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TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY February 20, 2003

Participants:

Paul Woods	Mike Schlepp	Phillip Cernera	Ray Tasoro
Luke Russell	Anne Dailey	Rob Hanson	Lyodd Brewer
Steve Hughes	Ed Moreen	Bill Adams	Frank Frutchy
Jim Hansen	Rusty Shepard	John Roland	Nick Zilka

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

Potential Agenda topics were suggested by the Chair. These include; a) discussion and scheduling of next meeting, b) bio-stabilization PFT, and c) TLG protocols. During the subsequent round table these agenda topics were discussed.

Round Table Discussion:

John Roland: Some of the studies proposed within the Avista process may help inform the TLG. Several studies of particular importance include: water quality, in-stream flow, and fish tagging. Continued coordination with the Avista process will, therefore, be important. Both Lyodd Brewer and John Roland are tracking this process.

Anne Dailey: The basin-wide monitoring group will be getting back together in the near future to continue their work. EPA will first do some more work to define a sampling regime which will support hypothesis testing in the most cost effective manner (no small task). Once this is completed they will produce a draft plan for the groups review. Roger Hardy should be included in the March 6th discussion on this matter. Ann also mentioned that fish tissue data from last years' Lake sampling has been analyzed. A report on this information should be out in May 2003.

Rusty Sheppard: Tom Mullan has resigned his position on the TLG. John Synder is assumed to be the new county appointee. The TLG Chair will verify this appointment with Commissioner Panabaker. Rusty also continues his work to review the Lake Management Plan (LMP).

Bill Adams: Bio-stabilization PFT will hold a conference call at 10:00am on February 20, 2003, to discuss the draft material provided to the group by EPA.

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Rob Hanson: Rob proposed holding a meeting with the Panhandle health Department prior to the upcoming Commission meeting to be held on February 26, 2003. Rob will coordinate this meeting with the Human Health PFT via email.

Luke Russell: TLG note postings need to be better coordinated with Commission web-master.

Jim Hanson: USFWS has recently sent EPA information related to basin-wide biomonitoring. This information will be captured in the basin-wide monitoring plan.

Lyodd Brewer: WCAC met on February 19, 2003. Although not well attended, Ed Tulloch (IDEQ) was available to discuss the LMP. A question was also raised during the conference call concerning how the TLG will address Union Pacific Right of Way (ROW) contamination issues.

Mike Shlepp: UP ROW issues are out there and “like it or not” we are stuck with them. Anne Dailey suggested clearly stating within TLG protocols how the group will not address contamination within the ROW. Cerna mentioned that although this may be the case, areas where UP trail users may come into contamination outside the ROW should be considered within the TLG’s scope of work. A question was also raised about the run-off which may occur due to the trail. Who will be responsible for this? and will this be addressed within the LMP?

Nick Zilka: Sunshine Mining Company was bought recently. Since the Sunshine property in Big Creek was considered a potential repository location, issues may arise as to it’s future use.

Randy Connelly: TLG protocol issues were raised and this agenda topic was discussed by the group. Suggested revisions and discussions related to the protocols included; a) the selection of PFT leads should be better defined, b) are meetings open to the public?, c) membership wording should be adjusted to better define membership criteria.

Next Call

February 27, 2003 at 8:00 AM PST. The call in number is (206)-553-4557. No pass code. Callie Ridolfi will take notes. The Chair will solicit note taking support for March.