

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
January 19, 2006

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)
Mike Beckwith
Rob Spafford
Paul Woods
Lloyd Brewer
Rog Hardy
Rusty Sheppard
Anne Dailey
Terry Harwood
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: Schedule, Upcoming TLG Meeting, PFT Updates

Phillip Cernera discussed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

- Jan. 30 - Water Treatment PFT Meeting
- Jan. 31 – TLG Meeting
- Feb. 1 – CCC Meeting
- Feb. 15 – WCAC Meeting
- Feb. 21 – OU2 Water Treatment PFT Meeting
- Feb. 22 – BEIPC Meeting

In regards to the TLG meeting, Cernera said that he could only schedule 20 minutes for each PFT update because the agenda was full. He suggested that if further discussion was needed on any issue, that it could be discussed during the next conference call or a separate PFT meeting.

Cernera mentioned that Terry Harwood sent a memo about annually updating the five-year work plan per the MOA. Cernera indicated that his understanding of the MOA was that the BEIPC would develop one and five-year work plans so that decisions could be made. However, he believes that it did not define the development of the five-year plan as every year. Cernera suggested that the TLG provide a position on this issue. He asked TLG members to think about it in order to discuss or vote upon at the TLG meeting. Cernera also said that Harwood indicated he would prepare an updated five-year plan each year as the Executive Director.

Ron Roizen commented on the development process for the five-year plan and indicated that it consumes time and effort along with many opportunities for disagreement. He agreed with Cernera that the five-year plan should not be revised every year. Mike Beckwith suggested that the BEIPC five-year work plan be revised to coincide with the development of the EPA five-year

review for the Box. Cernera said that maybe it could address what the EPA finds in its review. Anne Dailey responded that she would talk to the EPA about consideration of this.

Cernera asked if there was official designation of the new federal representative for the Basin Commission. Harwood replied that he has not yet received official notification in a letter designating Michael Bogert as the new Basin Commissioner and Ron Kreizenbeck as his alternate. Cernera then asked about the designations of the Tribe's representatives, Commissioner Chuck Matheson and alternate, Chief Allan. Harwood indicated that there was some confusion in the designations including on the BEIPC letterhead, but that it had been resolved.

Round Table:

Cernera: Mentioned that he is working on a revised LMP for state review. He indicated that the mediator will get together with the separate parties first.

Beckwith: Nothing to report.

Spafford: Nothing to report.

Roizen: Reported that he is working on the ICP issue. He feels that it is good news that IDEQ and the EPA were not steam rolling over the counties comments regarding the recommendation to the BEIPC. Roizen also pointed out that some choices need to be made regarding the voluntary participation by property owners whose land falls under the ICP. He asked Harwood for clarification. Harwood said this was a fair description and that options would be included in the recommendation to the BEIPC.

Woods: Mentioned that the next lake sampling trip is scheduled for January 30. He indicated that he is working with Beckwith on the draft lake report for 2004-2005.

Brewer: Discussed the upcoming WCAC (Washington Citizens Advisory Committee) meeting on February 15.

Hardy: Asked Harwood if Rob Hanson could bring a draft copy of the ICP boundary map to the meeting and Harwood agreed. Hardy wondered how the boundary was developed around Harrison in regards to the floodplain. He also mentioned that the TLOP (Trail Long-Term Operating Plan) for the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes will be put into place regardless of what happens with the ICP, but that it will have to go through a public participation process.

Hardy then inquired when the next ICP meeting would be held. Roizen said that Hanson was working on making arrangements for January 30, but that a location had not been determined yet. Hardy indicated that he feels the ICP meeting is important and that he would like to see TLOP participation there also.

He asked if there was an update from EPA on recreational areas. Harwood indicated that Mark Masarik was taking over the Rec. PFT from Anne Dailey. Cerner said that he would try to add five minutes to the TLG agenda for an update on this topic.

Sheppard: Mentioned that he finished up summer work for a citizens monitoring group through an agreement with IDEQ to sample the Spokane River during the summer months. He reported that the Cedars area looked good and not much different than the sampling done by Paul Woods.

Harwood: Indicated that he should have the draft annual accomplishment report to the Basin commissioners, alternates, and staff for their review within ten days. He mentioned that a new Secretary/Treasurer would need to be elected during the upcoming BEIPC meeting to replace the position held by former Commissioner Jim McCurdy. Harwood also reminded everyone of the two new BEIPC members: Commissioner Jay Manning representing Washington State and Commissioner Michael Bogert representing the federal government.

Harwood informed everyone that he had scheduled the following presentations for the Basin Commission meeting:

- Blood lead for waterfowl and wildlife (Brian Spears, USFWS)
- OU-2, Phase II (Anne Dailey, EPA; and Nick Zilka, IDEQ)
- Mica Creek alternatives (Tom Bourque, Terragraphics)

He then commented that there may need to be a special BEIPC meeting to discuss the ICP at a later date as it may take 3-4 hours to discuss.

Harwood also mentioned that he is working on various issues such as funding, infrastructure, and flooding; and he recently gave a talk to the CDA Rotary club. In addition, he reported that members of the CDA Chamber were heading down to Boise with their positions at the end of the month and that they support the Basin Commission and ongoing LMP process.

Roizen commented that in regards to funding issues, he is not compensated for his time or mileage and that his workload involving the TLG and BEIPC has greatly increased. Hardy said that he feels the State and County need to step up in supporting their TLG representatives. Harwood agreed that there should be some funding for the county TLG representatives and that he would like to try and figure out a way. He suggested that he could draft a position. Roizen recommended that it should be a non-specific statement regarding who pays. Harwood mentioned that there is a statement about financial assistance in regards to this issue in the draft annual report.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 1/26/06. Thank you for your participation.