

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
REVISED - December 10, 2009

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Sandra Raskell
Anne Dailey
Nick Zilka

Terry Harwood
Randy Connolly
Dave George
Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)

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: None.

As there were no agenda items, the TLG Chair, Rebecca Stevens, led the group into a round table discussion.

Round Table:

Anne Dailey - Reported that she will be posting the information from the December 8 Upper Basin PFT meeting on the FTP site. She will also add the schedule for upcoming events (under meetings) and send links for the BEIPC website. The technical memo on predictive analysis will be included as well. The draft focused feasibility study (FFS) will be available on February 1st and comments are due to EPA by February 19. There will be an Upper Basin PFT meeting (location to be determined) on February 10 concerning the FFS.

Rebecca Stevens - Brought up whether the TLG needs to have a face-to-face meeting before the next BEIPC meeting on February 17. After discussion, TLG members agreed to schedule a two-hour TLG conference call on Friday, January 22 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. in lieu of a face-to-face meeting.

Anne Dailey - Said that she and Bill Adams will not be available for the next call on January 7.

Terry Harwood - Provided an update on Milo Creek. He indicated that Shoshone County and the Panhandle Health District (PHD) are concerned about the quality of maintenance and flood control for Milo Creek. Due to past flooding issues, Milo Creek was set up as a watershed district (i.e. taxing authority) to provide funding to maintain the containment system and help prevent recontamination during potential flood events. This issue was one reason the County Commissioners wanted the Basin Commission to vote on becoming involved with flood control, so that the Milo Creek watershed is maintained properly. However, the question raised now is whether the Federal government turned over ownership to the Watershed District.

Harwood also reported on the following items: 1) He is working with Mark Addy (NRCS) and the Corps of Engineers (COE) on a project for streambank stabilization on the South Fork of the CDA River downstream of Pine Creek and along the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. The property is located in an area that is highly contaminated with congealed tailings and other contaminated materials, and there is a set of pilings that need to be removed as well. Since he started working

on this issue, two things have happened - the COE gave the property owner permission to pull out the pilings, and the owner is now working on a grant for stabilization and flood issues; 2) For the 2009 BEIPC accomplishment report, he recently requested information from the various state/federal agencies and other involved parties on their work sections; 3) At EMF, he awarded the contract for the monitoring well to be installed. He is trying to get the work done by Christmas, but indicated that it has been difficult to get contractors who have Hazwoper training; and 4) He gave an update on the LIDAR flight data and said that he will be receiving the data from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. The data will be on a portable hard drive and he will need to figure out how to break down the information (i.e. flooding, levees, FEMA, etc.) in order to use it.

Rebecca Stevens - Informed everyone that the CDA Basin Natural Resource Trustees accomplishment report for restoration activities from 2007-2008 is posted on the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and CDA Tribe's websites. She will also send a link to the BEIPC website, so that everyone will be able to access the Trustee site.

Anne Dailey - Provided an update on the Asarco settlement announcement. She relayed that EPA headquarters is working on setting up a press conference this afternoon. Stevens noted that the Natural Resource Trustees also worked something up and that the press information will be coming out of the Dept. of Justice. Dailey and Stevens will coordinate to get the press information out to everyone.

Dave George - Commented that the Dept. of Ecology will also issue joint press releases on the Asarco settlement. There will be two separate press releases for eastern and western Washington as the work is different for each region. The information for the work to be done on the western Washington side should be out tomorrow.

Nick Zilka - Reported that he has been working on the Focused Feasibility Study (FFS).

Jeri DeLange - Gave an update on the Communications PFT. She is hoping to schedule the next meeting in mid-January or early February.

Randy Connolly - Nothing new to report.

Dave George - Brought up Spokane River work. He mentioned that funding the State of Washington had lined up for cleanup of metals contamination along the River at various recreation sites has been lost. The State is holding off and not moving forward on four sites. However, it may be on the Governor's budget. He clarified that they still have some minor funding left for Barker Road, but not enough to do work on any of the other sites. It also does not look like they will be able to do work on the ground.

Rebecca Stevens - Mentioned that she has been working on getting some quarterly reports ready for Harwood and the EPA. She's also staying involved in the ROD amendment meetings and the FFS. The Tribe completed the annual accomplishment report for the Response Action Management Plan (RAMP) for the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes.

Schedule: There will be no call on December 24. The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 1/07/10. Thank you for your participation.