

## TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

### August 4, 2011

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)  
Sandra Raskell  
Toni Davidson  
Bill Adams  
Don Carpenter  
Dave George  
Andy Mork

Randy Connolly  
Bonnie Douglas  
Anne Dailey  
Carol Young  
Terry Harwood  
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:**

**Bill Adams:** Said that he attended the public hearing on the Hecla settlement on August 1<sup>st</sup> in Coeur d'Alene. There were about 30 people in attendance. Overall, people were generally supportive, but some thought there was not enough funding for health services or that funding should be directed more towards cleanup than restoration. There was also some concern regarding the escrow account and that it might be used for O & M. The Dept. of Justice (DOJ) is taking the lead for response to comments. On September 8th, there will be a hearing by Judge Lodge. After a judgment is made, the consent decree will be entered and then EPA can move forward. Adams mentioned that he was pleased with the number of people who turned out for the hearing and the general support.

Regarding the CDA Work Trust, he noted that road repair work is being done along the East Fork of Ninemile Creek for access to the Success mine site. Monitoring wells have been installed for water quality sampling and they are getting lots of good information. At the U.S. Bureau of Mines site in Osburn, they are getting close to design and then construction work will proceed. EPA may need to do need to do some additional data collection for more progressive projects as they move forward with the Trust work.

**Rebecca Stevens:** Commented that she and Sandra Raskell visited the Jack Waite mine site and viewed the cleanup work.

**Andy Mork:** Relayed that the 30% design report for the Osburn repository site will be released to the public in mid-to-late September. The document will contain an executive summary and technical design report, and there will be a 30-day public comment period. The schedule to complete the 90% design is June 30, 2012.

**Anne Dailey:** Reminded everyone that she will be leaving next week to work at EPA headquarters in Washington D.C. for a year. She provided an update on the sampling being done by the BLM, IDEQ, CH2M Hill and the CDA Trust for the mine site characterization work. Some of the mine sites were difficult to reach, but they were able to get to most of the areas. EPA will share the

results and there will be placeholders in the ROD Amendment to insert the information. Dailey expressed appreciation for everyone's help. EPA will also be making some changes to streambank stabilization based on the field trip they took with Bill Rust, Terry Harwood and other agency staff. For aquatic benchmarks, EPA is working with the Natural Resource Trustees. At the Schlepp wetland project, the last pump was installed and they are nearly done getting the area dewatered and will be installing the west field pump soon. Dailey acknowledged that it's been good working with everyone.

**Randy Connolly:** Nothing to report.

**Toni Davidson:** Mentioned that she is serving as the interim Natural Resource Trustee since Brian Spears left for another position. She will also be serving as the contact for Coeur d'Alene Basin work and filling in as a TLG rep. until the USFWS finds a replacement for Spears' position. Her contact information is: [toni\\_davidson@fws.gov](mailto:toni_davidson@fws.gov) or PH: 509-893-8006. During the interim, she appreciates everyone's help with her role to the Basin. Davidson will also be involved with biological monitoring as Kate Healy and Roy Brazzle (USFWS) have both moved to other positions. She indicated that the Natural Resource Trustees will be working on their interim plan for the west Schlepp field. Stevens suggested that she would like to get a BEMP update for the next TLG meeting.

**Don Carpenter:** Nothing to report.

**Dave George:** Nothing to report.

**Sandra Raskell:** Nothing to report.

**Rebecca Stevens:** For informational purposes, she brought up the issue of the Corps of Engineers (COE) requiring the removal of the trees along the dike road between Coeur d'Alene Lake and the college. The COE did an analysis and will not certify the levee as tree roots may possibly cause soil instability and levee failure. If the vegetation is not removed, then flood insurance will be required (i.e. by property owners in that area). The trees are also culturally significant to the Tribe.

Stevens announced that her position with the Tribe has recently changed to Restoration Coordinator and she will be working with the CDA Basin Natural Resource Trustee Council. The Tribe is hoping to backfill her position for Lake Management Plan (LMP) duties. Stevens will still represent the Tribe with the Basin Commission process (TLG, PFTs, etc.). She is working on getting ready for the fair.

**Terry Harwood:** Said that he received a copy of a letter from Governor Otter designating the joint Natural Resource Trustees (i.e. Director Toni Hardesty of IDEQ and Director Virgil Moore of Idaho Fish & Game). For the property remediation program, he has been working on a process for listing the completed projects in geographical areas of the Basin such as city limits, towns, etc., and then doing a report with the project work remaining to be done. He has also been working with Bill Ryan (EPA) on a program for dealing with the roads issues in the Basin as some of the roads serve as a barrier to contamination in the sub grade. The program will include both paved and unpaved (gravel/dirt) roads. They will be meeting with Shoshone County officials and local highway jurisdictions later this month. He noted that Shoshone County is very supportive.

Regarding the status of the new flood gate at Rose Lake, the contractor will be installing it when the water level is lower. Harwood relayed that Toni Hardesty provided TLG funding for the Counties this next year. He will manage it and the Counties will need to invoice every quarter to receive the funding. Shoshone County was the signatory to the agreement. Benewah County has not had a TLG rep. for a few years.

**Carol Young:** Nothing to report.

**Jeri DeLange:** Said that the BEIPC board packets were sent out yesterday. The BEIPC meeting will be at the Wallace Inn on August 17 at 9:00 a.m. The BEIPC/CCC and Communications PFT will be helping to sponsor a joint fair booth for public education and outreach at the North Idaho Fair on August 24-28 with IDEQ and the CDA Tribe.

**Terry Harwood:** Indicated that there is not enough funding this year to operate both the Big Creek and EMF repositories at the same time. He plans to shut down operations at the Big Creek repository and then move back to EMF. For cleanup of the Hercules site, he commented that they do not know the volumes of contaminated material yet, but some sampling for lead is testing at 40,000 ppb. For the BEIPC one and five year work plans, he suggested that they need to start working on them, but pointed out that they will probably not know what work will be in the ROD Amendment until it's signed. However, he thinks that it's a good idea to put the 2012 work plan together now and then it can be amended in February. He asked the agencies for direction on this.

**Bill Adams:** Responded to Harwood that for the BEIPC work plans and providing direction to the CDA Trust, there is plenty to do under the existing documents. Then additional work may be added when the ROD Amendment is released. He thinks the BEIPC should move forward with the work plans. Harwood said that he will also need information from the Trust on this year's work for the BEIPC annual accomplishment report.

**Terry Harwood:** Said that Stevens asked him to add an agenda item for the BEIPC meeting on August 17 about the Medimont boat launch rehabilitation project. The TLG voted at their July 7 meeting to recommend to the BEIPC their consideration and endorsement of the Medimont project, but with no financial commitment. TLG members believed that an endorsement by the BEIPC may be helpful to the project in looking for funding opportunities. Harwood updated everyone that he will be out of the office from October 22 until November 10. He will need the draft work plan sections early, so that he can have everything ready for review and discussion at the TLG meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Bonnie Douglas:** For informational purposes, brought up the Columbia River Treaty (2014-2024). She mentioned that the process is moving quickly, but there is not public involvement. For anyone interested: <http://www.crt2014-2024review.gov>

**Schedule:** The next TLG conference call will be 9/1/11.