

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
July 13, 2006

Participants:

Mike Beckwith
Bill Adams
Rog Hardy
Rusty Sheppard
Terry Harwood
John Snider
David Fortier

Anne Dailey
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

Mike Beckwith led the call as the TLG Chair, Brian Spears, was unavailable. As there were no agenda items, Beckwith suggested going into a round table discussion.

Round Table:

Harwood: Mentioned that he spent time meeting with Kootenai County and the PHD on the ICP, and that they have resolved the two-tier system issue. He said that Jerry Mason (Attorney for PHD) will be putting together an outline (sidebar agreement) on how the counties would implement the ICP along with the building codes. In addition, Mason will develop a timeline to get it passed through the Legislature next session. Harwood indicated that Jerry Cobb will present it to the PHD board on July 26.

Harwood then informed everyone that Tom Bourque of TerraGraphics had completed the maps for the infrastructure inventory. He will review them in order to work with IDEQ and the EPA to see if it may be possible this fiscal year to do some work on this project. He reported that he had not received word yet in regards to funding for the two-year universal blood lead testing that he had been working on while he was in D.C.

He also mentioned that he and his assistant, Jeri DeLange, have been working on making arrangements for the BEIPC field trip in August. The agenda will include stops at: the Big Creek and Page repositories; various mine/mill projects (i.e. Constitution, Golconda, and Sisters); and the yard program. He noted that only two of the current Basin commissioners have previously gone on a tour to visit the project sites.

Snider: Asked Harwood if there was any word on how the two-tier system was resolved, and whether the process would be a two-tier system. Harwood replied that Jerry Mason would be writing the sidebar agreement on who the hearing officer would be for the appeal process (in the floodplain), and that both parties would be in agreement. Harwood believed that the county decided a one-tier system would work best as it would be too difficult to track the 100-year

floodplain. For building purposes, property owners would go to Kootenai County and check with the PHD to see whether they were in the floodplain.

Snider mentioned that anyone building in the county was already required to have their property surveyed. Harwood reported that Sandy Young, who oversees the Kootenai County site disturbance ordinance, had indicated that property will have to be surveyed in order to see what tier it is in. However, they do not want to force property owners to survey unless it is required by the county.

Rusty Sheppard stressed that property owners on the river and lake are already surveying their land because they are required to be three feet above the floodplain in order to build. Harwood pointed out that there are also additional setbacks for sewer. He clarified that the motion made at the last BEIPC meeting by Commissioner Toni Hardesty only included property from the mouth of the North and South Fork to Harrison.

Snider inquired how the "new ICP" PFT assignment was coming along. Harwood said that he needed to talk with all interested parties. Rog Hardy suggested that simply forming the PFT may help get people involved. Harwood commented that if no one has concerns, then it may be a waste of time. He also mentioned that he did not want to be the only person representing the governments. Hardy pointed out that balance is good, but doing nothing is worse. Harwood reiterated that if it is not important for people to serve on the new PFT, then we should not waste time on it.

Connolly: Asked if any information for the new ICP PFT had been sent out yet. Harwood answered that he had contacted various entities such as the City of Spokane, Washington Dept. of Ecology, Corps of Army Engineers, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the counties, the Dept. of Lands, and IDEQ in Coeur d'Alene. Connolly indicated that he did not receive any info. Harwood replied that he was working on informing everyone.

Anne Dailey suggested that an email be sent to the whole TLG and Hardy concurred. Harwood remarked that he would be sending one, but that he first needed to get commitment from the people downstream on the river. Mike Beckwith indicated that the Tribe would be interested in participating. Sheppard said that he spoke with Jim Hammond from the City of Post Falls and that he expressed interest in it. He suggested that Harwood contact him.

Harwood: Brought up the upcoming field trip for the Basin Commission and asked how the public would come as transportation was being provided for the commissioners, alternates, staff, and presenters. Dailey pointed out that when the NAS toured the Basin, a schedule was provided so that the public could come to the parts they were interested in. She suggested that it would be good to keep on schedule so that the public could look at the times and locations scheduled for the field trip and come in their own vehicles. Harwood indicated that he would contact people to make presentations.

Beckwith: Mentioned that there was talk about having a Basin Forum meeting on the Lower Basin PFT sometime this summer. He informed everyone that the Ridolphi Office in Coeur d'Alene was closing and that he was not sure if Rob Spafford would be around.

Adams: Reported on mine/mill work. He said that work at the Constitution was proceeding well and that the lower site was almost finished. They will be doing work on the upper site, but are short on rock. Adams indicated that there should be significant progress on the project for the field trip on August 16.

For the Golconda, he mentioned that the design work had been completed and that it should be going out to bid soon. He was not sure if the work would be underway by August 16, but indicated that the Phase I work could be looked at during the field trip. At the Rex site, he said that they are almost done with the design and that they may be able start construction this summer. Adams concluded his report with the pump work that was going on for Canyon Creek.

Hardy: Indicated that he wanted the TLOP (Trail Long-Term Operating Plan) to be done in a parallel process with the ICP and that he was working with Curt Fransen to get a draft out. He mentioned that the Tribe would manage any administrative work outside the boundary and that the PHD would manage the inside. Hardy inquired if anyone had heard anything on the settlement with Avista for the lake site.

David Fortier responded that he had heard no specific details, but thought Avista would be contributing funding for maintenance of recreational sites that have public access at Windy Bay, Mica Bay, Rainy Hill, and Killarney Lake. Harwood mentioned that the Rainy Hill recreational site had been paved. Hardy inquired if anyone knew anything about Avista's relicensing efforts. Beckwith replied that there was a lot going on behind the scenes.

Hardy then asked about the status of the county TLG representative funding. Harwood answered that he had not heard anything from the counties as they were all busy with public hearings for the Board of Equalization as appeals for the property tax assessments are due by the end of July.

Sheppard: Nothing to report.

Fortier: Added as a follow-up to Bill Adam's mine/mill report that work at the lower site of the Constitution is almost complete and that they are pulling tailings back from the creek at the upper site. He believes that they are ahead of the timeline for the work. For the Rex, he said that they have put out a quote for buttressing and that they may start work around the first of August. He also reported that he is working on a mine site inventory in order to do mine closures from a safety standpoint.

Dailey: Mentioned that new wells for OU-2 are going to be installed in September, but that they had hoped to get them in earlier. She also indicated that she was out with the USFWS in the Smeltonville flats for bio-monitoring. Dailey said that Mark Masarik had planned to be on today's call, but was unavailable.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 7/27/06.

Thank you for your participation.