

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
January 5, 2012

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Randy Connolly
Bill Adams
Ed Moreen
Terry Harwood

Dave George
Jan Olsen
Denna Grangaard
Don Carpenter
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: None.

Round Table:

Terry Harwood: Said that: 1) he is working on the BEIPC annual accomplishment report and will email a draft copy to TLG members after he receives everyone's information; 2) he reviewed FEMA's new proposed requirements for levees and sent his comments to the Basin Commissioners, alternates, staff and Panhandle Health District; 3) he is also working with the Shoshone County Flood District on this issue and gave permission to allow the County to glean his comments and send them to FEMA. FEMA's new process will include checking overtopping, freeboard, etc. However, this should not have much if any bearing in Shoshone County as none of the levees are engineered or certified; 4) he has been working with Bill Ryan and Rob Hanson on the roads program; and 5) there will be a meeting on the property remediation completion program next week. They have developed a map of geographical areas in the Basin to inventory the work that has been completed and what is left to do.

Rebecca Stevens: Asked if the property remediation plan will have something to identify property owners. Harwood answered that it would be part of the plan, but that regulators may have to make a decision to sample the property if the property owner cannot be located.

Randy Connolly: Nothing to report.

Bill Adams: Reported on EPA staff changes to date: Craig Cameron (Regional Office); Tracy Chellis (Superfund); Kim Presbo (assisting half time for the CDA Basin); Andrea Lindsay is back as the lead Community Involvement Coordinator (CIC) with support from Caryn Sengupta and Debra Sherbina. Carol Young has submitted her resignation and will be leaving in a few weeks. EPA is working on a plan to find a replacement for Carol. He is still busy with the ROD Amendment scope of work comments. The ROD Amendment may not be out until March. EPA received a number of requests to look at the document prior to the ROD being finalized. He noted that typically they do not share it, but they may share a read-only copy of certain sections with local elected officials. However, EPA wants to make it clear that they are not taking comments and that it would be for informational purposes only.

Rebecca Stevens: Commented that she is looking forward to meeting some of the new EPA staff at upcoming TLG and BEIPC meetings.

Jeri DeLange: Mentioned that she is hoping to schedule a Communications PFT meeting in late February.

Bill Adams: Brought up work that EPA and the CDA Trust have started on: 1) East Fork of Ninemile Creek; 2) characterization work at the Star Pond complex; and 3) remedy protection to the extent of getting the ROD Amendment done. At next week's TLG meeting, Adams will talk about the work at Ninemile Creek.

Ed Moreen: Suggested that he would like to have additional time on the TLG meeting agenda to discuss a Lower Basin PFT meeting. He brought up that EPA is working with the City of Kellogg on a display for City Hall regarding water quality at the CTP (Central Treatment Plant). During the snowmelt over the holidays, the Bunker Creek portal gulch tributaries were muddy and some people thought that the treatment plant was responsible. The flow out of the CTP was clear as always, but he wanted to make sure that people are aware that a lot of sediment gets mobilized when these events occur. For the Hercules cleanup, EPA and IDEQ are continuing to work with the railroads. They want to get the work completed this summer.

Denna Grangaard: Said that the Panhandle Health District (PHD) has filled the ICP position. The next Straight Talk column will cover the CDA Trust Work Plan. Stevens suggested that anyone interested in ICP re-certification to contact Sandy Lockhart with the PHD and she will provide you a DVD and self-administered exam.

Jan Olsen: Nothing to report.

Don Carpenter: Indicated that they are looking for a new name for the Canyon Creek repository since there is already another repository in Canyon Creek. The geotechnical work was done in December. There are no results yet, but they are expecting them soon. They are still working on reviewing the 30% design for the Osburn Ponds repository and will prepare an executive summary after it's reviewed. It will be made available on the BEIPC website. They will be shelving the Osburn design to focus on the Star repository and plan to hold an open house in the Upper Basin. They hope for a good turnout of local folks in Canyon Creek.

Rebecca Stevens: Sent out the 2009 CDA Lake draft monitoring report to the TLG. The 60-day public review closes on January 12th. On February 4, there will be an annual regional lakes conference at Spokane Community College that is sponsored by the Liberty Lake Water and Sewer District. (There are no similar conferences in Idaho and she will send a copy of the conference agenda if anyone is interested in attending). She announced that the Tribe's new Environmental Specialist is Laura Laumatia.

Jeri DeLange: Conveyed that she posted the schedule for 2012 TLG calls and BEIPC meetings to the website. She thanked Bill Adams for confirming EPA's conference call line for the monthly TLG calls for the coming year. The next CCC meeting will be held at the Lake City (Senior) Center in CDA on January 18.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be 3/1/12. *(Note: The 2/2/12 call was cancelled).*