

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
June 11, 2009

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Bill Adams
Anne Dailey
Sandra Raskell

Dave George
Brian Spears
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

Round Table:

Anne Dailey - Attended the BEMP monitoring meeting on Tuesday, June 9. The groundwater monitoring in the Box is done and the spring event completed. EPA is moving ahead with the ROD amendment Upper Basin meeting on June 30. She will send out a revised schedule on the sections to the Upper Basin PFT early next week. In the Lower Basin, they are dewatering the Schlepp field for work next week. She suggested that Brian Spears may be able to provide additional information.

Brian Spears - Said they will be out next week to treat the canary grass in the eastern field of the Schlepp wetland. They are currently dewatering the whole area and it will be pumped dry.

Bill Adams - Brought up the upcoming June 30 prioritization meeting. He thinks it will be a good discussion to talk through issues as they need everyone's input before expanding the sections out. At the recent BEMP meeting on June 9, they had a discussion on the comprehensive monitoring plan (i.e. biological, surface and groundwater). People divided into work groups on the various issues they were interested in and he will send information to them. Adams asked for suggestions on handling the BEMP meetings, so they are not quite so large.

Rebecca Stevens - Suggested putting out notices for the Upper Basin PFT on what the focus of the BEMP meeting will be as to the type of monitoring, etc., so people will know if it may be of interest to them.

Anne Dailey - Indicated another possibility may be having a work session and then giving an update to everyone at the TLG meeting.

Bill Adams - Thought these were good suggestions. He then reported on the status of the LIDAR flight. It has been completed and they are now working on a scope of work for a contractor to do some aerial photography to go with the LIDAR results. He has not seen a cost estimate yet, but is hoping to get it done as it will provide some good information for the bucketing process. Stevens feels the aerial photography will be a good partner to go with the LIDAR data. Adams clarified the results will take a few months.

Dave George - Commented that he is hoping for better participation from the State of Washington after July 1 (in the BEIPC process). Currently, only he and Grant Pfeifer may travel to Idaho and he hopes to have more involvement by Washington Dept. of Ecology staff in the future.

Jeri DeLange - Nothing to report. Inquired about a recent news article she saw about the ASARCO settlement.

Bill Adams - Replied they have agreed on an ASARCO settlement amount, but noted the actual amount will be determined by cents on the dollar.

Sandra Raskell - Nothing to report.

Rebecca Stevens - Mentioned that comments on the Blackwell Island marina yacht club permit proposal are due June 15. She noted the CDA Tribe will be submitting comments. She also mentioned the investigative report on the East Mission Flats (EMF) repository by the Office of the EPA's Investigator General (IG) had been released and asked if anyone knew how she could get a copy. Dailey suggested she contact Ed Moreen.

During the Lower Basin PFT meeting on May 27, she pointed out the report that Scott Fields (CDA Tribe) was referring to during his discussion on the Spokane River Hydroelectric Project Phase 2 Erosion Assessment can be found on the BEIPC website under the following PFT link: http://www.basincommission.com/TLG_PFT_LowerBasin.asp.

Stevens informed everyone the next TLG meeting will be at the CDA Tribal Casino on July 22. She will prepare a draft agenda and if anyone has possible agenda items, please send them to her.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 6/25/09. (*Note: This call was later cancelled*).

Thank you for your participation.