

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
March 8, 2007

Participants:

Mike Beckwith (Vice Chair)
Anne Dailey
Bill Adams
Terry Harwood
Lloyd Brewer
Rog Hardy
Nick Zilka
Kenny Hicks
Rebecca Stevens
Rob Spafford
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

As Brian Spears was unavailable, Mike Beckwith led the call. He asked if anyone had topics to discuss and then suggested a roundtable discussion.

Round Table:

Dailey: Brought up the upcoming TLG meeting and asked if anyone would be giving any CWA (Clean Water Act) project updates. Beckwith suggested that he could provide an update on lake monitoring.

Adams: Reminded everyone about the water treatment PFT meeting next Tuesday, March 13 at the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare in Kellogg at 1:00 p.m. He mentioned that the mine/mill PFT meeting would be rescheduled in a few weeks and that priorities for the next mine/mill cleanup sites would be discussed.

Dailey: Informed everyone that she was working with the USGS on the annual water year summary and that the report would be posted to the web upon completion. Harwood asked Dailey if the cleanup levels for riparian areas had been determined yet. Dailey answered that it may take a few months as they were still waiting for the USFWS report.

Harwood: Indicated that Jeri DeLange had emailed an updated TLG membership roster to everyone. He mentioned that he had been reviewing the BEIPC web site and was thinking about removing some of the outdated material, but wanted to get the TLG's opinion first. He said that the outdated material would be saved before it is removed from the web and would still be available to anyone who requested it. Dailey asked how much data he planned to remove. Harwood replied that he was not sure. Dailey strongly advocated that the CWA proposal

funding and what was being implemented be left on the web. Rebecca Stevens agreed. Harwood pointed out that there were many unfunded proposals and that those should be removed.

Mike Beckwith and Nick Zilka also recommended that the funded CWA projects be left on the web. Harwood said that he would take a look at the historical TLG conference call notes on the web to see if some of the information from past years could be removed. Beckwith suggested to Harwood that if he removed any historical information, it would be good to provide the info on a CD to the new TLG members for their review. Dailey commented that it was helpful to have the history on the web as well as the CWA funding information in order to know how much funding was being spent.

Harwood brought up the upcoming BEIPC meeting on March 14 and indicated that he believed the major issues would be the LMP (lake management plan) section and what to do regarding contaminant management for the Lake and River. He informed everyone that Sherry Krulitz had resigned as the BEIPC Chair due to health reasons; and that a letter will be coming from the Governor's office to appoint Jon Cantamessa as her replacement and Krulitz as the alternate. Dailey inquired who would be the acting Chair for the BEIPC meeting. Harwood replied that it would be the Vice Chair, Rick Currie.

Harwood then gave an update on the flood control project. He said that he had been working with the consultants on the flood control inventory and noticed that there were deteriorating conditions in some of the channels. He would like to try to schedule a workshop before April 30 to discuss the infrastructure needs and flooding concerns in the Box and Basin. He explained that the workshop would be open to community, county, public utilities representatives, and other interested stakeholders with the goal of developing a list of projects; and then prioritizing them in order to seek grants and other funding. Kenny Hicks offered his help to Harwood and indicated that he was very familiar with many of the channels and gulches. Harwood thanked him and said that he would contact Hicks when any field trips were scheduled. Harwood also informed everyone that he had been asked to make a presentation on CERCLA and Superfund issues at the University of Idaho Law School along with State, Tribal, and Federal attorneys.

Brewer: Nothing to report.

Hardy: Asked if the BEIPC commissioners had been notified of the upcoming election for BEIPC officer positions. Harwood responded that he had sent a note reminding them. Hardy brought up a letter from the USFWS in regards to their recommendations to the BEIPC on contaminant management and asked if it would be in the board packet information. Harwood responded that it would be included with the agenda and board packets for the meeting, but that it may not be available on the web unless there was an electronic copy. Hardy commented that he believed the position made by Susan Martin (USFWS Supervisor) sounded forceful about the agencies getting together. Harwood indicated that he was not sure where this issue would go.

Hardy also inquired about the LMP section and how it got on the BEIPC agenda. Harwood explained that at the end of the last BEIPC meeting, Commissioner Krulitz suggested that it be considered again at the next meeting.

Zilka: Nothing to report.

Hicks: Commented that he wanted the TLG to know that the Stormwater Erosion Education Program (SEEP) was moving forward and that the first class was scheduled this month. Spafford suggested that people contact Rebecca Stevens if they have any questions about the program. He also mentioned that Stevens was working on a PowerPoint presentation for the LMP audit survey.

Spafford: Nothing to report.

DeLange: Brought up that she had made changes to the TLG membership roster and sent it out for review. If anyone has changes or corrections, please let her know.

Harwood: Mentioned that he had requested information from the EPA as they had finalized rules promulgated last year regarding innocent landowners and Brownfields. He also asked the agency specific questions dealing with land issues in the Basin (which they answered), but he has not released the information as the EPA had not put it out as an official release yet. Harwood indicated that one of the BEIPC Commissioners had asked last year about the requirements for deletion for the cities and communities if the remediation work had been completed. He suggested that he may put the questions and answers in a white paper to send to the cities and IDEQ, but that he would stress that it was not an official release from the EPA. However, he did point out that the Brownfields position was official.

Beckwith suggested to Harwood that he note that he compiled the white paper in response to what the document is, so that it is not construed as an official document. In addition, he suggested that Harwood date it to provide history and context, so that anyone using it does not take it out of context and that it may be used appropriately. Harwood said that he was appreciative that the EPA answered as there were some difficult questions; and that the information was important to know. Beckwith commented that because the information was so important to know, that there should be something to list the EPA.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 3/22/07.

Thank you for your participation.