

BEIPC – TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP GROUP (TLG) MEETING CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY NOTES

April 28, 2015, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Introductions: The TLG Chair, Sandra Raskell, called the meeting to order at 10:00 and participants introduced themselves.

Call Participants: Bill Adams (EPA), Jerry Boyd (CCC Chair), Jamie Brunner (IDEQ), Glory Carlile (BEIPC note taker), Don Carpenter (IDEQ), Dale Chess (CDA Tribe), Craig Cooper (IDEQ), Rob Hanson (IDEQ) Terry Harwood (BEIPC), Andy Helkey (PHD), Jeff Johnson (BLM), Laura Laumatia (CDA Tribe), Kathrine Rowden (NOAA), Caj Matheson (RP) Ed Moreen (EPA), Jan Olsen (IDEQ), Sandra Raskell (CDA Tribe), Rebecca Stevens (CDA Tribe), Bruce Schuld (IDEQ) and Sandra Treccani (WA Ecology).

Approval of Draft TLG Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2015

It was suggested that all review the February meeting minutes and submit any changes to Sandra Raskell and then she will send a final version to Glory Carlile.

Clarification that on Pg. 2 “Save SA account” is the money received in the Hecla settlement.

CCC Update – Jerry Boyd (CCC Chair)

Jerry Boyd reported on the CCC meeting held on April 14, 2015. He said that there was a property owner in Ninemile concerned about the hauling through his property to the Upper Consolidation Area. He also added that we still do not have a CCC Vice-Chair.

Restoration Partnership Update – Caj Matheson (RP)

Caj Matheson reported that he is working on an accomplishment report and getting through the planning phase. He said that they spent most of the year going through the EIS process with alternative analysis and may have some changes. When it is ready they will have a public comment period.

Construction Schedule Update – Rob Hanson (IDEQ) and Terry Harwood (BEIPC)

Little Pine Creek Box Remedy Protection walk-through punch list was completed. Jackass Creek hospital project will be sent to Boise next week to advertise.

Slaughterhouse Gulch and Silver Creek projects will be added to Jackass Creek (funded out of the SA Account). With these projects, the Box Remedy Protection will be completed.

Revenue Gulch in Silverton will use the streets like a canal and then drain to a diversion. The project will also update culverts and driveway crossings. The project (cost \$2M) was awarded to Big Sky (Hayden). Mill Road project (Mullan) bids are being reviewed. Still have O&M and Environmental Covenants to be processed. A couple of culverts crossing Nine Mile Road will be replaced. These will honor commitment for fish passage.

2016 plans include a project that is in 30% design mode.

A project at Copper Street neighborhood and Boulder Creek in Mullan will occur.

Rebecca Stevens shared that the Restoration Team went out to view some Remedy Protection projects. She commented the Mill Creek project has an affected downstream fishery due to the FEMA structure upstream.

Limited Use Repository (LUR)/Government Gulch – Bruce Schuld (IDEQ)

Bruce Schuld reported that EPA and IDEQ got together for the LUR Policy. He said that they are trying to focus setting asphalt concrete into relatively large holes around the Basin and Box and fill them instead of our repositories. They have found 2 sites: The US Silver property in Osburn entered into a contract with the CDA Trust. It will have a capacity of 37,000 cubic yards of waste material and then will have a cap put on.

The other site is about 6 acres in Government Gulch that will hold over 87,000 cubic yards of Asphalt concrete. Part of the design is to put in a groundwater system. They are also installing a permanent stormwater system to retain surface water during the development and construction. They will be putting in a 12 inch clean soil cover and revegetating. It will be completed and filled to capacity in 2016. They will be monitoring to see how well they perform.

Schuld added that they are signing a contract with Fish and Game project at Robinson Creek so that they can begin that mitigation project.

Rebecca Stevens asked about what they are proposing for controlling Reed Canary grass. Schuld said he thinks that they are spraying. Jan Olsen commented that they may remove and submerge.

