: Mr. Harwood presented the BEIPC Five-Year Work Plan to the TLG. The TLG discussed various issues such as: funding; repositories; blood lead testing; flooding; sediment transport; contaminant management; the ECSM (Enhanced Conceptual Site Model) for the Lower Basin; remedial action evaluation; prioritization, etc.

Mr. Rust suggested that Shoshone County is going to push very hard to get remedy protection in the ROD amendment for the South Fork and its tributaries. Ms. Dailey suggested adding a bullet on remedy protection to the one year plan.

TLG Vote on BEIPC Draft One-Year and Five-Year Work Plans: Mr. Fortier made a motion to approve the revised draft work plans and recommend approval by the BEIPC. Mr. Nick Zilka (IDEQ) seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Harwood thanked everyone.

Update on ROD Amendment: Ms. Anne Dailey (EPA) provided a recap of the September 9 and 10 meetings which included information on the following:

- OU2 and Woodland Park groundwater modeling and cost effectiveness results;
- Permeable reactive barrier evaluation;
- Conceptual evaluation of sediment traps;
- Human health remedy protection update;
- Road access costs; and
- Update on “bucketing” of remedial actions and eco-prioritization.

She indicated that all of the ROD amendment information will be posted on the EPA webpage and that there is also a link from the BEIPC's website. They are continuing development of a draft feasibility study (FS) that should be available for review in late January or early February 2010. The next Upper Basin PFT meeting will be held on November 4.

Mr. Bill Adams (EPA) reported that they are continuing to work on the simplified prioritization tool, but that a number of issues still need to be resolved such as road costs for all of the sites. On December 3, EPA is planning to schedule a workshop to discuss various items such as roads, bridges, etc. in terms of refining the "bucketing" for particular remedial actions.

Ms. Dailey also mentioned that EPA will continue working on its outreach activities for the ROD amendment by sharing information at various community meetings as well as providing updates at other BEIPC related meetings (CCC, TLG, PFTs).

Drainage Control and Infrastructure Revitalization Plan (DCIRP): Mr. Harwood presented the final report on the DCIRP. He explained that it contained information for about \$102 million in infrastructure projects as well as possible funding sources, remedy protection, maps of all the utilities (i.e. sewer, water, etc.), flood plains, and other data including the property remediated to date. Mr. Harwood pointed out that the document is unique in the State of Idaho as there are no other communities that have a prioritized plan for infrastructure revitalization. If anyone would like a CD of the report, he said to let him know. He also mentioned that the EPA, State of Idaho, and BEIPC helped to pay for this project.

Mr. Bill Rust said that there may be some discussion on exclusion of flood control for the South Fork; and that he wanted to give handouts of a power point presentation to the TLG. Ms. Stevens asked if there was any way that people could review the information ahead of time. Mr. Rust answered that he handed out some of the slides to EPA Assistant Administrator, Mathy Stanislaus, during his visit, and that these handouts were very similar. He conveyed that Shoshone County Commissioner Jon Cantamessa said that flood control should be part of the remedy protection.

Other issues that were raised by TLG members included the following:

- Should South Fork levees be part of remedy protection as NAS pointed out?
- Should flood control be part of the ROD amendment?
- Are Basin flood control issues river management, rather than Superfund?

Lower Basin PFT Update: Ms. Stevens provided an update and handout on the Lower Basin PFT.

Lake Management Plan (LMP) Update: Mr. Glen Rothrock gave an update on the LMP. The State has been monitoring water quality with the Tribe since June 2007, and they are working on a report that they hope to have next month. Then they will produce annual reports. Ms. Stevens mentioned that the Tribe's new environmental specialist, Ms. Jamie Lee Davis, will help with the Lake*A*Syst program. The State and Tribe are working on some meetings for public education and outreach as well as looking at nutrient management inventory and planning. Ms. Stevens is

working as a LMP coordinator right now with Mr. Rothrock and they will continue to speak to various community groups.

Upper Basin Repository Status: Mr. Ed Moreen (EPA) provided an update on the status of Upper Basin repositories. He also pointed out that EPA is working on an Enhanced Monitoring Plan (EMP) for the East Mission Flats (EMF) repository site to address the recommendations of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) for additional analysis of groundwater monitoring. The draft plan is out for a 30-day public comment period and there will be an open house on October 29 at the Canyon School.

East Mission Flats (EMF) Repository Construction Update: Mr. Harwood gave an update on the repository construction at EMF. The construction is going well. He also suggested that if the repository had not been built, then the cleanup would have had to shut down as there is not enough capacity at Big Creek with the additional work funded by the stimulus funding.

Mr. Moreen commented that the Big Creek repository filled up much faster than they expected. Due to public response, they are now looking at doing multiple (3-4) repository sites in the Upper Basin. They have performed the first cut and trimmed down the repository site list to 8 sites with criteria built from information collected at public meetings.

Mr. Harwood brought up the need to leave some capacity for people in the Upper Basin to haul ICP waste to Big Creek.

TLG Discussion on New Technology Presentations: This topic was tabled for discussion (at a later date) due to time constraints.

Other Discussion: Mr. Harwood commented on the increase in children being tested for blood lead with the additional \$40 incentive as the number of children almost doubled.

Adjourn: Ms. Stevens adjourned the TLG meeting. She reminded members about the Basin Information Forum (BIF) meeting to be held in the afternoon session and encouraged everyone to attend.