

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
April 13, 2006

Participants:

Brian Spears (Chair)	Rog Hardy
Mike Beckwith	Bill Ryan
Rusty Sheppard	Rebecca Stevens
Terry Harwood	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Nick Zilka	
Dave George	

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: Draft Five-Year Work Plan

Brian Spears asked if anyone had comments on the latest five-year work plan draft that Terry Harwood emailed to everyone a few days ago. Harwood indicated that he rolled changes into the text from IDEQ and EPA on actual project work (i.e. mine/mill, Canyon Creek) and that he also added a section to deal with the concerns of Shoshone County.

Announcements: Harwood mentioned that there would be a CCC meeting on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Avista office in Kellogg to discuss the five-year work plan and ICP.

Harwood then brought up the status on the IRP (Infrastructure Revitalization Plan) and said that he had talked to Terragraphics about dividing the work into four phases. The first phase would be completing the mapping of the flood zones in Shoshone and Kootenai counties to the mouth of the CDA River to identify flooding problems. In regards to possible funding, he indicated that he did a budget analysis on his current FY funding and that he has \$38,000 remaining.

The first phase would also include an inventory of the existing infrastructure in order to determine the needs for curbs, gutters, streets, stormwater, and sewer. Harwood explained that these would wrap together with the remedy for protection of the communities from flooding issues and recontamination of areas that have been previously cleaned up. The second phase would involve developing an infrastructure concept and potential sources of funding for the communities.

Harwood mentioned that he received a call from D.C. regarding a CWA audit and that he would be working on this. He also gave an update for the ICP PFT and indicated that they are working on the map, position statements, and producing a draft for the ICP in the Basin. Harwood said that he would send all the documents to everyone so they can review how the PHD (Panhandle Health Distric) tried to address all the issues. He mentioned that he spoke with Commissioner Sherry Krulitz who suggested changing the next Basin meeting to June 21 to allow time to complete the draft Basin ICP. It was also pointed out that the PHD would need a certain amount of time for a public hearing on it. The final ICP needs to be completed by August in order to get

it into the rule-making process for the 2007 legislative session. Otherwise, it may take another year.

Rog Hardy mentioned that the Kootenai County Planning & Zoning director recently resigned and that this may cause a delay for Kootenai County to review the draft ICP. Rusty Sheppard inquired about Kootenai County's position. Hardy answered that he is not sure there will be time to address the pragmatics of all the position papers because there is a lot to work out, especially on the boundary issues for Kootenai County. Harwood pointed out that the boundary issue is the map. Hardy brought up that the City of Harrison is in the boundary, and the CDA tribal reservation is out; although the city is half on the reservation. Harwood said that he would need comments to address this issue and he asked Spears to forward them to Rob Hanson.

Harwood suggested that the only way to get this issue resolved would be an expedited effort by the TLG, PFT, and Kootenai County. Hardy said that he appreciates the effort, but does not feel that it's the TLG's job to fast track this issue in order to try and meet the deadline for the legislature. Harwood replied that he hopes everyone understands that he is trying to do this in a collaborative process. Sheppard indicated that Kootenai County is almost done with their process and then it would be a matter of merging the documents together (more political than technical). Harwood commented that he would send out a revised draft as soon as possible.

Spears thanked Harwood for his work on the draft ICP and suggested that the TLG may be able to come up with a recommendation at the May 8 meeting. Harwood said that he appreciates the TLG's help as this program is one of the most difficult to implement. He pointed out that the rules will need to be reviewed by the attorneys. Further discussion on this issue focused on allowing enough time for the CCC to review and comment.

Spears asked everyone to please send him additional agenda items for the TLG meeting on May 8th. So far, he indicated that the agenda included: 1) the ICP discussion; 2) a presentation by Paul Woods on the final lake model report; and 3) an update on mine/mill work by Bill Adams. Hardy suggested allowing time to discuss brainstorming on future work. Spears brought up another potential topic regarding lake dredging at the Black Rock marina. He mentioned that he went to a meeting at Kidd Island Bay and that it may be a good project for the technical people to watch. Harwood agreed as he has concerns about dredging the bays and having sediment problems downstream.

Harwood mentioned that the state appropriation of \$60,000 has been approved for the county TLG reps and will be available on July 1. He indicated that the funds will be distributed when the counties can agree on how the funds will be spent; and he offered his help to negotiate and write the agreements.

Round Table:

Beckwith: Nothing to report.

Sheppard: Nothing to report.

George: Nothing to report.

Zilka: Mentioned that he will be giving an update on the Golconda during the mine/mill call.

Hardy: Inquired if anyone knew anything about a reserved section in the PHD's draft Basin ICP (5:30-32) that was left blank. Harwood answered that it has to do with state law and the original Box ICP. When the rules are being set up, those sections that are reserved are left blank.

Adams: Nothing to report.

Spears: Mentioned that he is working on biological updates as the peak migration for waterfowl has passed. He reported that there were twelve dead swans and that he received his first call inquiring about avian flu from someone who saw a dead swan in Harrison. Spears indicated that avian flu is not expected this spring as birds are flying north, but there may be a possibility this fall when the birds return from Alaska. He said that the agency will be doing more monitoring as they are expecting an influx of calls. He also reported that an old Trumpeter swan was recaptured that was over 30 years old.

Harwood: Commented that he will be distributing the folded lake maps with a label asking for comments. He pointed out that there are only 450 copies, so distribution will be limited. He also mentioned that he will work on getting an ICP map for the TLG meeting on May 8.

Ryan: Nothing to report.

Stevens: Nothing to report.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 4/20/06.

Thank you for your participation.