

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
April 14, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cerna (Chair)	Rogers Hardy
Terry Harwood	Paul Woods
Lloyd Brewer	Nick Zilka
Mark Stromberg	Rusty Shepherd
David Sternberg	Randy Connolly
Rob Lindsay	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Anne Dailey	
Rob Spafford	

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: Development and Schedule for the 2005 One-Year Work Plan

Phillip Cerna recapped his comments on the one-year work plan from the last TLG meeting. The plan is moving forward and should be completed in the next few weeks. He will present the preliminary plan to the CCC (Citizen's Coordinating Council) at their meeting on April 20 for review and comments. The draft plan will be discussed again next Thursday on the TLG conference call for further comments. Revisions will be made if needed and the final draft presented to Executive Director Harwood.

Misc. Announcements:

- 1) Citizen's Coordinating Council (CCC) - It was noted that the location for the CCC meeting has been changed. The new location is at Avista Utilities, 120 N. Hill Street, Kellogg.
- 2) Washington Citizen's Advisory Group – Dave Sternberg mentioned there will be a meeting this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Gonzaga Law Library in Spokane. The US Corps of Army Engineers will be discussing PCB's behind the Upriver Dam site and metals contamination at Star Road.
- 3) Canyon Creek Treatability – Mark Stromberg reported that he has a meeting today with Bill Adams (EPA) and two contractors with the ORD (Office of Research and Development) to look at sites in Woodland Park this morning.
- 4) Basin Information Forum (BIF) - Cerna asked for suggestions about presenters on data issues for a BIF that he would like to organize. If anyone has a recommendation, please let him know as soon as possible as he would like to put together the agenda in the next few weeks. There was also discussion on if there were costs incurred in putting on the forums and if the funds could be used for cleanup. He replied the costs were minimal as there are no stipends to the presenters.

Other discussion: Terry Harwood discussed that he has almost finished the 2004 accomplishment report. As soon as it is completed, he will send a bound color copy to all of the Basin Commissioners and Alternates. Black & white copies will be provided at the BEIPC meeting and the report will also be posted to the web so color copies may be downloaded.

Round Table:

Lloyd Brewer – Attending the Washington Citizen’s Advisory meeting tonight at the Gonzaga Law Library on the Upriver Dam.

Mark Stromberg – Mentioned that he has received most of the documents and data for the 2005 field season and will be starting property remediation work next Monday if the weather permits.

Dave Sternberg – Speaking at the Washington Citizen’s Advisory meeting tonight on the Upriver Dam.

Rob Lindsay - Suggested the TLG think of ways to help with the waste repository work and volunteered his technical skills to help on the PFT for this issue. Cerner thanked him and told him to email John Lawson (PFT Chair) to let him know.

Anne Dailey – Reported there would be a PFT recreational meeting next Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. regarding the Rose Lake area campgrounds.

Rogers Hardy – Nothing to report.

Paul Woods – Discussed the lake model sampling he conducted in late March. The southern end was very turbid, but it cleared up in the northern end. He should be receiving the field equipment by the end of April and will be working with the Australians from May 28 until June 13. Additional data collection may be necessary later and he will continue to make lake monitoring trips. Woods will give this information to Cerner for the BIF meeting.

Nick Zilka – Working on plans for bank stabilization, should have the deliverables from the contractor next Monday. Depending upon the height of the river, they may be able to start planting next Tuesday. Zilka offered to present this information at the BIF meeting.

Rob Spafford – Nothing to report.

Terry Harwood – Reported that he and Mark Stromberg have completed the transfer of the CWA (Clean Water Act) records between them. Harwood will be sending a letter out to all of the sub-grantees to notify them that he will be in charge of monitoring the projects in the future and processing the invoices. As some of the funding balances for the grants are close to the total amount available for funding, he will send this information to the sub-grantees for them to check and confirm with their records. Harwood will contact the TLG to review the deliverables to ensure we are getting what we paid for.

Phillip Cernera – Discussed dredging issues at Blackwell Island and impacts to Coeur d’Alene Lake. The Marina Yacht Club has filed for a CWA Section 404 Army Corps of Engineers (COE) permit in order to improve boat passage. In March 2005, supplemental information was requested from two state agencies, the Idaho Dept. of Lands (IDL) and the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources (IDWR). Cernera wanted to alert the TLG to the significance of this issue and urged the agencies to become more involved. For anyone wanting a copy of the permit application, they can contact the Dept. of Lands, or he also has a copy. Cernera recommended the document needs to be reviewed and comments turned in. It is his understanding that specific sampling has not been done and the contaminated sediments are “hot”. Dailey will check into whether this site falls under the EPA’s purview of Superfund.

Cernera also discussed a call he received from Idaho Fish & Game in Boise dealing with the fisheries in the Basin and enhancing fish habitat on the CDA River. The person he spoke with did not have knowledge of the BEIPC or advisory groups. Cernera recommended meeting together as a group with the TLG representatives and major stakeholders.

Another issue of concern involved pictures Cernera received from IDEQ showing bank stabilization work on the St. Joe River that blew out in January 2005. Although he was not sure of the actual location, he was interested in who was responsible for the project. Zilka suggested he contact Carl Washburn (IDL). Cernera will check to see if Washburn can participate in the next TLG call.

Rusty Shepherd - Raised issue of the need for an ICP (Institutional Control Program) for the Basin and how it would intersect with the LMP (Lake Management Plan). Harwood replied that the ICP may not apply to the shoreline of the lake. The ICP may stop at Harrison and then start again at the mouth of the Spokane River.

Randy Connolly – Nothing to report.

In closing, Cernera reiterated the need for TLG members to stay informed and keep everyone notified on issues of concern in order to function more effectively.

Schedule: Next TLG conference call scheduled 4/21/05

Thank you for your participation.