

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
November 3, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)	Nick Zilka
Brian Spears (Vice Chair)	Lloyd Brewer
Rob Spafford	Terry Harwood
Randy Connolly	Dave Fortier
Anne Dailey	Mark Stromberg
Rog Hardy	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Ron Roizen	
Rebecca Stevens	

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 BEIPC Meeting, Presentation of 2006 Work Plan

While waiting for the call to begin, Terry Harwood mentioned the CWA audit that he and Jeri DeLange have almost completed. He reported that there are a lot of projects complete or almost complete that will have funds left over. Harwood will send letters to the CWA proponents to verify remaining funding so that left over funds may be moved to projects that may require additional funding. He stated that he needs to act quickly because the funds cannot be moved to a CWA project approved from a different year grant. Harwood indicated that there are no problems for extensions of grants, but that the funding will have to be returned if it is not used.

Phillip Cernera began the call by reviewing the schedule for upcoming meetings during the next few weeks.

- Nov. 8 (Tues) 9:00 a.m. – Recreational PFT
USFS Office, Grizzly Room, 3815 Schreiber Way, CDA
- Nov. 9 (Wed) 9:30 a.m. – BEIPC Meeting
CDA Resort, 2nd and Front, CDA
- Nov. 16 (Wed) 6:30 p.m. – WCAC Meeting
Gonzaga University Law School Library, Barbieri Courtroom

Cernera then discussed his presentation of the 2006 one-year work plan for the Basin Commission meeting on November 9.

Ron Roizen said that he was surprised about the revised language in the blood lead level section. He indicated that he was not sure how to present substitute language; and that he thought the TLG would want to be on board with the NAS emphasis on integrating blood lead levels in children's health care. Cernera remarked that minority positions were not aired in this regard under TLG protocol.

Harwood suggested to Roizen that he provide a written copy of substitute language for the blood lead section to discuss during the public comment period at the BEIPC meeting. He asked Roizen to email the information to him to make copies for the blood lead section. Cernera will also email the information to the TLG.

Roizen inquired how to know if people would support the position. Cernera said that the position was articulated at the last CCC meeting. Roizen then indicated that he would be happy to distribute the proposal. Cernera pointed out that the Basin Commission would make the decision on it.

Roizen also commented that he feels there is no control over some of the changes made in the work plan. Harwood responded that the agencies that have to implement have become involved and have asked to make a presentation at the BEIPC meeting. Roizen then asked about the TLG's role in making recommendations if they are going to be passed over to another agency. He questions what we are doing if this is the case. Harwood said that ultimately the agencies that have to implement will have a certain amount of control in the political process because they are responsible.

In regards to NAS and the one-year work plan language, Roizen indicated that the language was explicit that there is not sufficient blood lead data and that the NAS suggested that it be explored seriously in 2006. Harwood said that people thought it was a good idea, but the implementing agencies have to agree.

Lloyd Brewer mentioned that he shares Roizen's concerns because the TLG does not have input from the implementing agencies when they are trying to put together work plans. He suggested more involvement from the PFT's. Harwood said that it was a good point to let the PFT's work on this.

Cernera then asked if a Human Health PFT meeting should be scheduled. He indicated that the perceptions on TLG recommendations for the 2006 plan were in agreement on blood lead. Then the agencies had a different approach and that is why the language in the section was changed. If presented to the BEIPC this way, it will seem as if this section is the TLG's recommended work product. Roizen commented that he is in complete agreement with Cernera on this. Dailey said that she will relay this information to the people involved.

Cernera mentioned that he is glad he had the dialogue on the flow chart with Brian Spears. Then after the TLG makes its recommendations, the agencies can be asked for their input. Harwood indicated that this may have no bearing. Cernera said that the TLG recommendations need to be expressed to the BEIPC on the work plan. Harwood agreed that the plan needs to be synthesized, but he is concerned that the work plan may be produced only to be vetoed .

Cernera then suggested listing the position of the agency in the language followed by the TLG's recommendation. Harwood mentioned that it would have been beneficial to have the Human Health PFT working on this in order to have a better understanding on how to write this section. Roizen suggested that the BEIPC bring in diverse opinions from stakeholders including children

to explore the value of this. Cernera indicated that this leaves us in a minority process. Rob Spafford said this leaves the Basin Commission in a position to decide if it is good enough.

Brewer remarked that the BEIPC may want to make changes in the plan if they had the communication in time to be considered. Harwood suggested letting the Basin Commission know that the agencies did not agree on this issue.

Round Table:

Cernera: Commented on the interviewing process to choose a mediator for the LMP. He indicated that it will be a two phased approach with all stakeholders getting with the firm to discuss issues and assessments of problems.

Spears: Nothing to report.

Spafford: Nothing to report.

Connolly: Nothing to report.

Dailey: Reminded everyone about the Recreational PFT meeting next Tuesday.

Hardy: Inquired if there would be a map of the lower basin at the Rec PFT meeting. He also inquired about targets for flood issues; whether the TLOP (Trail Long-term Operating Plan) would involve both public and private properties; and if there would be public comment for the ICP.

Zilka: Nothing to report.

Brewer: Nothing to report.

Harwood: Indicated that he is working on the draft ICP document and that it is important to get the Human Health PFT up and running. He mentioned that he got into the process to ensure proper input and that the next draft will go for public comment.

Fortier: Mentioned that there are several projects on the ground. In the next few days, a decision will be made whether to do another pilot water treatment for iron before winter. Harwood suggested that the BLM make a presentation at the BEIPC meeting so they know what work is being done on the ground.

Stevens: Nothing to report.

Stromberg: Reported on the yard program and said that it will be approximately the same size next year.

Cernera: Commented on the need for PFT meetings in the future including lake monitoring.

Roizen: Inquired who the Human Health Chair was. Dailey indicated that it was Rob Hanson (IDEQ) and that she would call him about scheduling a meeting. Harwood also commented that he is positive that getting the PFT's going again will make a difference.

Cernera: Discussed work on the ground and what CWA funding has achieved. He brought up the process for the LMP and that some segments will require sediment TMDL's (total maximum daily loads). Cernera suggested that some people may not understand the funding costs for one tributary. He suggested taking the Commission to visit projects out on streams that address erosion. This would raise the issue of what is needed for the LMP.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 11/10/05.

Thank you for your participation.