

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

October 4, 2012

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Bill Adams
Terry Harwood
Dave George
Rusty Sheppard
Ed Moreen

Randy Connolly
Jerry Boyd
Lynn Daniels
Bonnie Douglas
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: Upcoming TLG meeting on October 17th, 2012.

Round Table:

Bill Adams - Announced that Rick Albright will be designated as the new EPA alternate for the Basin Commission in November. Until then, Dan Opalski will continue to represent EPA as the alternate at the BEIPC's special planning meeting tomorrow, October 5th.

Rebecca Stevens - Brought up for discussion the draft agenda for the TLG meeting on October 17th. She reminded everyone to get their work plan sections to Terry Harwood for the BEIPC one and five-year work plans.

Terry Harwood - Provided updates on: 1) infrastructure projects related to the paved roads strategy. To qualify for the program, road surfaces must have 10 years or less of pavement life; 2) Jon Harwood is the new Roads Surface Remediation Manager for IDEQ; 3) the Roads Board is comprised of Craig Cameron (EPA), Bruce Schuld (State of Idaho), and Jon Harwood. The board will set up meetings with the nine road jurisdictions to put together a program of work and recommendations; 4) remedy protection projects in the Box and Basin. Every project agreement for each jurisdiction is designated for O & M; 5) he has the draft BEIPC five-year work plan almost done; and 6) he made comments on EPA's draft Implementation Plan (IP).

Jeri DeLange - Indicated that everything is set up for tomorrow's BEIPC meeting at Templin's.

Jerry Boyd - Suggested that he could have the CCC meeting on the same day as the TLG meeting on October 17th. This would make it easier for agency representatives to be available for both the TLG and CCC meetings and help save resources. Public participation will be discussed at the CCC meeting.

Bill Adams - Said that he is preparing information for the BEIPC's special planning meeting tomorrow. He will be providing an overview of the IP as it's not out yet for public review; and will review the work for next year. The Hercules mine/mill cleanup construction work is almost complete. He also provided an update on the CDA Trust work.

Jerry Boyd - Inquired about work on the Lower Basin. Adams said that EPA will continue work on collecting data to do some pilot projects and will be contributing significant resources for work there.

Ed Moreen - Said that construction is going very well at the Hercules site as Adams mentioned. They are digging around the foundation to bedrock to remove the contaminated materials down to that level. The cleanup will leave the hillside with a rock face, so it may be difficult to re-establish vegetation. The work should be done in the next two weeks.

Rusty Sheppard - Nothing to report.

Dave George - Gave an update on the Spokane River cleanup.

Lynn Daniels - Nothing to report.

TLG Discussion - Development of draft BEIPC work plans and review by the TLG and CCC members at their respective October 17th meetings. Harwood and Stevens will present the revised draft work plans to the Basin Commissioners for their review and approval at the November 7th BEIPC meeting. Adams mentioned that the reason to dovetail the TLG and CCC meetings would be to have agency representatives at the CCC meeting, so they would be able to answer concerns. Boyd indicated that some people in the Silver Valley still have issues with the ROD Amendment. Harwood noted that people want to know about the IP and how work is going to be funded as they are concerned the money in the Special Account (SA) will be used up and there will not be any funding left for work in the Box or Lower Basin.

Randy Connolly - Said that he has been working on the NPDES permit for the Midnite mine (i.e. treated water).

Don Carpenter - Provided an update on repositories. The groundwater wells for the Lower Burke Canyon (LBC) repository are going in. At the Big Creek repository (BCR), they are looking at finalizing the cover design and gathering additional characterization to support the design.

TLG Discussion - Draft BEIPC work plans, Page repository expansion, Lower Basin, Lake Management Plan (LMP) and IP. Harwood will send the draft work plans to the TLG for review and they will be discussed at the TLG meeting on October 17th.

Schedule: The TLG conference call for November 1st will be cancelled due to the BEIPC meeting on November 7th. The next TLG call will be 12/6/12.