

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
April 3, 2008

Kenny Hicks (Chair)
Bill Adams
Nick Zilka
Terry Harwood
Dave George

Mark Masarik
Rog Hardy
Randy Connolly
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: None

At the beginning of the call, Jeri DeLange suggested that the TLG may want to consider rescheduling their TLG meeting on May 1 as they usually meet before the CCC meeting (i.e. April 23). In addition, she noted that Terry Harwood would need the BEIPC board packet information by April 28. Kenny Hicks indicated that he would bring this issue up for discussion later in the call.

Round Table:

Adams: Reported on water sampling in OU-2. He said that high flow monitoring will be done around the end of April; and that the remedial assessment (RA) monitoring is being coordinated with the BEMP (Basin environmental monitoring plan) and mine/mill water quality.

Zilka: Mentioned that he called a meeting last week to discuss adding data (regarding Box water quality) for Phase 2 of OU-2. He reported that newer monitoring wells will be installed in OU-2 to get a better understanding of ground water movement; and that he also initiated a push for a hydrologic model in Canyon Creek.

George: Nothing to report.

DeLange: Informed everyone that: 1) the first Communications PFT meeting will be held on April 9 at the Idaho Transportation Dept. from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; 2) she will send out the meeting information to the TLG and CCC if anyone is interested in attending; and 3) she is currently working on getting up to date on the TLG conference call notes and meeting minutes.

Harwood: Said that he is working on an agreement to have the CDA Chamber print the Lake map for distribution. He also updated the BEIPC website and pointed out that under "latest news" for the EMF, a link sends people directly to the Repository page. Harwood brought up that at the last repository PFT meeting there was some discussion about the PFT meetings being open public meetings. He indicated that he called the Attorney General's (AG) office two years ago for clarification of the open meeting law and verified that the TLG and PFT meetings are not public meetings. The public is welcome to come, but legal notices in the newspaper are not required to notify people (i.e. notification is usually through email). He suggested that the Chair

should be willing to allow someone from the public to speak, but that the meeting shall follow Robert's Rules of Order. Harwood asked people to contact him if they had any questions about the BEIPC process or protocols.

Regarding the earmark on the Corps of Engineers (COE's) budget (i.e. funding for flood control analysis to protect the remedy), he has not heard anything back yet. He is continuing work on the infrastructure revitalization plan (IRP) and the next step will be to sit down with the communities and utilities to do cost estimates for the work. Harwood pointed out a big problem in receiving grant funding is that they usually require a match. The City of Smeltonville received a grant for sewer and needs a \$250,000 match, but they only have part of it.

Hicks: Brought up several large development proposals that he is working on. He pointed out that in calculating the water and sewer hook-up fees for one development, that it cost approx. \$10,000 per unit. Hicks also mentioned that the CSC (Central Shoshone County) water district is looking at a bond election to do upgrades for the Enaville source. He suggested that it may be a good idea to take the hook-up fees and work with other developers (depending upon feasibility) to do off-site improvements for water and sewer (i.e. Big Creek water system or South Fork Sewer District). Hicks emphasized that the citizens do not have funding for overall municipal improvements, but that they may find success in creative strategies to help with some of the projects that are doable.

Harwood: Reported that he will be making a presentation to the CDA City Council on April 15 at 6:00 p.m. on the BEIPC, CDA Lake and Superfund. This will include information about the BEIPC accomplishments, mine/mill work, yard remediation program, etc. Harwood also wants people to understand that CDA Lake is part of Superfund.

Masarik: Gave a brief update on the 3 Recreation PFT subgroups:

1. Recreation Inventory (Chair, David White) - reviewing draft recreation inventory report. Then land managers will review before adding Avista data and moving into GIS overlay. The report will be used in the recreation management strategy and guidelines document.
2. Trends Analysis (Chair, Speed Fitzhugh) – working on trends analysis.
3. Communications and Testing (Chair, Rebecca Stevens) – will interface with DeLange on the Communications PFT, rather than duplicate efforts.

Hardy: Inquired about the status of the draft LMP.

Masarik: Replied that he believed the draft LMP would not be out until at least mid-April as the CDA Tribe and State needed to meet to work through final revisions before the draft is made public. He mentioned that Glen Rothrock (IDEQ) was also doing work on the appendices so that they are consistent throughout the document. Masarik suggested that the draft plan may not be available until May, but he does not have the schedule.

Hardy: Asked about the forecast for water levels, or how the snow was melting.

Harwood: Answered that that there was 31" of water content in the snowpack; and that it was still acting like winter on the ski areas. He indicated that the snow melt may be ok if it warms up

slowly. However, there may be problems if there is a rain event on snow.

Hicks: Noted that he keeps an eye on it, but there is nothing noticeable yet.

Hardy: Remarked that gauges still look like winter.

Harwood: Indicated that the CDA Chamber along with the support of the CDA Press is looking for the opportunity to print more copies of the Lake map. He stressed that the costs of printing will need to be paid without any advertising as the map is the property of the BEIPC. Harwood is working on writing an agreement (MOA) for the Chamber and will also include an opportunity to get boxes of maps for the BEIPC.

Harwood then brought up CWA project funding and indicated that there may be about \$35,000 in remaining funding for the second grant year. He suggested that the TLG be thinking of ideas to use the funding as the grant ends June 30, 2009.

Hicks: Suggested that once the Communications PFT meets and comes up with ideas, then there may be a need for funding to print some education and outreach materials. He also suggested that the Recreation PFT may need funding for some mapping needs. Hicks brought up a recent article in the CDA newspaper regarding the SEEP (stormwater erosion education program) and pointed out that it is a great training opportunity for the 5 northern counties to educate their contractors and other people who are interested. He emphasized that the training contributes to the protection of water quality.

Connolly: Asked about the criteria for the \$35,000 in remaining CWA funding.

Harwood: Responded that if the remaining funding was used for a new CWA project, then it would require a QAAP (quality assurance action plan). He suggested that it would be easier to use the remaining funding to add to a pre-approved project (i.e. for the purpose of studies). Harwood commented that he had an idea to use the funding on the first grant year in Mullan for the sewer inflow/infiltration (I/I) project. He explained that the results of the study demonstrated when feeder lines from homes were replaced, it reduced I/I flows. He also pointed out that the manholes in Mullan are handmade (with holes in the top), so stormwater comes up in the manholes when the water is high. Harwood suggested that if replacing the manholes took care of more of the I/I, then he may be able to justify the funding. He said that he wanted to leave an option open to the TLG and that it was better than giving back the remaining funding.

DeLange: Asked Hicks about rescheduling the TLG meeting on May 1.

TLG Meeting Discussion: After TLG discussion, Hicks asked DeLange to send out an email asking members if April 21 or April 25 worked better for them; and to respond back by April 8. The meeting will then be rescheduled and a draft agenda sent out.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 4/17/08.

Thank you for your participation.