

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
September 2, 2010

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Dave George
Anne Dailey

Kenny Hicks (Vice-Chair)
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:

The Vice-Chair, Kenny Hicks, inquired about resigning his position as he does not want there to be any appearance of a conflict of interest between his work for the Asarco Trust and serving as a Shoshone County TLG rep. The TLG Chair, Rebecca Stevens, said that she will check into this.

The next BEIPC meeting will be held on November 17. Stevens asked about scheduling a tentative date in October for the next TLG meeting and asked Jeri DeLange to send an email to the TLG. Stevens added that the TLG will need to elect a new Vice-Chair if Hicks makes the decision to resign as a TLG rep.

Round Table:

Kenny Hicks - Reiterated that he wanted to avoid a conflict of interest working for the Trust and being a Shoshone County TLG rep. He also pointed out that he has been involved in other things such as water quality and developing TMDLs for stormwater; and that EPA allowed an extension of time for 18 months to look at turbidity of water on the stormwater TMDL process. Hicks commented that this issue is not as complicated as EPA's proposed ROD amendment and that he brought it up in contrast. He suggested that the public had to beg for extensions on the public comment period for the ROD amendment.

Anne Dailey - Said that EPA wants to hear people's comments during the interim period. She suggested that maybe EPA could do additional public outreach on the ROD amendment.

Kenny Hicks - Commented that he would like to see some real conversation on the ROD amendment moderated by a local. He also brought up socio-economic impacts and suggested that people can't blame everything on the cleanup as there is a recession all over the country.

Dave George - Suggested that the employment opportunities may be good for Silver Valley folks.

Kenny Hicks - Pointed out the differences between full-time and part-time jobs as there are no benefits for a family with part-time work although he does recognize that Davis Bacon wages are good wages.

TLG Discussion - Economic development problems in the Silver Valley due to the recession, water quality issues, water system improvements, funding, changes to regulations, and other related issues.

Jeri DeLange - Commented that she was glad that EPA had extended the public comment period on the ROD Amendment to November 23. She also mentioned that the joint fair booth sponsored by the BEIPC/CCC, IDEQ and CDA Tribe LMP, and SEEP was very successful at the North Idaho Fair.

Rebecca Stevens - Added that it was a good turnout at the fair with approximately 1,500 people who stopped by the booth. The trivia wheel was a huge success. She then brought up the proposed plan for the ROD Amendment and indicated that there was an executive summary for review. She suggested that it may be a good idea for Don Martin (EPA) to talk to the new CDA Chamber of Commerce president.

Anne Dailey - Thanked Stevens for the suggestion and said that EPA is talking about additional outreach opportunities. They have had many meetings with various people throughout the Silver Valley (mayors and other elected officials, mining companies, chambers and other organizations, etc.) as they are trying very hard to get the message out.

Rebecca Stevens - Informed everyone that the Lower Basin PFT meeting had been scheduled for September 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Cataldo Mission's new visitor's center. She asked people to send her suggestions for the agenda if they had not already done so.

Kenny Hicks - Brought up a recent survey and issues about some of the property corners that were being obliterated during the remedy. He stressed the importance of knowing where the property corners are. These are serious issues and may mess up property records. He cautioned that this issue may come up in the future.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 9/16/10. (*Note: This call was later cancelled*).

Thank you for your participation.