

Presentation of Citizen Comments to the Basin Commission Board

January 16, 2014

Verbal Comments

Verbal comments provided at the January 16, 2014 CCC meeting are reflected in the CCC meeting summary and paraphrased below.

Written Comments

No written comments were provided.

Comments	Commenter
General Comments	
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) is testing metal concentrations in the Spokane River, but this also may be within the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) jurisdiction because it is part of a Superfund site. Will IDEQ be doing the cleanup after testing results come back, or will EPA be doing it?	<i>Rusty Sheppard, CCC member</i>
IDEQ is going to do a total maximum daily load study (TMDL) on the Spokane River in parallel with Clean Water Act (CWA) work being undertaken by EPA. Does it make sense to start the monitoring now, when the Central Treatment Plant (CTP) is not yet online? <i>NOTE: This comment refers to the treatment of additional groundwater from OU2, which is expected to reduce metal loading to the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River.</i>	<i>Bill Rust, CCC member</i>
I live in Woodland Park, and I received a notice that I will be fined \$25,000/day and be required to pay for the cleanup of my property out of pocket if I do not allow cleanup on my property to take place. I spoke with Bill Adams about the issue, but that didn't help. The sampling was done incorrectly – they only did eight holes. <i>NOTE: Following the meeting, this issue was resolved with Mr. Beehner, Terry Harwood, and EPA.</i>	<i>Matt Beehner, citizen</i>
Is EPA monitoring any of the Yellowstone Pipeline work that ConocoPhillips is conducting?	<i>Wayne Brown, CCC member</i>
Page six of the December Basin Bulletin mentioned five remedy protection projects that were completed in 2013. The Bulletin said that work occurred in Mullan on Lower Dewey and Dewey Streets, but that's not where I saw the work. I saw it on Faye Street. I own a strip of land below Upper Dewey.	<i>Wayne Brown, CCC member</i>
Putting website and contact information on all reports and flyers would help increase traffic to the website and help people more easily find information.	<i>Sandy Podsaid, citizen</i>
Having new elected officials in office every year creates a steep learning curve for dealing with Basin issues.	<i>Sandy Podsaid, citizen</i>

Comments

Commenter

I have lived in the Basin since 2006 and attitudes towards the Basin Commission and the CCC seem to have improved since then. This mostly seems to be because information is more widely available.	<i>Cathy Mayer, CCC member</i>
The City of Mullan has a new mayor and a new city council – the clerk who I spoke with at the mayor’s office had never even heard of the Basin Bulletin.	<i>Wayne Brown, CCC member</i>
In the community, it seems split down the middle in terms of feelings toward the Basin Commission and the CCC. The people who don’t agree with the county ordinances would like to see the Basin Commission do the work of the counties.	<i>Rusty Sheppard, CCC member</i>
It should be made clearer to the public what the responsibilities of the Commission are versus the responsibilities of the county so that the public does not expect the Commission to do county work.	<i>Rusty Sheppard, CCC member</i>
Is the bike trail part of the road agreement?	<i>Wayne Brown, CCC member</i>
I have heard comments from lakeshore owners about the ICP not applying to lakeshore property. The testing is not available to the shoreline owners, and if contamination is found, the repositories are not available for taking contaminated soil. Shoreline owners have to pay for the testing, digging, and hauling all out of pocket, and digging is not even allowed within 25 feet of the lake.	<i>Jerry Boyd, CCC chair</i>
Basin Commission Updates	
Is there a place where a summary of Basin success stories exists?	<i>Sandy Podsaid, citizen</i>
EPA Updates	
Will the work on Mill Street in Mullan be completed in 2014?	<i>Wayne Brown, CCC member</i>
Was the RODA Implementation Plan released?	<i>Jerry Boyd, CCC chair</i>
It would be helpful if the Basin Commission website had the implementation plan and other documents like that posted.	<i>Rusty Sheppard, CCC member</i>
Are there estimated costs available for the treatment plant construction project?	<i>Jerry Boyd, CCC chair</i>
Is EPA testing water temperatures in the river as a part of the Lower Basin River sampling project?	<i>Rusty Sheppard, CCC member</i>
Is stability of the riverbank part of the Lower Basin River sampling project?	<i>Jerry Boyd, CCC chair</i>
Basin Outreach Activities	
What grade level does education outreach target?	<i>Cathy Mayer, CCC member</i>
Have students been receptive to educational outreach so far?	<i>Jack Domit, citizen</i>
Middle school is an important age to target for educational outreach.	<i>Cathy Mayer, CCC member</i>
I have received Technical Leadership Group (TLG) emails about Basin planning meetings. Because the TLG and CCC are separate entities, it would be a good idea to send out meeting agendas and other emails separately.	<i>Bill Rust, CCC member</i>