

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

March 6, 2008

Kenny Hicks (Chair)
Bill Adams
Dave George
Rog Hardy
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: LMP Update

The TLG Chair, Kenny Hicks, informed everyone that the draft LMP (Lake Management Plan) would be coming out in April and not in March based on comments that he had received.

Round Table:

Hicks: Brought up the issue of repository sites. He asked if anyone was aware whether a map existed of potential repository sites, or if it had been updated. Bill Adams said that he was not aware of anything recently. Hicks then informed everyone that Rebecca Stevens had volunteered to be the Chair of the Lower Basin PFT and that he also wanted to see if there was any interest in forming a new PFT for the Upper Basin.

Adams: Asked what an Upper Basin PFT would cover other than what was being done by the Water Quality PFT.

Hicks: Responded that it would deal with infrastructure and flood control. He said that he was trying to get more participation from other Silver Valley people who are involved in land use as some of them are not even aware of the BEIPC. He feels that creating a PFT for infrastructure and flood control would be a good idea.

Hardy: Commented that he also feels an Upper Basin PFT would be a good idea. He then reported that the KEA (Kootenai Environmental Alliance) brought in a consultant for a Kootenai County meeting on revising its comprehensive plan. He pointed out that there are also citizen groups in the Lower Basin who have concerns regarding zoning and other issues. Hardy suggested that it's important that the County coordinate any geographic themes with the local groups.

Hicks: Agreed that there has to be coordination. He indicated that the PFTs have similar issues and that it makes the TLG richer for the efforts. Hicks emphasized that he feels you cannot get too many comments or too much input from people in the community who want to participate as private citizens or technical members. As an example, he brought up that in the past he had discussed CDA River recreation issues in the summer; and that some people who were interested in those issues fell away after they were discussed. He suggested that it may have been because

they were discussed, but stressed that it's important for citizens to have input; and then work on the issues.

Hardy: Pointed out that the TLG has some PFTs now that may address some of the issues such as the Recreation PFT dealing with some of the Lower Basin issues. However, he suggested that the fish pond project that was proposed in Osburn should be part of the Upper Basin issues.

Hicks: Said that he brought this issue up with Terry Harwood and that it was only a proposal.

Other PFT Discussion:

- The BEIPC approved a Communications PFT for community education and outreach that will need to be set up;
- Terry Harwood is the Chair of the Funding PFT; and
- A sign-up sheet was provided at the BEIPC meeting for anyone interested in being a PFT member.

Adams: Mentioned that he had nothing new to report, but agreed that an Upper Basin PFT would be a good idea as there were a lot of technical issues. He added that the Communications PFT would provide a good forum for other people to participate.

George: Echoed the same comments as Adams and emphasized that it was important for the Communications PFT to dovetail with the other PFTs.

Hardy: Inquired about the status of the EPA investigative general's report on the EMF (East Mission Flats) repository site.

Adams: Responded that there may be some delays due to changes in the person leading the investigation.

DeLange: Reported that she was working on the TLG conference call notes and minutes.

Other Discussion:

Update on BEIPC meeting - February 27

- One and five year work plans were approved with minor changes in verbage; and
- Presentation of the final report on the pilot project for the Plummer wastewater treatment system.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 3/20/08.

Thank you for your participation.