

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
September 15, 2005

Participants:

Phillip Cernera (Chair)
Nick Zilka
Lloyd Brewer
Rog Hardy
Anne Dailey
Paul Woods

Rob Spafford
Mike Beckwith
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

Other Discussion: Phillip Cernera mentioned that he is working on the draft TLG agenda for the meeting on September 29. He will be updating the draft 2006 one-year work plan after he receives the skeleton from Terry Harwood. Anne Dailey indicated that she sent Harwood her information for the work plan, but the template from the web was difficult to use. Harwood pointed out that he only needs the text and he can place it in the work plan. He has received most of the information he needs and will be working on developing the skeleton for Cernera.

TLG Meeting: Cernera reported that the upcoming TLG meeting will be held in the conference room of the Idaho Department of Transportation, 600 W. Prairie, Coeur d'Alene starting at 9:00 a.m. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the 2006 work plan. Cernera also indicated that members of the TLG, CCC, and citizens may attend the TLG meeting to add input. The preliminary agenda includes a discussion of the draft work plan from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The NAS report recommendations will be discussed after lunch. Cernera indicated that the table of recommendations prepared by Harwood at the last TLG meeting will be sent out later today.

Funding: Lloyd Brewer inquired about funding for some of the work projects not under the BEIPC's control and if the details are provided in the work plan. Cernera replied that the amount of funding from all of the agencies will not be listed. However, the plan will list what the BEIPC is doing and how it is coordinating with the agencies for funding. Harwood indicated that in order to implement some of the projects, it is up to the various agencies to come up with the funding if the Basin Commission wants the work done. For funding other projects, Harwood mentioned that he is in the process of organizing a funding PFT as soon as he finishes the work plan. Cernera added that the PFT may want to look at funding for monitoring as the three-year CWA lake study and 3-D model will be completed soon, yet there will be no funds to address lake monitoring needs.

Harwood said that he is brainstorming on all funding activities and funding streams for the work process. He plans to talk with the PFT volunteers and then hold a conference call to set up a meeting. Rog Hardy indicated that he is speaking with some of the legislators about funding for

the representatives from the counties. Harwood also agreed that we need to make sure the county representatives are getting some funding to continue their work with the Basin Commission. Dailey reported that she talked with Jeff Johnson (USFS) to inquire about the Rainy Hill project. Jeff indicated that the work may be delayed until 2006.

Lake Map: Hardy inquired about status of the lake education map. Cernera answered that the final copy of the map was completed and Rebecca Stevens has sent it to the printing company and it is now waiting to be printed. The delay is due to a backlog at the printing company. Hardy indicated that at a lake shore owner's meeting, some people expressed disapproval that the name of one of the bays on the lake was not listed on the map. Cernera pointed out that the final decision on this issue was made by the BEIPC.

Round Table:

Zilka: Nothing to report.

Brewer: Reported that there will be a WCAC meeting on September 21. The EPA will be discussing the Star Road project and some of the repositories that are planned on Washington state land. He hopes to hear more detail about what the current plan is.

Hardy: Nothing to report.

Woods: Mentioned that lake sampling for the 2005 year monitoring has been completed. Sampling will begin again during the first week of October 2005 for the 2006 year monitoring. The Tribe will also be collecting near-shore samples at that time. Harwood indicated to Woods that he is checking on the peer review audit.

Spafford: Nothing to report.

Cernera: Thanked everyone for attending the Basin Information Forum (BIF) yesterday and mentioned that it was a good meeting. He brought up Ron Roizen's comment from the BIF meeting about deep seated socio-political ideologies of the different camps are sometimes put in a scientific arena wherein it is the hopes of some that science will bridge the gap. In the end however, this approach does not work. Cernera stated that he agrees with the analogy. He believes that it may help to spend some time outlining what the socio-political camps are in order to better understand each other. He also indicated that compromises are needed as some barriers are not able to be broken down with science.

Beckwith: Suggested that he and Cernera go through Paul Wood's presentation to recommend how it can be presented to the Basin Commission in the most useful way. Woods indicated that he would be appreciative of their suggestions. Beckwith also mentioned that it would be good to tailor a presentation for people to see what is going on with the lake model and what the funding provided. Woods said that due to the level of complexity of the model, he would not explain in detail. Woods also pointed out that he is working on formulating a management plan with the results. Cernera suggested that Woods explain how the model will benefit the BEIPC in making decisions for the future. Beckwith pointed out that one of the results of the model is that the lake

bottom is dynamic and not static. This information will be extremely useful in future monitoring.

In regards to Roizen's comments about the author on socio-political issues, Woods suggested that it would be beneficial to find out her name and the title of her book. Harwood agreed that it would be good reading. Beckwith mentioned that another author, Hans Bleiker has written some excellent information on the systematic development of informed consent. The website address is: <http://www.fedlearn.com/documentation/ARTC000.pdf>

Cernera: Mentioned that he will be speaking on a lake management panel for the CDA Chamber's Leadership Class next Thursday, September 22 along with Glen Rothrock (IDEQ) and Bret Bowers (CDA Lake Shore Property Owners). He reported that there will be a Western Mining Conference on September 30, October 1 & 2 at the Coeur d'Alene Casino in Worley. On September 26, there will be an engineer's luncheon at noon in Spokane which is held every few months. If anyone would like more information on these meetings, please contact him.

Cernera also indicated that the Tribal Council has passed a resolution for public release of the Tribe's draft water quality standards for the lower southern part of the lake. There will be a 45 day public comment period and the draft standards will be posted on the web next week. He also indicated that the Tribe is talking to the State about the proposed standards.

DeLange: Reported that Terry Harwood will also be one of the speakers for the lake management panel at the CDA Chamber's Leadership class on the environment. He will be speaking on the role of the Basin Commission. She also indicated that she was one of the session planners for the chamber's class and would be participating all day after the TLG call.

Brewer: Suggested that a Human Health PFT meeting be held soon. Cernera pointed out that it would be best to plan it after the TLG meeting on September 29.

Cernera: Mentioned that after the TLG meeting is held, he would also like to reconvene the lake monitoring PFT to discuss performance standards for the Lake Management Plan Monitoring chapter.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 9/22/05.

Thank you for your participation.