

**TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**January 7, 2010**

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)  
Sandra Raskell  
Mark Masarik  
Brian Spears

Kate Healy  
Roy Brazzle  
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:** Discussion of agenda items for the TLG meeting call on January 22 in lieu of a face-to-face meeting.

TLG discussion included the following possible topics:

- Update on ROD Amendment Process, Draft Focused Feasibility Study (FFS), Upper Basin PFT Meetings (Anne Dailey and Bill Adams, EPA)
- Communications PFT Update (Jeri DeLange)
- Update on 2009 Yard Cleanup Program (Dan Meyer, Scott Peterson, Bill Hudson, IDEQ)
- BEIPC Annual Accomplishment Report (Terry Harwood, BEIPC)
- Repository Update (Andy Mork, IDEQ)
- CDA Lake Management Plan Audit Report (Rebecca Stevens, CDA Tribe)

The TLG Chair, Rebecca Stevens, will prepare a draft TLG agenda and send it out to everyone before the January 22 call.

**Round Table:**

**Kenny Hicks** - Mentioned that he met with Andy Mork (IDEQ) and Bill Rust (Shoshone County TLG rep.) to look at different mine/mill sites and volumes at Ninemile for the Wallace Yard and Spur Line. Once the decision is made on the consent decree, then work will move forward. He brought up the Stormwater Erosion Education Program (SEEP) and suggested that it would be good for the Basin Commission to support this effort. It's a struggle to get funding for classes; and he would like to get a larger group of the public trained in erosion control in the Silver Valley. Hicks would like five minutes to speak on this at the February BEIPC meeting.

**Mark Masarik** - Said that he is working with stakeholder groups for developing Gene Day Pond in Osburn into an urban fishery. The Army Corps of Engineers (COE) real estate office is checking on ownership of the land around the pond with BLM and how it fits in with the County's ownership. He is also working with Jeri DeLange (BEIPC) and Tina Elayer (IDEQ) on the Recreation Education subcommittee for the BEIPC Communications PFT.

**Brian Spears** - Mentioned that the two categories for the Basin Environmental Monitoring Plan (BEMP) will include: 1) the annual report activity for the past year; and 2) five-year technical memo and last five-years of monitoring. He also commented on a study that was conducted by the USGS on dust suppressants used in engineering projects throughout the country; and noted

that there are potential side effects from different categories commonly used such as chemical, electro-chemical, etc. that may be toxic to cutthroat and rainbow trout. If anyone would like a copy of the information, please let him know. Regarding the Schlepp wetland project, Spears pointed out that they did not use any dust suppressant last year due to possible side effects.

**Kenny Hicks** - Asked Spears to forward a copy of the dust suppressant study to DeLange, so that she could send it out to the TLG.

**Roy Brazzle** - Nothing to report.

**Kate Healey** - Nothing to report.

**Terry Harwood** - Commented that the BEIPC and EPA now have the LIDAR data downloaded on portable hard drives. There is a lot of good data, but software is needed to access it. The consultants are putting together a documented list of the data available. The EPA and State will not allow the data to be downloaded to their computer network systems due to the large size of the files. However, Ed Moreen downloaded the data into EPA's website.

Harwood said that he has been working on the remedy portion of the ROD amendment and flooding issues. He had a discussion with Shoshone County, the city, and IDEQ about some of the language in the ROD amendment dealing with this issue such as side drainages, stormwater, snowmelt, etc. At EMF, Harwood is working on monitoring well testing and hopes to get it done next week.

**Jeri DeLange** - Provided a Communications PFT update. The Communications PFT will be meeting on January 12 at the Forest Service office in CDA. The Recreation Education Subcommittee chaired by Tina Elayer (IDEQ) will also hold a meeting there as well.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Suggested that Dailey update the TLG on the Focused Feasibility Study (FFS).

**Anne Dailey** - Informed everyone that the draft FFS executive summary will be released in February and comments will be taken from February 1-19. (Comments are due on the 19<sup>th</sup>). If anyone would like a CD copy, please send her an email.

**Terry Harwood** - Brought up the process for property cleanup in the Basin and Box. He indicated that some property owners do not agree to sampling of their property, or remediation if their property is contaminated. There has also been confusion about the cleanup process being voluntary. In the Box, funding has been set aside for cleanup of properties where the property owners have refused cleanup. However, there is no escrow process in the Basin, and no provisions or funding to go back and remediate properties where the owner continues to refuse to allow the work to be done.

Harwood explained that for example, if 10% of the properties remain undone, then it will be difficult for EPA to declare the area done. It also diminishes the property values for everyone on the block when one owner refuses as real estate companies and banks have to declare this information (i.e. within the Superfund area). He said that a local citizen wrote a letter to the newspaper about whether the cleanup was necessary or bad science. Whether or not someone

agrees with the cleanup, Harwood suggested that some things really affect your neighbors and the community. He is not sure how the EPA will be able to declare the area done if there are properties remaining that were not remediated.

**Kenny Hicks** - Commented that this question was raised about 15 years ago and it still has to be answered.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Suggested that an update on this issue be made on a future call.

**Schedule:** The next TLG meeting conference call is scheduled for 1/22/10.

Thank you for your participation.