

## MEETING MINUTES

Technical Leadership Group (TLG) Meeting

January 12, 2012

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kootenai Title Company

1450 Northwest Boulevard, Coeur d'Alene, ID

### **Attendees:**

Rebecca Stevens, Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Mike Stevenson, BLM  
Heather Carroll, HDR  
Randy Connolly, Spokane Tribe  
Katherine Rowden, NWS  
Don Carpenter, IDEQ  
Jeff Leppo, URS  
Cecil Urlich, URS  
Bonnie Douglas, LBC/CCC  
Sandra Raskell, CDA Tribe  
Terry Harwood, BEIPC  
Kajsa Stromberg, IDEQ

Bill Adams, EPA  
Dave George, WA Dept. of Ecology  
Bill Rust, Shoshone County TLG Rep.  
Rusty Sheppard, Kootenai County TLG Rep.  
Jerry Boyd, CCC  
Laura Laumatia, Coeur d'Alene Tribe  
Ed Moreen, EPA  
Becki Witherow, IDEQ  
Jan Olsen, IDEQ  
Denna Grangaard, IDEQ  
Susan Spalinger, TerraGraphics  
Jeri DeLange, BEIPC (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.

**Call to Order/Introductions:** The TLG Chair, Rebecca Stevens, called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m., followed by self-introductions.

**Approval of TLG Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2011:** A motion was made by Dave George to approve the draft TLG meeting minutes as written. Sandra Raskell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

**BEIPC Executive Director Update:** Terry Harwood gave an update on the following: 1) Road Program; 2) Property Remediation Completion Program; 3) Remedy Protection; and 4) FEMA's New Proposal for Certification of Levees. He also mentioned that the U.S. Forest Service has a new draft forest plan out for public comment.

**ROD Amendment Update:** Bill Adams announced some staff changes to EPA's CDA Basin team.

- Tracy Chellis (new to Superfund)
- Kim Presbo (new to government and EPA)
- Craig Cameron (Regional Office)
- Andrea Lindsay (she is back full time as the primary Community Involvement Coordinator or CIC. Caryn Sengupta and Debra Sherbina will provide support when needed).

EPA is also losing a few people as Carol Young and Bill Ryan have taken other jobs, so they will be looking into finding replacements to fill these positions. Bill then provided an update on the ROD Amendment. EPA is still working on some of the technical issues such as stream bank stabilization. They are also still waiting for comments from EPA headquarters, so the revised ROD Amendment approval schedule will probably be in March. It may take longer if further adjustments need to be made to the proposed plan, but EPA will have an Upper Basin PFT meeting to discuss this with stakeholders if there are significant changes.

**Repository Update:** Don Carpenter brought up that they are looking for a new name for the Canyon Creek repository as there is already another repository at Canyon Creek. He gave an update on the 30% design report for the Osburn Ponds repository which is still under review by IDEQ and EPA. They will hold an open house, but plan to shelve the plan to focus on the repository for Canyon Creek. Bill Rust said that there should be a public review on the 30% design. Terry Harwood suggested that Jerry Boyd could have the CCC schedule an open house.

**Lower Basin Update:** Ed Moreen provided an update on the Lower Basin. He said that sediments sampled from the Coeur d'Alene (CDA) River at Dudley contain extremely high lead levels (i.e. some up to 33,000 ppm).

**2011 Biological Monitoring in the CDA Basin:** Brittany Morlin of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service made a presentation on the results of biological monitoring in the Basin for 2011. Sampling included fish, benthic invertebrates, habitat assessments, waterfowl, songbird, small mammal tissue metals concentrations, and periphyton.

**2011 BEIPC Annual Accomplishment Report:** Terry Harwood provided a courtesy review of the draft 2011 BEIPC annual accomplishment report to the TLG.

Break

**CDA Work Trust Update:** Bill Adams gave an overview of the Trust work and provided background about funding and the work process. During his presentation, he also reviewed funding scenarios.

**Tailings Dam “From Here to Eternity” Presentation:** Cecil Ulrich from the URS Corporation made a presentation on tailings dams.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned early at 12:40 p.m.