

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY December 2, 2010

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Andy Mork
Bill Adams
Anne Dailey
Denna Grangaard

Brian Spears
Randy Connolly
Dave George
Kenny Hicks
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

Round Table:

Anne Dailey - Mentioned that the public comment period for EPA's Proposed ROD Amendment closed on November 23. There were lots of comments received including more than 300 comments last week alone. EPA is processing the comments and working on responses now.

Bill Adams - Brought up that the next Upper Basin PFT meeting will be held on December 7 at Silver Mountain in the Shoshone Room. He will send out the agenda in a few days. The focus of the PFT meeting will be to look at sites that may be questionable as EPA heard comments on a number of various sites. He wants to lay out a process to look at the information, identify and discuss sites along with the associated data, and determine the process to remove questionable sites off the current list. He will also provide a brief update on some of the comments received and the schedule for the ROD Amendment.

Andy Mork - Said that he recently participated in an IDEQ conference call with Rob Hanson, Bruce Schuld, Bill Hudson, and Dan Meyer to discuss how to maximize the process. Mork briefly outlined the suggestions they discussed for a three-tier process, and will provide a summary of the conference call information to Adams for the PFT meeting.

Bill Adams - Responded that he will wait to send out the PFT agenda until he receives the information. He looks forward to a good meeting.

Rebecca Stevens - Indicated on behalf of the Tribe, that the Tribe prepared 15 pages of comments, but pulled out some comments on questionable sites. However, she will bring that information to the PFT meeting.

Andy Mork - Pointed out that he has been working with TerraGraphics on the continuing agreement for 2011–2012; and that they understand some of the work will move to the Trustee. They are trying to anticipate the needs and build a bridge for the work in the implementation plan and the BEIPC's workplan that was discussed at the Basin Commission meeting on November 17.

Rebecca Stevens - Asked whether the State will consider a Request for Proposal (RFP) of work with another consultant or only TerraGraphics. Mork answered that TerraGraphics is the contractor on record for another year or two.

Denna Grangaard - Provided information about the email posting for an EPA public outreach position in Kellogg (i.e. Community Information Specialist). She suggested that people distribute the email to anyone who may be interested. She then asked TLG members for their ideas on how to gain more time to speak to school kids such as pairing up with technical (TLG) people or the public to make presentations to science class or middle school students.

Anne Dailey - Said that EPA has lots of materials that they can provide; and that Ed Moreen has made presentations to local groups such as the Boy Scouts. Adams added that EPA may be able to help, but that it would also be good to have someone from a state agency.

Rebecca Stevens - Suggested that the Tribe may be interested in participating as they hired two part-time public outreach people.

TLG Discussion - TLG members agreed that this would be a good idea and briefly discussed other suggestions before moving on with the call.

Randy Connolly - Nothing to report

Brian Spears - Nothing to report.

Dave George - Gave an update on the Spokane River beach cleanup at Barker Road North. He indicated that the work the Washington Dept. of Ecology (DOE) was going to do next year will probably not be done due to budget restrictions.

Randy Connolly - Commented that he heard a few complaints from people about eliminating recreation access for kayaking in that location of the Spokane River. George replied that Spokane Valley is in charge of the access; and that damage occurred during the bridge construction at Barker Road. He explained that there was a lot of flow downriver at one point that contributed to bank failure. As the bank material was not replaced, it resulted in a good drop off down there. George suggested that it may affect the DOE's ability to do the cleanup work and that he has concerns about how stable the bank will be over time. He suspects that there may be a need for reconstruction.

Kenny Hicks - Nothing to report.

Jeri DeLange - Informed everyone that she will schedule the next Communications PFT meeting sometime after the first of the year, possibly mid-January.

Rebecca Stevens - Said that she planned to schedule the next Lower Basin PFT meeting after the first of the year as well. She relayed information on the preliminary report for the Tribe and State's LMP needs assessment. The first survey showed that people around the Lake believed the biggest threat to water quality was from heavy metals. Now, after the online survey, the majority of people feel the biggest threat is the basic plan, then heavy metals. She thinks that the survey results may have been influenced by some of the ROD Amendment media that came out.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call is scheduled for 1/6/11.