

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

January 22, 2009

Kenny Hicks (Chair)
Anne Dailey
Terry Harwood
Nick Zilka

Bill Adams
Mark Masarik
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: Upcoming TLG Meeting and ROD Amendment Workshop; Eco-prioritization Tool; Water Quality Standards; Repository Meeting; Funding PFT; and TLG Roster.

The TLG Chair, Kenny Hicks, reminded everyone about the upcoming TLG meeting and technical workshop for the Upper Basin ROD amendment on Wednesday, January 28 in CDA. The TLG meeting will be from 8:00 - 9:45 a.m. followed by the workshop from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Anne Dailey will send out the agenda for the ROD amendment workshop by email.

TLG Roster - Hicks brought up a suggestion by Dean Gentry (Benewah TLG rep.) about identifying the voting TLG members on the roster. This topic will be discussed later.

Terry Harwood - Indicated he is getting close to completing the study for the drainage control infrastructure revitalization project (DCIRP). He asked if there were other TLG members who would like to be involved in the Funding PFT (i.e. as he previously sent an email to PFT members with a draft of potential funding sources identified in the DCIRP study). Harwood noted that he submitted an economic stimulus package request to the Governor's office and will share the analysis with the TLG. Regarding the BEIPC work plans, he deferred putting in sections for Lake Management Plan (LMP) activities, but did put together a draft. However, he will hold off doing anything to see if the State and County can work their differences out first.

Currently, Harwood is working on the hazardous mitigation plan team for Shoshone County. The plan needs to be completed by May 30, so that FEMA funding may be spent. For the Upper Basin ROD Amendment meeting last month, he thinks it was successful and that there was a lot of good discussion. He sent out the draft annual BEIPC accomplishment report for comment earlier in the month. So far, he has received input from the CCC and one sub-grantee, and final comments are due tomorrow. Regarding the TLG roster, Harwood expressed his concerns about email addresses being posted on the web as some of the private citizens have home email addresses. He suggested they may be accessed by anyone and possibly be inundated with trash email or viruses. Harwood pointed out that TLG members have a copy of the roster with email addresses, but his issue is that it's posted on the web.

Other Meeting Announcements - Repository PFT meeting on January 29 at the Idaho Fish & Game office in CDA. Andy Mork (IDEQ) will be sending out the agenda. Hicks commented there is also a Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) meeting in the Silver Valley on the same day. *(Editor's Note: The Repository PFT meeting was later rescheduled to February 10).*

Jeri DeLange – Planning to schedule a Communications PFT conference call and/or meeting sometime in late January or early February.

Anne Dailey - Would like to encourage everyone to attend the ROD amendment meeting next week.

Bill Adams - He is still waiting for information on the prioritization tool from the Department of the Interior and the Natural Resource Trustees in order to rerun the model for the ROD Amendment meeting next week. However, he provided information to everyone on where the model is at the present time.

Nick Zilka – Mentioned the Lower Basin PFT meeting on Tuesday was very productive and Rebecca Stevens should have the notes out soon.

Mark Masarik - Said there was nothing new to report on the Recreation PFT inventory.

Dave George - Nothing to report.

TLG Roster Discussion - TLG members discussed the issue of the roster and email addresses being posted on the web. It will be brought up for further discussion at next week's TLG meeting before a final vote is taken. Hicks suggested that identifying the voting members on the roster is a good idea.

Kenny Hicks - Reminded everyone that the Repository PFT meeting and Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) meeting are both on January 29, and suggested that people pay close attention. Speaking on behalf of Shoshone County, he brought up water quality standards. He mentioned that the Tribe will be releasing a water quality standard that is different from the State. Although he knows the standard falls within Tribal boundaries, he suggested that if we are not able to achieve the standard, then we cannot do anything. Hicks indicated that he wants to protect State water quality standards for Shoshone County.

Anne Dailey – Asked Hicks when the Tribe would be releasing its standard.

Kenny Hicks - Said the Tribe has worked on this since 2005. It has taken the Tribe time to prepare and they had public comment in 2006. He feels that if there are two standards, then joint participation may cause problems when targets cannot be achieved, and that it would be good to have uniformity. IDEQ has the standard posted on its website. Hicks has a memo on the comparison of differences in the Tribe produced draft and IDEQ if anyone is interested.

Before ending the call, Hicks reminded everyone about TLG meeting and ROD amendment workshop next week.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 2/5/09.

Thank you for your participation.