

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
September 1, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)	Mark Stromberg
Ron Roizen	Paul Woods
Rog Hardy	Lloyd Brewer
Terry Harwood	Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)
Mike Beckwith	
Anne Dailey	
Nick Zilka	

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

Before the conference call began, Ron Roizen asked Mark Stromberg if 300 properties were going to be remediated this year; and why construction bids did not go out after the original contract was terminated. Stromberg answered that it was an emergency situation because of the termination of the previous contract and the regulations allowed him to select the contractors. So he chose them based on past work experience. Two of the three contractors are local (Pinehurst and Smelterville) and 87% of the workforce is local (i.e. east of the Fourth of July Pass). Stromberg said that he is hoping to complete 300 properties before the weather conditions change.

Phillip Cernera began the call by asking everyone if they had any topics to discuss. He then gave an update on the schedule for the completion of the 2006 work plan. Cernera mentioned that Terry Harwood has put out a request for '06 work. Harwood added that he sent formal letters to all of the CWA proponents and also emailed the IDEQ and EPA for information on State and CERCLA funded work. The responses he receives will enable him to build the skeleton for the plan. Harwood requested that everyone send him the information by email so it does not have to be retyped.

A draft of the work plan will be available by September 14 and Cernera asked everyone to bring it to the BIF meeting. He informed everyone that Glen Rothrock, the new CDA Lake Manager (IDEQ), is unavailable to discuss the joint Lake Management Plan (LMP) at the BIF meeting due to another commitment. Cernera will contact Ed Tulloch or Gwen Fransen at the State DEQ office in Coeur d'Alene to see if they would be available. Through Ed or Gwen, they should be able to help provide information to determine areas in the LMP that may need mediation.

Cernera mentioned that the EPA has hired an independent contractor through a private institute to act as a facilitator to see if mediation is needed. A meeting date is set for September 15. If the facilitator is needed, both the State, Tribe and the EPA have provided funding. Roizen asked if the mediation would be a non-binding resolution and Cernera stated that it would.

Cernera said that he received the NAS report tracking sheet from Harwood that has the outcome from the TLG meeting with the list of issues, or potential issues for the 2006 work plan. The next TLG meeting will be September 29 with the location to be announced later. He asked for everyone to start compiling items for the agenda.

Round Table:

Roizen: Mentioned that there will be a revised version of Bill Rust's remarks from the TLG meeting in this Sunday's Coeur d'Alene Press. Cernera asked if the TLG could get a copy. Roizen said that he will provide a copy to the TLG, but he is not sure if the Press will change anything.

Zilka: Nothing to report.

Dailey: Nothing to report.

Hardy: Mentioned that there was a meeting in St. Maries with several county commissioners and a representative from the Governor's office on Monday, August 29. He said that an article was printed about the meeting in this week's St. Maries Gazette. Hardy then brought up the long-term trail plan and thanked Zilka for providing him with a draft copy. He feels that public comment should be allowed on the plan and that it should be more widely distributed in the draft form. Hardy also discussed that he feels there is no need for expansion of recreational areas in Cataldo and Rose Lake including the Bull Run site.

Dailey indicated that after the ROD, the project focus team (PFT) looked at sites and gathered data on property information, contamination, and uses in order to clean up the contaminated areas and establish safe recreational sites for the community. She pointed out that the EPA does not manage recreational areas; various other agencies do such as the BLM, Forest Service, State, counties, etc. Hardy inquired if the EPA has funding. Dailey answered that the EPA has funding if sites can be identified.

Beckwith: Nothing to report.

Woods: Reported that lake sampling has been conducted the last few days at five stations. He is getting ready to submit a large data transmittal to the Australians so they can initiate runs for the lake model trials.

Harwood: Mentioned that the Forest Service is trying to get the contract out for paving at Rainy Hill. He said that Jeff Johnson (USFS) indicated that the fiscal office for the Forest Service had moved to Albuquerque and Johnson was not sure if the contracts could be awarded in time. The contract needs to be awarded by October 1. Last week, Harwood noticed people camping at Rainy Hill and cars parked in the parking lot.

In regards to the 2006 calendar plan and the five-year plan, Harwood indicated the need to get busy with the ICP as it needs to be implemented by the end of 2006. He said that Jerry Cobb has

asked him to help with it. Harwood also mentioned that he and Jeri DeLange met with the CDA Chamber last week.

Stromberg: Reported that he is very busy with the property remediation work. A total of 235 properties have been completed so far which includes 141 in the Basin and 94 in the Box. He also reiterated that 87% of the workers are from the Silver Valley and the project is the second largest employer in the county since he had to go with three contractors.

Brewer: Nothing to report.

Cernera: Mentioned the August 31st St. Maries Gazette article. He indicated that it was discouraging when everyone is trying to work together. In addition, he said the information is not accurate and impedes the issues. Hardy commented that he feels the information is accurate. Cernera disagreed and said that the Tribe has strong thoughts about why things are not moving forward in a collaborative fashion. He was extremely disappointed with some of the county commissioner's comments including the suggestion that the Tribe was only at the table for its own interests. Beckwith also agreed that the article was extremely disappointing.

Roizen: Commented that he does not understand why significant differences in perspectives by the EPA, State, and Tribe with the counties should be a concern. Roizen suggested to Cernera that he should not be upset with the differences in perspectives.

Cernera: Indicated that disagreements are fine, but inflammatory one-sided political bashing is unacceptable.

Harwood: Remarked that he understands the differences in perspectives, but said that he was not pleased that he was not invited to attend the meeting if it was a discussion of basin issues. He indicated the need to concentrate on technical issues and that the matter was discouraging for people working on technical areas.

Cernera: Suggested that if the county commissioners have issues, they should contact him as a conduit and he will be glad to set up a meeting with the Tribal Council representatives.

Upon further discussion of issues including the LMP, it was pointed out that some information may have been misunderstood.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 9/8/05.

Thank you for your participation.