

**TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**February 7, 2013**

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)  
Bill Adams  
Terry Harwood  
Sergio Pierluzzi

Jerry Boyd  
Dave George  
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:** None.

**Round Table:**

**Rebecca Stevens** - Reminded the TLG that election of officers will need to take place at the April TLG meeting. She is thinking of a tentative meeting date for April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Jerry Boyd** - Brought up that the CCC will be scheduling their next meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> in the Silver Valley.

**Jeri DeLange** - Reminded everyone that the upcoming BEIPC meeting will be on February 20<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the following date for the next quarterly BEIPC meeting. She will be working on making meeting arrangements for the special Lower Basin meetings in March for submitting potential pilot projects to the EPA. The meetings will be sponsored by the CCC and Lower Basin PFT.

**Rebecca Stevens** - Informed everyone about the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Lakes Conference at Spokane Community College on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (*Note: DeLange took over the TLG call for Stevens as she had to leave early due to another commitment*).

**Bill Adams** - Said that EPA and the Trust are getting ready for work this season. There was a very good turnout at the Roads Workshop this week on February 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be starting work for the paved roads program and the Trust will be starting work on the Waste Consolidation Area (WCA) at Ninemile. He also provided an update on the design for the Central Treatment Plant (CTP) upgrades and drain line for the Central Impoundment Area (CIA). EPA will start the kickoff soon for the job training program through EPA's JTI (i.e. Job Training Initiative). Last year's training was successful, so they are doing another job training session this year. The goal is to complete the program by mid-April. Adams then gave a brief rundown on the Upper Basin technical work that is occurring including the design data for the Lower Burke Canyon (LBC) repository.

**Sergio Pierluzzi** - Nothing to report.

**Terry Harwood** - Commented that about 90 people attended the Roads Workshop this week. The paved roads program is being run by the Roads Board - Craig Cameron (EPA), Bruce

Schuld (IDEQ) and Jon Harwood (IDEQ). Yesterday, the pre-bid meeting for the Sierra Nevada remedy protection project was held with about 18 people attending. The State is using a public works contracting process. He is working with Anne McCauley (EPA) on remedy protection projects in the Box and Basin. The draft environmental covenants are being sent to legal for final review. He mentioned that he talked to Dan Meyer of the CDA Trust and the Trust is also required to get environmental covenants, so he's helping Meyer on this.

In addition, the Trust will go through a public contracting process, but will not be required to pay Bacon Davis wages for State lead projects in the Box. Harwood indicated that a contractor who is not licensed in Idaho may bid on a contract, but will be required to become licensed in Idaho if they are awarded the bid. As part of the requirements on the State lead work, 90% of the labor force is required to be residents of Idaho.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, Harwood will be attending a final Idaho Silver Jackets meeting for Shoshone County and then the Corps of Engineers (COE) will turn over any information they have gathered regarding the levees to Shoshone County as the \$100,000 grant has been used up. There was also some grant funding for a project in Silverton (i.e. to prevent side drainage flooding) that overlaps part of EPA's portion for remedy protection on Revenue Creek. He is working with Idaho Homeland Security as the grant project needs to be a stand-alone project. Harwood said that he is thinking of going through the Drainage Control Infrastructure Revitalization plan (DCIRP) to show how much assistance was provided through the EPA's funding of paved and unpaved roads and drainage projects through the remedy protection program process. He thinks it's important for people to know.

Regarding remedy protection projects, Harwood commented that the Natural Resource Trustees (NRT) want to have a say; and FEMA wants to be involved as they think there may be a change of flow in the South Fork of the CDA River due to remedy protection projects. He suggested that the ARARs (Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements) for the project work will hold the line as this is a human health project and not for developing habitat for fish. However, he will let the technical folks know if they have to replace a bridge or culvert in a potential fisheries stream.

**Dave George** - Nothing to report.

**Randy Connolly** - Gave a brief update on the Midnite Mine Superfund cleanup. For informational purposes, he mentioned that the Spokane River Forum will be holding its annual conference in the Spokane Valley at CenterPlace on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Schedule:** The next TLG call will be 4/4/13. (*Note: The March conference call was cancelled*).