Update on the 5 year Implementation Plan – Bill Adams (USEPA)

Bill Adams reported that the EPA is working internally on developing a process for a strategic plan for the lower basin. What type of decision documents come out of it etc. will be determined. In the interim Ed Moreen is working on the Enhanced Conceptual Site Model (ECSM) plan. Kim Prestbo is also working on it as well as the model focus. Tracy Chellis is working on pilot projects that include beach augmentation and Ag to wetland projects. They are moving forward collectively as a team for when the CDA Trust is able to take on more construction work in the Lower Basin.

For the 5 year Implementation Plan EPA plans on tracking key projects that work well, as well as management activities that go along with the implementation work. In the 5 year review process they will report on where we are in respect to other projects.

East Fork at Ninemile (EFNM):

Bill Adams reported that everything held up pretty well with only slight erosion at Interstate Callahan. By end of May or early June will begin construction work. Interstate Callahan will be complete by 2015. They are in 60% design for the Success Mine project. Plans are to have a total removal of the material and it will be a 4 year project. Current design will move the road back to the left side of the channel and then will be able to do a stream reconstruction. They will collect the water and run it below the site with a pipe.

Adams mentioned the Lower Burke Canyon and Big Creek Annex repositories will be open for business soon. Silver Valley Natural Resource Trust (SVNRT) Repository in Canyon Creek was purchased by the CDA Trust from Hecla. They will be putting a fence around it. There was a question about the O&M previously promised with adjacent homeowners and he added that they are trying to address some of the issues regarding dust and trespassing. The SVNRT may be reworked for a repository as well as “clean-up”.

Lake Management – Jamie Brunner (IDEQ) and Laura Laumatia (CDA Tribe)

Brunner and Laumatia said that a Report Draft was sent out before this conference call meeting with a request that comments be sent to Laura Laumatia and/or Jamie Brunner due by May 1. They are also open for discussion about the report and data during this call.

Jerry Boyd stated that he saw that there was some sampling in Rockford Bay but it did not seem much was going on in terms of sources of nutrient loading. He asked if there a focus on identifying nutrient loading sources. Brunner responded they are working on compiling nutrient data for a report. Boyd said that there is a presumption that the lakeshore owners are a major source of pollutants. He brought this up because Kootenai County is changing some of their regulations along the shore. They do not have a quantitative report about the impact of lake shore development.

Rebecca Stevens shared that when the plan was being developed they heard loud and clear from the community that the homeowners did not want new regulations. She suggested that people get involved with their local government regarding protective ordinances.

Jerry Boyd commented that he wanted to know what the biggest emphasis was and the focus of the report.

Andy Helkey commented that Terry Harwood was right about the Institutional Controls Program (ICP).

Terry Harwood reported that he had a meeting with Kootenai County Commissioner Marc Eberlein where they talked about these issues. One of the biggest complaints that he has heard is that they are not doing something about the nutrient loading from the St. Joe and St. Maries Rivers. He asked that all advocates etc. share that the LMP is trying to address the entire nutrient loading to the Lake, no matter where it is coming from.

Craig Cooper said that the report is the first time that they have identified a trend to see what is happening across the basin. He commented that they are able to do work through limited resources and he noted that the Lake**A**Syst is from all water sources. Regarding shoreline protection and Forest Service, he emphasized that the “shoreline” does not pertain just to the Lake.

Terry Harwood stated that everyone is potentially a source of nutrient loading. To make this thing work he suggests that they need to work on the issue of the perception of picking on just the lakeshore homeowners.

Laura Laumatia clarified the AVISTA project was for cultural resources and not nutrient so it was not a refusal to do the work. Harwood asked that they provide this information in their report at the Basin Commission meeting.

Terry Harwood asked that his assistant, Glory Carlile, get a plaque for Curt Fransen ready for the Basin Commission meeting. He announced that the quarterly Basin Commission meeting is on May 13, 2015 at the CDA Best Western Inn.

Climate Update:

Katherine Rowden commented that the Cataldo reading is at low flow. This summer is expected to be in high drought.

Central Treatment Plant (CTP) – Ed Moreen (EPA)

Ed Moreen added that the CTP design is in Phase 2. A request for bids will be submitted mid-May. They are currently in negotiations with landowners for the Environmental Covenant agreements. They are hoping for a late summer award for contracting.

Conference Call Adjourned at 11:32