

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

July 12, 2007

Participants:

Mike Beckwith (Chair)
Rebecca Stevens
Bill Adams
Anne Dailey
Kenny Hicks (Vice Chair)
Terry Harwood

Rog Hardy
Brian Spears
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: 1) TLG endorsement of the Blood Lead PFT's recommendations from Rob Hanson; and 2) Discuss if a TLG meeting is needed before the next BEIPC meeting.

The TLG Chair, Mike Beckwith, said that Rob Hanson would like to get the TLG's endorsement on the PFT's blood lead recommendations before the next BEIPC meeting on August 15. Per Beckwith's previous email (that was forwarded to the TLG with the PFT recommendations), he suggested that the TLG could collectively agree to issue a statement in the July 26 conference call notes supporting the PFT recommendations, so that they could be presented to the BEIPC in August.

Beckwith then opened the call for discussion and indicated that he did not feel a TLG meeting would be necessary unless there was widespread disagreement.

Round Table:

Harwood: Informed everyone that he had received the final report for the Lake modeling project (electronically); but stated that the BEIPC does not yet have the software CD for the model.

Beckwith: Suggested that training on the Lake model may be held during the last week in September for IDEQ and the Tribe technical staff to be involved in lake management (perhaps at the Tribe's computer education lab in Plummer if it is available. He reported that he (as co-author) was in the process of reviewing the draft report on the Lake monitoring study with Molly Wood of the USGS. Beckwith also said that he was also reviewing the draft Lower Lakes aquatic vegetation study final report.

Harwood: Commented that there may be a lot of final reports completed by September. He also mentioned that the BEIPC agenda for the next meeting in August was already full and reported that some of the agenda items and presenters include:

- Bill Ryan – Update on mine/mill site remediation;
- Rob Hanson – Update on blood lead issues;
- Terry Harwood – Update on Basin infrastructure and flood revitalization plan;

- Terry Harwood – Final CWA report on distribution of Lake maps;
- Jeff Johnson – Update on Silver Crescent habitat improvement;
- Nick Zilka – Canyon Creek treatability study;
- Dave Lamb – Final CWA report on Lower Lakes aquatic vegetation study;
- USGS – Final CWA report on the Lower River sediment model;
- Karen Kuzis – Final CWA report on North Fork CDA River hydrologic and sediment study;
- Terry Harwood – Update on contaminant management PFT activities and presentation of feasibility study paper;
- Terry Harwood – Final CWA report on peer review of the Lake model; and
- John Lawson – Update on East Mission Flats repository.

In regards to the Basin IRP (infrastructure revitalization plan), Harwood mentioned that he had been meeting with stakeholders and the next step would be to work with the communities to identify priorities. He suggested that this may be difficult as each community has individual priorities. Kenny Hicks agreed that there may be problems, but added that hopefully the communities would make a joint effort. Harwood said that he had been reviewing the new site disturbance ordinance for Shoshone County and noted that it was more stringent.

Hicks: Mentioned that he was glad to see the new county regulations in place, especially for erosion control. He believes that the county is moving forward, and indicated that the new draft for the flood plan ordinance will be released soon. He also mentioned that the changes to the ordinance for minor subdivisions will need to be completed by the end of August as that is the end of the emergency moratorium. Hicks explained that the county is still under the sewer moratorium, but that some people have a misunderstanding about how the moratorium works. He clarified that if you are building in a taxing district, then you could be in.

He also commented on the sewer expansion/upgrade and said that he would prefer the funding going into a larger system such as the South Fork Sewer District. He mentioned that he had talked to Ross Stout about this issue. Hicks suggested that there would be more funding available as new development comes in. However, he said that growth has not always paid for itself as Kellogg does not charge impact fees. He feels that the needs of the county may be met by three to four large developments.

Anne Dailey asked about the drinking water supply in Shoshone County. Hicks indicated that some of the water systems need work and remarked that Shoshone County is surface water rich, but not groundwater. He dislikes seeing funding spent on groundwater systems because there will always be problems at the well head as long as there are metals loadings in the South Fork. He suggested that funding should be spent on surface water systems. Hicks also commented on the well at Enaville and said that he does not feel this is a good site because it may be influenced by the River.

