

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

June 9, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)	Rebecca Stevens
Mike Beckwith	David Fortier
Ron Roizen	Bill Adams
Terry Harwood	Rusty Shepherd
Paul Woods	Randy Connolly
Nick Zilka	Mark Addy
Anne Dailey	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Rogers Hardy	

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: BIF Meeting Follow-Up, TLG Meeting, Five-Year Work Plan

BIF Meeting: Phillip Cernera discussed the BIF meeting held on June 2. He indicated that a decision will need to be made on the Mica Creek Sediment Reduction project based on the work from the feasibility study and the funding allocated. The question is whether the current proposal will work? Cernera mentioned that he will contact Terragraphics to look at other options and what sediment reduction percentage may be expected. He suggested that the streambank stabilization PFT meet to review the options before August in order to come up with recommendations for the BEIPC.

Anne Dailey mentioned that there are many questions about the implementability of the project and what to do if the property owners do not agree. Terry Harwood stated that he does not want to transfer funding if the project is not viable. Nick Zilka mentioned that it may be better for the TLG to review this instead of the PFT. Harwood suggested that Cernera poll the TLG for their questions regarding this project and then give him the questions because he is now managing the CWA grants. He will give the questions to Terragraphics and ask them to make a presentation at the TLG meeting on June 21. Cernera replied that he will send an email to the TLG members.

Ron Roizen inquired about the problems associated with the channelization of Mica Creek. He then asked about the plan to meander the creek, its benefits, and the science behind it. Mike Beckwith responded that meandering is how streams work and although he is not familiar with the plan, it sounds like they are trying to re-create the channel by returning the creek to its natural state. Dailey said this plan may not be amenable for adjacent property owners. Rusty Shepherd mentioned there is the same challenge at the Mission Flats repository site involving property boundaries and landowners.

Cernera discussed the topic of ground water treatment for the Success mine project using the Apatite barrier. Over time, the barrier becomes plugged. He mentioned that with improvements to the change of scope, it has the potential to be used in other water treatment options in the Basin. Bill Adams suggested that this needs to be discussed with the PFT. Harwood reported

that one of the improvements being tested will be plastic rings placed within the barrier to see if this helps to alleviate compaction and allow the water to flow through freely. He also mentioned that he contacted the professor who developed the Apatite process. The professor does not necessarily agree with the improvements. In particular, that injected air is not a good way to take care of it. The professor believes you get the best results by how you treat the Apatite itself. Adams mentioned that air injection was tried at the Nevada Stewart and that he would be interested in getting more information from Harwood. Cernera feels that the sooner the issues are resolved, the better.

TLG Meeting: Cernera informed everyone that the upcoming TLG meeting is scheduled for June 21. It will start at 9:00 a.m. in the main conference room (1st floor) of the Spokesman Review Building, 608 Northwest Blvd, in Coeur d'Alene. He mentioned that if anyone has additions or changes to the agenda, to please contact him. A draft agenda has been emailed to everyone and the final agenda will be sent later.

Five-Year Work Plan: Cernera mentioned that he sent the draft five-year work plan out to everyone for their review and comments. Harwood reported that he has been meeting with citizens and groups regarding the plan. He stated that the Basin Commission voted at the May 11 meeting to become involved in Phase 2 for OU2. He noted that this item needs to be added to the work plan.

Other Discussion:

Harwood reported that he has been reviewing the draft Five-Year Review Report for the Bunker Hill Superfund Site and that it has some excellent information. He mentioned that the Basin Commission's five-year plan and the Bunker Hill five-year review report should correspond. Harwood stated that he will go through a parallel comparison and send Cernera his recommendations. Cernera agrees that the documents should correspond. Dailey informed everyone that June 30 is the deadline for public comments on the draft five-year Bunker Hill review.

Round Table:

Roizen: Nothing to report.

Beckwith: Reported that the middle fork flow is high.

Harwood: Mentioned that he checked with Tamara Langton (EPA) regarding the availability of the funding for the CWA 2004 grants. She reported that she is waiting for approval.

Zilka: Reported that the proposals are due tomorrow (June 10) for the Sisters mine.

Hardy: Appreciated that Angelo Vitale was invited to present at the BIF meeting although he was unable to make it. He would like to try and have him another time. Cernera agreed, but was not sure when. It may be possible at the next BIF meeting.

Stevens: Reported on the status of the lake education map. She has been working on ground truthing the listed amenities on a few of the access sites and should have it finished next week. The map paper has been ordered. There will be one more draft and a quick review by GIS before the map is printed in approximately three weeks.

Fortier: Nothing to report.

Certera: Mentioned that he met with the Australians last night along with others from Japan and Argentina. He discussed some of the data being recorded for the lake response model and that it was a good learning experience. Certera also discussed the LMP (Lake Management Plan) and lake audit. The Tribe and State are once again working on a draft joint plan because in December several items which we had previously disagreed upon have been resolved. The Tribe will be hiring a lake plan audit manager and the State will be bringing on a lake coordinator.

Adams: Mentioned today's mine/mill call at 9:00 a.m. He discussed the water treatment proposal for the Success mine and that design work for the Constitution is at the 95% level. He also reported that work on water treatment at Canyon Creek is moving along. Adams mentioned the need for the PFT to get together. Harwood stated that he would also like to be involved in the PFT.

Shepherd: Nothing to report.

Brewer: Nothing to report.

Hardy: Inquired about the schedule for Rose Lake.

Dailey: Commented on the recreational meeting on May 16 with community members. She reported that they are still evaluating comments and will get back to all parties. The information will also be posted to the web. Dailey mentioned that a petition was received from trail users advocating action at the Bull Run site.

DeLange: Reported that the next Basin Commission meeting will be held in Spokane at the Gonzaga University Law School on August 10. Directions and the meeting room location will be provided later.

Addy: Inquired if the root wads were in the water for the bank stabilization project. Zilka reported that he did not know, but that Mike Schlepp had recently accessed the project and reported that they were not. Dailey stated that the wads need to be in the water.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 6/16/05

Thank you for your participation.