

**TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY**  
**March 25, 2004**

Participants:

Paul Woods	Bill Rust	Rob Spafford
Lloyd Brewer	Rogers Hardy	Phil Cernera
Anne Dailey	Rebecca Stevens	Randy Connolly
Carrie Chalcrest	Bill Adams	Rob Hanson
Rusty Sheppard	Ed Moreen	

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 Items:**

1. Superfund Update: There will be Superfund dollars available for yard remediation, for the Basin Monitoring, and for remedial design work. It does not appear that there will be any funds for remedial action work beyond the yard remediation. There are a number of designs underway for actions at mine and mill sites (Rex, Constitution, Golconda, and Sisters were listed.). These will go to the PFT for review.

Yard work is moving ahead. The TLG asked for an update on the program, and Rob Hanson has one underway.

2. Clean Water Act Funds: There is \$2 million in the budget for FY 2004, but the budget has not been passed. Of the \$1.8 million in FY 2003 funds, \$182,000 remains. It will be recommended at the Commission meeting March 29 that the Commission approve including the IDEQ/INEEL Canyon Creek project for that amount in the current grant application.

It was generally agreed that it is time to start considering prioritization of another round of CWA project proposals. Ground rules for that activity were proposed:

- Review the Table
- Strive to “Do Work”
- Strive for balance: geographically, study v. digging dirt, over “the full range of issues”
- How do study projects mesh with the BEMP?
- Proposals need to be “crystal clear”, and have a well defined and described end product.
- Use the 5-Year Plan

Cernera will draft and circulate an initial list of guidelines for CWA proposals.

Working backwards from a November Basin Commission meeting presentation of recommendations, the group agreed to the following schedule:

Agree on guidelines for CWA proposals	Prior to May BC Meeting
Present “conceptual” proposals	August BC meeting
Finalize ranking of proposals and recommendation	October
Present recommendation to BC for approval	November BC meeting

3. Schedule Lower Basin Forum and BIF: April 21 was suggested on a previous call. The group agreed on that date. A BIF will be held in the morning, with Paul Woods sharing Lake data. Cerna will contact Box and Bookstrom for their availability at the afternoon LBF session.

Bill Rust suggested a meeting to discuss Upper Basin issues, similar to the Lower Basin Forum. The group elected to discuss Upper Basin issues at a TLG meeting in lieu of creating a new group. A meeting was scheduled for the morning of April 22, to “kick off” Upper Basin issues and CWA project proposal guideline development.

### **Round Table:**

Paul Woods: The next Lake sampling is scheduled for the week of April 15.

Paul noted the email Ed Moreen sent Wednesday evening. Metals concentrations in this “presence/absence” sampling are high enough to warrant a closer look.

Lloyd Brewer: The WCAC meeting last night included presentations by AVISTA, WDOE, and the City of Spokane. The City’s concerns are over the metals loadings in the Spokane River that go up and down with flows.

Anne Dailey: Anne is preparing for the NAS visits.

The HH Rec. Area field trip is scheduled for next Tuesday.

If all goes well, the BEMP should be distributed tomorrow.

Rog Hardy noted that the participants on the recent Stream Bank Inventory field trip noticed riprap along the shore near the Smith place above the Bull Run Bridge. Rebecca Stevens noted that the same group encountered numerous examples of unpermitted work along the Lower Coeur d’Alene River. IDL and ACOE personnel are following up.

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The recreation site East of Rose Lake should open soon, with all work to be completed before Memorial Day.

Rusty Sheppard: Nothing.

Rogers Hardy: Rog noted that the fact metals were fairly high in the lake shore seep samples just means that additional sampling needs to be done. He feels the UPRR should be brought back into the Basin clean up process. The issue needs to be systematically and appropriately studied.

Rebecca Stevens: Rebecca thanked those who participated in the Stream Bank Stabilization Inventory on the LCDAR. Inventory and ranking were completed. The trip on the St. Joe, planned for April 1 and 2, has to be postponed. She will provide another date.

Carrie Chalcrest: Carrie introduced herself as new with IDFG since November. She is reviewing the Stream Bank Stabilization Work Plan that Nick Zilka sent out at the beginning of the month.

Bill Adams: Bill noted at 9:02 that the Water Treatment PFT is scheduled for a conference call today at 9:00 to continue discussions about the IDEQ/INEEL Canyon Creek project proposal. That call is on the same line as this TLG call...

Ed Moreen: Ed commented on the recent Repository PFT meeting. There was a small turnout, but open conversation and some good ideas. Mike Goldstein is no longer active on that PFT. Ed will take his place. John Lawson continues to be involved. Suggestions relating to storing and capping stream bank material "on-site" were discussed.

Cernera polled the group. No one else had discussion items, and he ended the call to allow the Water Treatment discussion to begin.

Thank you for your participation.