

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
June 10, 2010

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Anne Dailey
Bill Adams
Nick Zilka

Kenny Hicks (Vice-Chair)
Dave George
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

At the beginning of the call, Rebecca Stevens asked Kenny Hicks to lead the call for her. (She left the call at 8:05 a.m.). Before going into a round table discussion, Hicks inquired about the public meeting scheduled for June 17. Bill Adams noted that EPA is inviting everyone to a public information session about the ROD Amendment from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The primary focus will be on the implementation plan and will include a brief presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Round Table:

Kenny Hicks - Provided an update about the Stormwater Erosion Education Program (SEEP). He is looking at teaching an advanced class and pointed out that the program is doing extremely well with classes being held in the five northern counties. In addition, the program is extending into Montana (i.e. Flathead Lake area and Kalispell). Hicks believes that the program also plays into the Institutional Controls Program (ICP) for the Silver Valley.

Anne Dailey - Said that she is working on the proposed plan for the ROD Amendment and will be getting it into the mail on June 12. Then they will be scheduling a public comment period and a series of meetings with different groups such as the Silver Valley Chamber, Silver Valley Economic Development Corp., etc. EPA is also holding an elected officials meeting and a formal public meeting in July. A court recorder will be at the public meeting, so there will be an opportunity for public testimony to be recorded. The proposed plan will have a 45-day public comment period from July 12 to August 25.

Bill Adams - Reminded TLG members about the Upper Basin PFT meeting on June 17 in the Shoshone Room at Silver Mountain from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. They will be updating the implementation plan, and they also plan to do a demonstration of the web-based data management system. The demo will look at some of the various sites, photographs, and the documents attached to that site. Adams will be sending the agenda out to the TLG later today. He also reminded everyone of the public information session that will be held during the evening of June 17 at the Kellogg High School cafeteria.

Jeri DeLange - Provided a brief update on the status of the TLG conference call notes and the Communications PFT. The PFT will be working on public outreach materials for the North Idaho Fair booth.

Nick Zilka - Said that he has been busy reviewing the proposed plan for the ROD Amendment. Next, he will be working on the Wallace Yard and Spur Line construction. There will be two crews for the cleanup work at Canyon Creek and the visitors' center in Wallace. They hope to get everything done this year.

Kenny Hicks - Brought up that he is concerned about the cleanup work being close to the bend in the river and what type of best management practices (BMPs) will be used to keep erosion out of the river.

Nick Zilka - Responded that the work around the bend will be a challenge, but that they will keep an eye on it. Hicks also asked if they will be leaving the concrete in place at the mill. Zilka replied that the foundation will be left.

Dave George - Nothing to report.

Kenny Hicks - Commented that he is doing some work for the ASARCO Trust. It involves mapping and identifying land parcels, and that he should have it ready by the delivery date in August. For informational purposes, he said that Google Earth updated some of their imagery.

Anne Dailey - Suggested trying to schedule a tentative date for the next TLG meeting, possibly July 8 or 15.

Nick Zilka - Inquired if there was any cleanup work being done on the Spokane River. Dave George replied that there is no funding to move forward on the work this year.

Anne Dailey - Noted that she will not be available for the next TLG call on June 24.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 6/24/10.

Thank you for your participation.