

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
February 6, 2003; 8:00 AM - 10:10 AM PST

Participants:

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| Phillip Cernera | Callie Ridolfi | John Roland |
| Rog Hardy | Lloyd Brewer | Sheila Eckman |
| Bill Rust | Randy Connolly | Rusty Sheppard |
| Carl Washburn | Dan Audet | Mike Schlepp |
| Jim Hansen | Kathy Johnson | Angela Chung |
| David Fortier | Frank Frutchey | Stan Miller |
| Anne Dailey | | |

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

Note takers for subsequent TLG Thursday conference calls:

2/13/03 - Phillip Cernera
2/20/03 - Kathy Johnson
2/27/03 - Callie Ridolfi
3/06/03 - Paul Woods

Update on finalization of the one-year workplan:

- Mullan I/I section in the workplan will include have a shorter description of the project (longer version will be in the appendix)
- Another draft of one year workplan to TLG on Friday with FINAL comments due on Monday 5 PM PST. Anne Dettelbach will also receive the draft package and provide it to the CCC.

Lake Monitoring Plan:

- Meeting/call held on 2/3 to discuss lake monitoring
- The Lake PFT decided to not submit a one-year workplan at this time but will be providing a 3 page briefing sheet on the status of Lake monitoring as part of the one-year workplan
- Proposal is to defer decision on lake monitoring until mid-April to allow time to incorporate the public comment received during the public review period for the Lake Management Plan (which has been extended to 3/25/03) and resolve several outstanding non-technical and technical issues
- Other key changes include deletion of the entire "Current Status" section from the draft and will not be attaching the revised Lake monitoring plan
- Under issues resolved - Revise bullet regarding peer review to state: "A peer review of agency documents is necessary and a process will be developed."
- Peer review needs and objectives will be discussed on a future conference
- Objectives of the Lake Monitoring plan will be changed to reflect that the primary objective is to provide data/information regarding the effectiveness of the lake management plan and a secondary objective is to provide information regarding lake status to the basin-wide monitoring program

PFT Vote on Recommendation Regarding Lake Monitoring Plan: "Do you agree 1) that a 3-page summary of the Lake Monitoring plan status will be included in the workplan, 2) recommend that

decision on the Lake Monitoring Plan will be deferred until April 2003, and 3) the developmental draft lake monitoring plan will not be included as an attachment to the 3-page summary.

VOTE Results - six votes for general support and six votes for no objection. (No votes for no agreement, specific concerns or full agreement.)

Conclusion- Kathy Johnson will finalize the lake monitoring section of the workplan as described above.

Streambank Stabilization

- **Extensive** discussion regarding the streambank stabilization proposals, minority proposals
- Concerns raised regarding evaluation process
- Per Mike Schlepp, the minority proposal from KSSCD presented at 1/27 and 1/28 meeting is not included in the proposed one-year workplan but could be considered as a component of a demonstration project
- Frank Frutchey provided a minority proposal on 2/3/03 to implement four streambank projects at \$100K each (includes about \$20k for monitoring) in 2003 (see 2/5/03 transmittal from Kathy Johnson for further details)
- Clarification provided that Frank Frutchey's proposal for streambank stabilization is a minority proposal from Benewah County and not from Frank as an individual
- Key issues that have surfaced during the discussion and have not been resolved include but are not limited to the following:
 - how/when to present minority reports
 - need to do the inventory and evaluation of existing streambank projects
 - timing and commitment to conduct work in 2003
 - how extensive should the inventory/evaluation process be?
 - definition of monitoring requirements

As time for the call ran out, the following two votes were taken:

a) TLG vote regarding acceptance of the Streambank proposed plan as distributed on 2/5/03:

0 votes for full agreement

4 votes for general acceptance

2 votes for no objections

3 votes for specific concerns

2 votes for no agreement

Avg vote = 2.75

b) TLG vote for deferral of streambank proposed plan:

0 votes for full agreement

4 votes for general acceptance

4 votes for no objections

no votes for specific concerns

3 votes for no agreement

Average vote = 2.81

Since neither vote tally was decisive, the vote did not provide a clear consensus on a resolution

for a path forward on the streambank workplan.

Two Views, X and Y, Supported by Members of the TLG (the following synopsis of the position was provided by Kathy Johnson)

View X is based primarily upon the belief that bank stabilization is not “rocket science” and that enough is known about stabilization designs to quickly implement demonstration projects and begin monitoring effectiveness of the goal of reducing particulate lead in Lake Coeur d’Alene. This view believes that any period of time greater than a few months for planning, acquiring permits and contracting would be a tactic to delay work in the field. This view believes that:

- the recommendation must contain a firm commitment for at least one on-the-ground project in 2003 and thinks that getting the necessary planning, contracting, and permits is manageable and not a reason to delay the field work.
- the projects should be located along in the Lower Coeur d’Alene River.
- a brief evaluation of existing bank stabilization projects is sufficient to develop specific project locations and designs.

View Y is based primarily on the belief that more time than a few months may be required to select the locations and designs bank stabilization, develop the monitoring and data analysis plans as well as acquire permits and make contracting arrangements. The view believes that selection of locations and designs for bank stabilization must consider cost-effectiveness, erosion control and associated metals and nutrients as well as consider protection or development of the riparian zone, potential effects on aquatic resources and potential for unintended downstream consequences such as mobilization of the river bed. This view believes that:

- at least one on-the-ground project in 2003 is a goal but is not willing to make a commitment because of the unknowns factors in getting all of the necessary planning, contracting, and permits in place.
- the projects can be located anywhere in the Coeur d’Alene Basin or tributaries to Lake Coeur d’Alene.
- a comprehensive evaluation of existing bank stabilization projects be completed and that the selection of project locations and designs be based upon information gathered after 3 or 4 months of evaluation.

==>No consensus was reached regarding a path forward. The streambank discussion was tabled as we ran out of time. Kathy Johnson will confer with the core staff regarding how to proceed.....stay tuned.

PFT Next Steps

Kathy Johnson will be finalizing the documents prepared by the PFTs for the Basin Commission. Kathy will provide a final draft of the one-year workplan to the TLG (and CCC via Anne Dettelbach) on Friday, 2/7/03, with final comments due to Kathy by 5 PM PST on Monday, 2/10/03. 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 Cernera 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.

Round Table Topics

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

Next Call

February 13, 2003 at 8:00 AM PST. The call in number is (206)-553-4557. No pass code.

Phil Cernera has accepted the role of note taker for the call on 2/13/03.