

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
March 2, 2006

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)	Angela Chung
Paul Woods	Lloyd Brewer
Mike Beckwith	Terry Harwood
Rog Hardy	Ed Moreen
Bill Adams	Randy Connolly
Brian Spears	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Dave George	
Nick Zilka	
Rusty Sheppard	

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, Updates - BIF and BEIPC Meetings

Phillip Cernera asked if anyone had heard about a dredging proposal for Kidd Island Bay. He mentioned that there was an upcoming meeting later in March in regards to it and that he would try to find out more information. Mike Beckwith indicated that one sample taken from the bay tested at 1800 ppm for lead. Paul Woods mentioned that the sample only addresses sediment in the bay and not dredging sources. Beckwith also questioned where the material may be placed if it is removed. Cernera said that he would send everyone information as soon as he is able to find out more.

Cernera brought up the Basin Commission meeting that was held last week and asked if there were any TLG related issues to discuss.

Harwood mentioned that he added the two revised sections to the 2006 work plan (ICP and blood lead) that were approved by the BEIPC. He indicated that he mailed copies to the commissioners, alternates, and staff; and posted it to the web along with the 2005 annual accomplishment report. Harwood then reminded everyone about the community meeting for the proposed Cataldo repository on March 7 at the Canyon School from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and that everyone is welcome.

Harwood reported that Rob Hanson is working on the ICP utilizing the recommendations that were made at the PFT meeting. He indicated that what the boundary map looks like, it will be a big issue and key to the ICP. Harwood suggested that there may be a half-day special meeting for the BEIPC to discuss the ICP after the PFT and TLG complete work and present it to the BEIPC. Harwood said that Commissioner Sherry Krulitz would like to set aside three to four hours for this issue.

Regarding CWA reports, Harwood mentioned that people in the audience at the BEIPC meeting were impressed with the work done. On the proposal to speak to Mica Bay landowners about the possibility of an alternate design, he indicated that this discussion was extremely controversial.

However, the infrastructure proposal he presented for the Box and Basin was well received. It involves evaluating the current infrastructure to develop a process to improve and repair infrastructure in regards to stormwater, flooding, sewer system inflow/infiltration, and the impact on lake water quality. Harwood plans to do an inventory to determine the problems and prepare a report on the current conditions. Then he will put together a potential analysis for funding. He mentioned that this project fits in with the NAS recommendations in regards to flooding issues. Harwood said that he would appreciate any involvement and would be willing to share the information.

Mike Beckwith indicated that he is working on nutrient loading and sediment issues and agreed that the infrastructure proposal would be beneficial in helping to reduce loading from various areas such as the Page wastewater treatment plant. He would like to keep posted on this issue.

Nick Zilka mentioned that Michael Bogert presented two awards from the EPA at the BEIPC meeting. The first award went to Paul Woods (USGS) for his excellent work in the Basin and the second to Dan Audet (USFWS). Brian Spears accepted the award for Audet as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Cernera asked if there was any follow-up on the Basin Information Forum (BIF). Rog Hardy said that he had a comment that related to both the BIF and BEIPC meetings regarding Mica Creek. He believes that people were fatigued by all of the controversy on this issue. He does not believe that the TLG has a regional perspective on addressing fundamental issues to come up with brainstorming outside of agencies and mandates. Hardy feels that modeling may help with the concept of what we want to do and suggested that additional meanders be put into the main segment of Mica Creek.

Cernera indicated that he agreed with Hardy. He also mentioned that the ROD talks about 20% of the flood plain being bird habitat and questioned how we prevent flooding from going into these areas. Hardy indicated that these issues are conceptual and challenged everyone to be thinking of ways to find solutions.

Randy Connolly mentioned that these issues were discussed about five years ago, but that most of the funding is going for human health and safety. He indicated that it is difficult to get excited about these issues if there is no action in the foreseeable future. Hardy suggested that the Recreational PFT may be able to address some of these issues.

Harwood indicated that Ron Roizen announced at the BIF meeting that he has resigned as the Shoshone County TLG rep. He said that Roizen had been doing some work on blood lead testing, but was not sure if Roizen planned to continue on this issue. Harwood informed everyone that Representative Dick Harwood was going to introduce an amendment for an additional commissioner to the BEIPC and that he would try to find out more information today. He also mentioned that he received a letter from Chief Allan that stated the Tribe had voted to approve Phillip Cernera as the new Basin Commissioner and that the alternate would be Chuck Matheson. Harwood said that he notified the other commissioners about this change in a letter. In addition, he received a letter from Michael Bogert designating Ron Kreizenbeck as his alternate, but has not yet received the official confirmation for Bogert.

Certera commented that the Basin Commission requires a lot of work and that the Tribal Council members felt that he would be the best person for the job. He said that it has been suggested that the Tribe cannot appoint a non-tribal member to the Basin Commission because of the way Idaho Statute is written. Certera indicated that the Tribe believes they can appoint who they want to represent them; and if there are any problems, they will seek to amend the Statute. He hopes that everyone will be willing to accept the change and move forward.

Certera also suggested that he would like to stay on as the TLG Chair for the next few weeks until the dust settles to avoid any confusion. Then, he would no longer be able to serve as it would be a conflict of interest. Harwood indicated that under the TLG protocols, the Vice Chair automatically fills the Chair's position and completes the term of office. Spears remarked that he would be willing to take the position of TLG Chair given the protocols.

Beckwith mentioned that he believes there is no difference between a Tribal Council member versus a Tribal designee for the BEIPC. Harwood said that he will talk to the Attorney General's office about this issue. Regarding the TLG Chair, he will see if this can be worked out as the TLG has a big job with the ICP now.

Announcements: Harwood informed everyone of the schedule for upcoming BEIPC meetings and the deadlines for board packet information.

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deadline for board packet info</u>
May 24	CDA Inn, CDA	May 5
Aug. 16	tbd, Kellogg	July 28
Nov. 29	tbd, CDA	Nov. 10

Other Discussion: Woods mentioned that the lower sediment model is a good tool as issues with the lake are very important for people to understand. Beckwith suggested that someone needs to step up to take the lead on where to use the information in the decision making process. Woods proposed an open forum in the future with open participation to brainstorm. He said that he liked a previous suggestion made by Hardy on developing a vision for where things are going in the Basin, both short and long-term.

Round Table:

Certera: Mentioned that he is working on a water quality regional standard.

Woods: Indicated that there has been a great deal of progress on the lake model.

Beckwith: Nothing to report.

Hardy: Commented that Dave Suhr is still a TLG representative for Shoshone County.

Adams: Said that comments are being addressed for the design work on the Rex and Golconda; and that the contracting process will start after this is completed. He also mentioned that wells

are being sited for water treatment on Canyon Creek to study the interaction between surface and ground water. The wells should be installed in mid-April.

Spears: Mentioned that he had recently seen a dead swan.

George: Nothing to report.

Zilka: Reported that he visited the Highway 97 bridge work and took a picture of the work in progress.

Sheppard: Indicated that he agreed to a request by Commissioner Krulitz to attend meetings and work on the ICP with John Snider until Shoshone County appoints another representative.

Chung: Nothing to report.

Moreen: Reiterated that the public meeting on the East Mission Flats repository site would be held on March 7 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Cataldo school.

Hardy: Reported that he obtained a copy of the BLM report that Dave Fortier mentioned at the BIF meeting and that it was very comprehensive.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 3/9/06.

Thank you for your participation.