

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

June 23, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)
Terry Harwood
Nick Zilka
Mark Stromberg
Anne Dailey
Ron Roizen
Paul Woods
Rob Spafford
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: TLG Meeting Recap and Five-Year Work Plan Review

Phillip Cernera reviewed the draft five-year work plan and mentioned that Terry Harwood presented his changes at the TLG meeting on June 21. The TLG and CCC now have copies of the revised draft and Cernera would like to receive the TLG's comments in the next few weeks. The schedule is as follows:

- July 13, 12:00 Noon - Deadline for all TLG comments
- July 13, Evening – Cernera will present the plan at the CCC meeting
- July 20, 9:00 a.m. – Cernera, Harwood, and John Snider will meet to incorporate CCC comments
- July 21, 8:00 a.m. – TLG conference call to discuss the final draft
- July 22 – Final draft due to Harwood

Cernera also mentioned that he would like to meet with the Kootenai County representatives to make changes on some of the items discussed at the TLG meeting. Harwood agreed that it would be good to meet with them or to allow them to make a minority position. Harwood mentioned that he has incorporated ten of the seventeen comments, but will need to see on the remaining as all of the remedies must be mutually acceptable to all parties. Some of the other comments that he has received include issues related to:

- Passive vs. active treatment for Canyon Creek;
- Prioritizing ecological work in the Upper vs. Lower Basin according to the level of contamination;
- Delisting the Spokane River as it is not dealt with in the ROD;
- Possibility of two LMP's (lake management plans); and
- Completing Phase 2 of the box (OU2) before doing any significant work in the Lower Basin.

Mark Stromberg made a suggestion that it may be good to have another TLG meeting. Cernera did not feel another meeting was necessary as the purpose of the TLG meeting on Tuesday was to discuss the work plan. He said that changes to the plan could be discussed by phone through the weekly conference calls. Cernera also believes that it is not feasible to have another meeting in the timeframe required to complete the plan.

Harwood pointed out Commissioner Krulitz's concerns from the May 11 Basin Commission in regards to delisting at least one site so the community can see that the process is moving forward. Stromberg remarked that they are focusing on completing the work for Kellogg and Mullan. Cernera suggested that this could be written into the plan as a target.

Other Discussion:

Announcements: Cernera announced that the NAS pre-publication report should be released in mid-July. The next BIF (Basin Information Forum) meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 14. He also reminded everyone that comments on the EPA's Five-Year Bunker Hill Review are due by June 30.

Recreational PFT: Harwood mentioned that he would like to meet with the recreational managers to work on the Rec PFT.

TLG Scope of Technical Review: This was an agenda item at the TLG meeting on June 21. Cernera reported that the TLG decided as a group to continue as it has been in regards to the protocols and procedures, which give the TLG broad discretion related to agency mandates as well as Basin-wide issues.

Round Table:

Harwood: Reported that the 2004 CWA grant funding is now available. He will start processing the IDEQ sponsored subgrants right away, but the other subgrants will take longer to process. Harwood informed Paul Woods that the peer review subgrant has been processed.

Zilka: Nothing to report.

Stromberg: Mentioned that the contract for Randall Construction involving property remediation was terminated last Wednesday. He is working on putting together an emergency contract for a new contractor to replace Randall and contracts for two additional contractors, but cannot guarantee how soon they will start. He hopes that they will be able to be in the field next week. The planned schedule calls for thirty properties to be completed each week.

Dailey: Reported that a letter has been sent to all of the people who attended the community meeting in Rose Lake on May 16 to discuss possible recreational sites. She mentioned that Idaho Fish & Game is looking into replacing a boat launch that was removed from Rose Lake last year. There may be potential action at the Bull Run site, but the proposed campground at Rose Lake will not go forward.

Harwood: Mentioned that he was interviewed by the press yesterday in regards to recreational development in the Lower Basin. He also spoke about the BEIPC in general, as the reporter was not aware of the Basin Commission.

Woods: Reported that sampling crews are out on the lake. Upper Basin stations were sampled yesterday. Another lake sampling trip is scheduled for July 18.

Spafford: Nothing to report.

DeLange: Nothing to report.

Cernera: Discussed possible items that may be on the agenda for the next Basin Commission meeting. He mentioned that the Tribe is going to try to set up a meeting with the State in regards to the LMP. Cernera reported that Rebecca Stevens is making revisions to the final draft of the lake map. It will then be reviewed by Cernera, Harwood, and Stevens before going to print. If there are any differences, Cernera stated that Harwood would have the final decision making authority. Cernera also suggested only printing 500-1000 copies this year. Then depending upon the responses received, changes could be made before printing the remaining copies next year. Harwood responded that this was a good idea and there would be no difficulty in holding any remaining grant funding through next year.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 6/30/05

Thank you for your participation.