

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
November 2, 2006

Participants:

Brian Spears
Terry Harwood
Anne Dailey
Mike Beckwith
Nick Zilka
Mark Masarik
Randy Connolly
Rog Hardy
Bob Flagor
David Fortier
Rebecca Stevens (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.

Brian Spears, TLG Chair led the call.

Agenda Items: None however, Terry Harwood had some items that he wanted to cover at start of the call.

Harwood: Mentioned that he and Glen Rothrock had worked up revised language for the proposed Mica Creek project (with changes) and submitted it to EPA for review. Terry asked the group if there were any concerns with him adding the Mica Creek presentation to the November 29th BEIPC meeting agenda.

Rog: Expressed concern that Mica Creek might not be the highest priority area for a CWA project and brought up the concerns he aired at the last TLG meeting (Oct. 23rd) and felt that they were not being addressed. Rog also expressed that he didn't feel that the project fit in the "demonstrative, innovative, etc." guidelines that the other CWA projects have fallen under.

Harwood: Said that the keys to this project are: 1) working with a willing landowner, 2) the property is a priority due to current status in the bay, 3) and that it can be demonstrative in that it will show adjacent landowners that quality projects can be put on the ground by working with various agencies.

Rog: Stated that he will work with Commissioner Buell on potentially putting together a minority report.

Spears: Reminded the group that there was a unanimous approval by the TLG to move forward in recommending the amended project to the BEIPC on 11/29. Brian also expressed his feeling that adaptive management is a good thing and if projects are technically sound the TLG should be malleable.

Rog: Inquired about landowner liability and said that he would be much more in favor of a drainage study.

Harwood: Said liability issues will not be addressed until we see if the BEIPC approves the project amendment as recommended by the TLG.

Spears: Reminded the TLG that the project was not conceptualized to address the entire watershed.

Masarik: Expressed to Rog that his concerns are being heard but that we should really move on to discuss other projects.

Flagor: Mentioned that the conservation partnership has had proposals to conduct a Mica drainage study however, due to the Conservation District having limited resources it has yet to be done.

Brian: Made the suggestion that the TLG recommend to the BEIPC that a future drainage assessment of the Mica Creek area be conducted.

Harwood: Said the agenda is full however, if there is time after the public comment period a recommendation of this nature could be potentially brought up to the Commission.

At this point, David Fortier had another commitment and had to leave the call.

NEXT TOPIC

Harwood: Addressed the 'Standards and Practices for all Appropriate Inquiries Final Rule' (effective 11/1/06 see email that the Hardy's' sent on 10/26/06) and reported that the rule applies to commercial property. The "rule" establishes regulations for individuals to perform environmental assessments on property they own or are attempting to acquire so that they can apply for and obtain protection from CERCLA liability. Terry mentioned that up to now, conformance with the ICP in the BOX has been considered adequate to meet the requirements of the interim rule. The Basin ICP was written to provide the same protections. Research into the new rule will be necessary to see if it has any affect on the way we manage the ICP. This new rule could have effects on land transactions around the lake and along the Spokane River where there is no IC. These issues will need to be discussed by the new PFT.

Rog: Inquired if PHD is aware of the new rule and feels that the rule has implications on the actions of the new Contaminant Management PFT.

Harwood: Yes, PHD is aware of the rule.

NEXT TOPIC

Harwood: Is working on Infrastructure project with Terragraphics which includes the lower basin.

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Harwood: Homeowners up Burke Canyon are expressing concerns to him regarding sewer system upgrades and regulators.

Round Table:

N.Zilka: Nothing to report

R.Stevens: Nothing to report

M. Beckwith: Nothing to report

A. Dailey: due to Rebecca having to answer office phones she did not capture what Anne reported, something regarding the Schlepp project. **R.Hardy:** Nothing to report

M.Masarik: Nothing to report.

D. Fortier: as per email after the meeting, David was going to report that the Rex buttressing work was being completed that week.

B.Spears: Nothing to report

T.Harwood: Terry updated the group regarding the Basin Floodplain Inventory. The following sub-tasks have been identified: 1) Develop inventory (funded), 2) Meet with locals and come up with list of priority project areas that need repairs or upgrades (funded), 3) Pilot demonstration projects (not funded) and, 4) Conduct flood control baseline mapping and move toward development of flood control implementation plan draft proposed by Feb. 2007 (funded).

Discussion

Rog: Asked if the inventory will take into account the 2 main events that affects flood control, 1) Water flow/run-off during rain-on-snow events, and 2) Lake level fluctuations due to dam.

Harwood: Stated that they would be looking at where remedies will be done and see how flooding would inundate those projects and could be a problem.

Beckwith: Added that the need for higher resolution predictive modeling of flood flows / sediment-contaminant transport has been recognized for some time, but the resources have not been available.

Dailey: Pointed out that EPA recognizes there is a need for substantial modeling and data collection regarding the events Rog pointed out.

Back to Round Table:

R.Connolly: Asked Anne if she knew whether the new EPA Region 10 Director would be at the Nov. 29th BEIPC meeting, Anne did not know at this time.

Harwood: Reminded the group that he needs BEIPC packet items by November 10, 2006.

Call ended at 9:00 am.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 11/16/06.

Thank you for your participation.