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TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY January 30, 2003

Participants:

Sheila Eckman	Paul Woods	Mike Schlepp	Phillip Cernera
Dan Audet	Roger Hardy	Kathy Johnson	Luke Russell
Steve Hughes	Ed Moreen	Bill Adams	Randy Connolly
Angela Chung	Earl Liverman	Jim Hansen	Chuck Vita
Bill Rust	Rusty Shepard	John Roland	Callie Ridolfi

Note: This summary provides the salient issues recorded by Bill Adams. These notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

TLG Meeting

There was a general discussion on the January 30th TLG meeting and the path forward particularly as related to the Streambank Stabilization PFT. The first topic was a discussion of the role of the government entities working with the TLG. John Roland posed the question about the obligation of the government entities to channel their work products through the PFTs. David Fortier indicated that BLM would work with the TLG to ensure that their activities are consistent with the basin commission planning process. John Roland stated that some activities may not be directly linked to the ROD but could be tied to other things like the lake management plan. John Roland also expressed the view that activities identified in the ROD or activities influencing the ROD should go through the TLG. Sheila Eckman added that it would depend on the role of the government entity in relationship to the scope of the basin commission.

Mike Schlepp expressed a concern about violating the TLG protocol prior to going forward to the public with the Streambank Stabilization proposal(s). He believes the the public has the right to know activities occurring on the front end rather than late in the process. John Roland stated that the mechanism for communication between the TLG and CCC has been laid out and there needs to be a distinction between activity (and funding) linked to the basin commission and activity that is not. Mike Schlepp indicated that it would be beneficial to have any concerns about how the group was functioning in writing in order to help guide future work of the PFT. Some of the concerns expressed related to the timing of the additional Streambank Stabilization proposal. Sheila Eckman expressed her view that some of the issues raised could not be resolved right now as the group is feeling its way through this process. She also added that the role of the TLG is to focus on technical issues, get early CCC input, and make recommendations to the board. Controversial issues need to be raised asap and when they can't be resolved within the TLG they need to go to the board. John Roland recommended that the group come back to this issue as part of finalizing the TLG protocols. There was general agreement among the TLG members that this needed to be done. Finally, there was a question about people on the call who were not TLG members. John Roland responded that each entity on the TLG may have additional support staff, including contractors, to assist them with their involvement in the TLG.

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Rails to Trails

Roger Hardy expressed his opinion that a PFT is not needed for the Rail to Trails project. He indicated that an awareness of the project is all that is required at this time.

Lake Management Plan

The comment period for the Plan has been extended to March 25th due to the large number of comments and some concern about an inadequate time to review the draft plan. Rusty Sheppard indicated a desire to accelerate the lake monitoring plan including outreach and contracting activities. Phillip Cerner indicated that the monitoring plan could be in place in the Summer/Fall time frame. Issues regarding the lake management plan and process for deleting the lake will take a few months to identify. Sheila Eckman reminded everyone that the money available for this work, through the basin commission, is five year money. Rusty Sheppard asked if delays in the lake management plan would delay the lake monitoring plan. Phil Cerner indicated that some of the changes or minority opinions could be put into the draft LMP which could reduce delays. Dan Audet indicated that his office is currently working through some of the issues on the monitoring plan with Fish and Game.

PFT Next Steps

Kathy Johnson will be pulling together the documents prepared by the PFTs for the Basin Commission. Some PFTs are still working on changes based on the input from the CCC and TLG meetings. Kathy Johnson reminded everyone that she needs the completed packages by February 4th. The completed packages are expected to be sent to the board by February 13th. In regards to the Basin Commission meeting on February 26th Phil Cerner will provide an overview of the TLG process and the PFT leads will present a summary of their proposals. The next CCC meeting is scheduled for February 20th.

John Roland indicated he would be sending out some information in preparation for the Streambank Stabilization PFT conference call on Friday January 31st. Bill Rust recommended that folks go back and read the ROD (Section 12) related to surface water and sediments in preparation for that call.

Round Table Topics

There was not sufficient time during the call for this input.

Next Call

February 6, 2003 at 8:00 AM PST. The call in number is (206)-553-4557. No pass code. Ann Dailey has kindly accepted the role of note taker for the call. The Chair will solicit note taking support for the remainder of the month.