

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
January 11, 2007

Participants:

Brian Spears (Chair)
Anne Dailey
Mike Beckwith (Vice Chair)
Rob Spafford
Rebecca Stevens
Lloyd Brewer
Bill Adams
Mark Masarik
Rog Hardy
Kenny Hicks
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

The TLG Chair, Brian Spears, announced that he had scheduled a Basin Information Forum (BIF) for February 13 at the CDA Tribal Casino in Worley. So far, he has arranged one presentation and will be asking some of the CWA sub-grantees to give updates on projects that have been completed. Rebecca Stevens suggested that it would be good to have a presentation on the Panhandle Stormwater and Erosion Education program as it relates to Basin issues.

Mike Beckwith offered to make a presentation on the Lake Plan modeling for the BIF meeting and suggested that it should be a joint effort with the State. He commented that the field season is coming up and that he is waiting to hear back from Glen Rothrock (IDEQ) regarding this issue.

As there were no agenda items, Spears suggested a round table discussion.

Round Table:

Dailey: Nothing to report.

Adams: Mentioned that they will be wrapping up the data analysis for Canyon Creek. He indicated that the reports will include modeling and should be ready in the next 4-5 weeks. A PFT meeting will be scheduled in March to present the findings for different alternatives.

Masarik: Nothing to report.

Spafford: Nothing to report.

Brewer: Informed everyone that the next WCAC meeting would be held on January 31 and that the BLM and Forest Service would speak on projects dealing with metals remediation in the CDA Basin. In addition, they would provide information on what agency policies relate to transport of metals via flooding and processes for agency public involvement.

Brewer also mentioned that the Regional & State Health staff would be making a presentation on fish advisories for the Spokane River in Washington State. He explained that the information would be important to people who eat fish to clarify any miscommunication they may have received. Spears suggested that the information be sent to him. Brewer agreed and said that he usually sends it to Harwood also.

Hardy: Inquired if anyone had comments in regards to the recent news article about Avista's dam relicensing project at Post Falls. Beckwith answered that the report just came out yesterday and that he did not have a chance to read it yet. Spears remarked that it is always interesting when two sides claim victory.

Beckwith pointed out that the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) relicensing process could go on for a long time and that it's also subject to appeals, court action, and annual licenses. He said that he does not expect anything back in the near future.

Hardy then asked if anyone had comments about the negotiator's report on the LMP. Beckwith replied that he had read the report, but had no comments at this time because it's a mediated process between two parties. He indicated that he may comment later when appropriate. Hardy recommended that everyone read the report.

Hicks: Nothing to report.

Beckwith: Indicated that he has been involved with the Avista dam relicensing process. He is also working on monitoring for the LMP and pointed out that IDEQ and the Tribe would be conducting monitoring on their portions of the lake. He hoped that the State and Tribe would be able to get EPA lab support, but that they needed to get a plan together soon.

Stevens: Mentioned that she has been working on the landowners' comments regarding the letter that was sent out for the lake audit and now will be moving into Phase 2 of the interview process. She will be making a presentation on this at the next BEIPC meeting.

Spears: Relayed information that he received from Harwood regarding some funding that may be available from the first year's CWA grants. Most of the work has been completed on the projects, but there is some funding remaining (just over \$30K) that may be used on a couple of other projects. He noted that the funding cannot be transferred to other calendar years, but could be used for two projects that are still ongoing. Spears remarked that he would not be opposed to putting the funding to good use. He said that Harwood suggested using some of the remaining funds to print additional lake maps.

Beckwith mentioned that he had also discussed this issue with Harwood in regards to using some of the remaining CWA funding from the first year's grant on lake monitoring. He said that the

USGS and Tribe have been working on the lake modeling project from 2002 to 2006, and that they could expand the project to incorporate the modeling results into long-term modeling plans. Spears asked if this work would be outside the scope. Beckwith answered no. He explained that the lake monitoring would be in scope and brought up another possible use which would be to incorporate all 3 years into the report as it has been stalled due to the retirement of Paul Woods. He said that he had been thinking about putting all of the information together to analyze and write a report for a scientific journal.

Spears questioned what could be done if there was still any remaining funding left over if used for additional lake monitoring and printing maps. Beckwith responded that it could only be used for those two projects because the other projects had been completed for the CY grant and that remaining funding could not be transferred to another calendar year.

Hardy inquired where the extra maps were that were left over from the summer season. Stevens replied that the KSSWCD and the BEIPC had them. Hardy suggested that if there were not enough maps to get feedback, then additional copies should be printed. Stevens answered that the last round of maps printed were not meant to get feedback, but were the finished product. Hardy remarked that he believed that feedback could be given at any time. Stevens suggested that Hardy contact Harwood if he wanted to provide additional feedback.

Spears concluded the round table discussion by indicating that he would work with Harwood to get a feeling for what people would like to do with the remaining CWA funding.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 1/25/07.

Thank you for your participation.