

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

October 29, 2009

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Sandra Raskell
Terry Harwood

Kenny Hicks (Vice-Chair)
Randy Connolly
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.

The TLG Chair, Rebecca Stevens, said that Anne Dailey and Bill Adams would not be available for today's call, but relayed information they wanted to share about EPA's ROD amendment meetings. The November 4 meeting has been cancelled; and EPA has scheduled a two-day meeting for December 8 and 9. (*Editor's Note: The second day meeting on December 9 was later cancelled.*)

Round Table:

Sandra Raskell - Noted that the TLG discussion on technical presentations was tabled at the TLG meeting on October 15 due to time constraints. She suggested this topic could possibly be brought up on a future TLG call.

Kenny Hicks - Mentioned that he and several other people (Shoshone County Commissioners, local mayors, Rob Hanson, Dan Meyer, and Anne McCauley) had a meeting to discuss drainage control and infrastructure issues. TerraGraphics made a presentation on a study they completed based on the Drainage Control and Infrastructure Revitalization Plan (DCIRP). It included flood maps for a potential flooding event such as a 50 or 100-year flood. After looking at all of the information, Hicks suggested that a 2 to 4-inch rain event could be as devastating as a creek getting out of its banks. Although it's difficult to do a systemic cleanup overall, he noted that everyone understands the priorities for cleanup (especially for pregnant women and children). He commented that all of the infrastructure information will be very useful, and that it was a good meeting.

Terry Harwood - Said that he attended the CCC meeting last night, and CCC members discussed some changes to the BEIPC work plans. He needs some additional information for the repository section on "Fill the Holes". The Communications PFT also met earlier in the day (before the CCC meeting) and had some minor changes to the language for their section. Harwood will send a draft to the TLG of the Repository and Communication PFT sections as he will be sending out the board packets next week. He will also be making a presentation at the BEIPC meeting on one section for the work plan that the BEIPC needs to discuss and approve. The question involves the BEIPC taking a leadership role in dealing with major flooding issues in the South Fork of the CDA River and Pine Creek (i.e. as the BEIPC has the state of a flood control district as noted in the implementing legislation). If approved, this may involve seeking grants for major funding from FEMA, Homeland Security, etc. He will put the information in the board packets and post it to the BEIPC website.

Harwood then informed everyone that he will be out of the office most of the time during the next few weeks burning slash at East Mission Flats (EMF) and trying to wrap up the work at the site while the weather permits (i.e. rip rapping the base of the waste pile, hydro-seeding and tackifying other areas, etc.). He indicated that Andy Mork (IDEQ) will be bringing people to the EMF repository for a tour on Friday, October 30. Anyone touring the site will need a hard hat and safety equipment. He also brought up that Barbara Miller (SVNRC) had visited the site previously to take photographs (i.e. within the construction zone) without authorization or the necessary safety equipment. When he approached to talk to her, she immediately left without speaking to him. However, she then sent an email to several people accusing him of intimidation and running her off the site with a piece of equipment. He clarified that this information was clearly false.

Regarding the upcoming BEIPC meeting, Harwood asked Hicks if Bill Rust was still interested in doing a presentation about flood control. He noted that the agenda was full, and that if it was a technical paper, then it would need to be sent to the TLG first. Harwood indicated that Angela Chung (EPA) also wanted an opportunity to say something to everyone at the BEIPC meeting.

Rebecca Stevens - Brought up repositories and suggested that an additional repository is needed because the stimulus funding accelerated the cleanup program which reduced waste storage capacity at Big Creek.

Terry Harwood - Remarked that people are now talking about two repository sites in the Upper Basin. If we have to dredge the CDA River, there may be 2 million cubic yards or more out of the River or scraped off the sides. He raised the question of where it would be disposed of and suggested West Mission Flats as a possible site. Harwood also briefly discussed the potential of Osburn Ponds in the Upper Basin, but indicated that it would require a bridge to be built over the South Fork at Two Mile Road. If anyone wants to look at EMF, he said to let him know. He cautioned people not to just show up and walk under the fence.

Kenny Hicks - Suggested to Harwood that he think twice about hydro-seeding and tackifying at EMF before winter. Harwood replied that he needs to hydro-seed as it's required in the 90% design, but knows it may not work. He offered to give Hicks a tour of EMF. Hicks advised that the hydro-seeding will probably not germinate this late in the season and that it would be good to use a temporary BMP (Best Management Practice).

Rebecca Stevens - Brought up that she wanted to talk about BMPs at last night's CCC meeting. She mentioned that Jamie Davis, the new environmental specialist for the CDA Tribe, made a presentation on the Stormwater Erosion Education Program (SEEP) at the TLG meeting on October 15 as Hicks was unavailable. One person signed up for SEEP at the meeting.

Jeri DeLange - Gave a brief update on the October 28 Communications PFT meeting.

Randy Connolly - Nothing to report.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 11/12/09.

Thank you for your participation.