Beckwith: Brought up that Rob Hanson may not be able to participate on the next few TLG calls because of travel conflicts. He then asked everyone how they would like to handle the process of the TLG's endorsement for the PFT's blood lead recommendations. He recommended that the TLG review the recommendations and unless there was disagreement then it could be reflected

in the next TLG notes that there were no major disagreements, and this could serve as the TLG's endorsement to the BEIPC.

Dailey: Noted that part #5 of the PFT's blood lead recommendations was missing some text in the email attachment. Harwood suggested that Hanson be contacted for the missing text.

Harwood: Offered to include the TLG's endorsement in the BEIPC board packets if the TLG agreed.

Beckwith: Asked if anyone on the call disagreed and suggested that the recommendations were basically the same as in the past with the only likely way to increase participation would be to design a new study and get funding for an incentive because parents do not want to bring their children in for blood lead testing.

Harwood: Agreed with Beckwith that it was basically the same process that they are going through now. He noted that the program is currently being advertised in the local newspapers requesting that parents bring their children (ages 1-6) in for blood lead testing and that each child will receive an incentive of \$20. He feels that the program will probably end up with the same response.

Beckwith: Expressed his view that he does not see this as a major issue. He indicated that he will check with Hanson about the missing text so that the information may be resent to the TLG for review. He suggested that the TLG discuss this issue on the July 26 call.

Dailey: Concurred that it should be discussed on the July 26 call; rather than on August 9.

Harwood: Agreed that it should be discussed July 26 as he needs the information by July 27 for the board packets.

Spears: Brought up that if there was only a response from the TLG reps, then someone may make a negative response at the BEIPC meeting. He suggested that an endorsement be put in writing. Beckwith agreed.

Beckwith: Nothing further to report.

Hicks: Asked Spears about the results of the songbird testing for lead.

Spears: Replied that he had not heard anything back yet and that it may take one to two months for the results. He indicated that he is working with the Manchester laboratory and that it is difficult to obtain the data they want with the small blood samples they are working with. Hicks asked if the volume may be increased if the samples are not large enough. Spears answered that they have done testing with the same blood volume in the past. He reported that they have tested 11-12 robins and 30-34 songbirds.

Connolly: Inquired what location the birds were tested in. Spears responded that it was the Smeltonville Flats area.

Spears: Remarked that they lost six song sparrows during the testing. He indicated that since they are so small, they sometimes do not make it if they lose a small amount of blood. He also mentioned that they clip a tail feather on all of the birds, so that they are able to tell if some are recaptured. Spears told Hicks that he would let him know when the results come back.

Stevens: Provided information on the following activities: 1) The next CCC meeting will be August 1 at the Post Falls Library from 6:00-8:00pm; 2) The BLM will be having a site tour of public land at Blue Creek Bay on July 21 at 9:00 a.m. on the north side of I-90 (Wolf Lodge Bay exit) to determine how to best conserve the land or make some of it available for public use; and 3) The IDL (Idaho Dept. of Lands) is in the process of negotiated rulemaking for lake protection.

Hardy: Asked Stevens about the IDL negotiated rulemaking for the lake and whether Eric Wilson would be the person to contact. He then brought up the proposed marina development at Conkling Bay and mentioned that it would be allowed to expand up to 50% as long as 50% was open to the public. He suggested that this may be an issue and asked if anyone was aware of it.

Beckwith: Indicated that there were lots of proposed changes for some of the marinas (i.e. Harrison, Conkling, etc.) and that he believed people were aware of them.

After additional discussion by the TLG on various issues such as development and growth around the Lake, Hardy inquired about the schedule for the LMP. Beckwith answered that the State and Tribe had a meeting at the end of June; and suggested that Harwood allow five minutes on the BEIPC agenda for an update. Harwood responded that he may be able to work it into the agenda.

Before the call concluded, Beckwith reminded everyone that the proposal sent by Rob Hanson on the PFT's blood lead recommendations would be discussed on the next conference call (July 26) for the TLG's endorsement.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 7/26/07.

Thank you for your participation.