

Technical Leadership Group (TLG)

Meeting Summary Notes

November 9, 2017, 10:00 AM - 12:10 PM

Coeur d'Alene Wastewater Treatment Plant conference room, 1080 Hubbard Avenue

(These summary notes are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not every detail of the presentations or discussions.)

Welcome/Introductions: The meeting was called to order by Sandra Raskell, CCC Chair, and everyone introduced themselves.

Attendees

Jerry Boyd (CCC Chair), Jamie Brunner (IDEQ), Randy Connolly (Spokane Tribe), Bonnie Douglas (citizen), Terry Harwood (BEIPC E.D.), Laura Laumatia (CDA Tribe), David Leptich (IDFG), Ed Moreen (EPA), Scott Peterson (IDEQ), Sandra Raskell (TLG Chair), Mike Stevenson (BLM), Jamie Sturgess (Kootenai Co. TLG rep), and Sandy Treccani (WA).

Since Glory Carlile was in the hospital, a motion was made to table the last meeting minutes to the next meeting. M/S/C

Lake Management Plan Update – Laura Laumatia, CDA Tribe and Jamie Brunner, IDEQ

Laura Laumatia gave an update of the Trends Report that is available on disc for anyone who requests a copy. She stated that a general overview of the report is that we continue to see a decline in dissolved oxygen, increase in productivity, metals are variable, and there are no real changes to the trends they have seen. She also announced the Our Gem symposium that will be coming up with a keynote speaker who will be talking about disagreements in our polarized society and how we can be more effective in our communicating across our sites, and Dale Chess will be presenting on his modeling, Craig Cooper will be reporting and giving an update and success stories around the Basin.

1 Year Basin Commission Work Plan – Terry Harwood, BEIPC

Terry Harwood shared the process of creating the work plans that are divided into two sections. Part 1 – Environmental cleanup work performed through the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) by the EPA and State of Idaho or work performed by responsible parties and Part 2 - Other Activities and Responsibilities

Harwood said that the first section includes human health issues, property cleanups, remedy protection, paved road remediation, blood lead screenings, pilot projects, and environmental monitoring. The second part is some of the other things that are done.

In the annual work plan review he noted that about 7000 properties have been done in both the box and the basin. Remedy protection projects include all the side drainages. He estimated that it will all be done by end of 2019.

In the introduction a change has been made so that it reads “Coordination with the activities of the . . .” and is to be changed also in the 5 year work plan. Jamie Brunner said that she had some additions in the Lake Management Implementation Plan section and will send the changes by e-mail to Terry Harwood.

Regarding flood control issues in the upper basin, Harwood shared that the jurisdictions have asked the Basin Commission to assist them as a flood control district. Their request will be presented at the December 6 Basin Commission meeting.

5 Year Basin Commission Work Plan – Terry Harwood, BEIPC

Harwood reviewed the 5 year work plan noted that if something was said to be completed in 5 years that now it would be changed to 4 years and so on.

Some minor edits were made for clarity and a typo corrected.

Mike Stevenson made a motion and Jamie Sturgess 2nd to recommend the 1 year plan with the edits to the Basin Commissioners for approval. **M/S/C**

Dave Leptich made a motion and Sandy Treccani 2nd to recommend the 5 year plan with the edits to the Basin Commissioners for approval. **M/S/C**

Other Basin Updates

Ed Moreen gave an update on the Central Treatment Plant (CTP) noting that it is an operate/design, operate/build contract. The contract is now called Jacob Engineering. The plant had to be shut down for 10 days in October so they could do some repairs and 2018 will be a big construction year.

In the lower basin he reported that at Dudley Reach they are collecting coring data. They want to understand where the bleeding is coming from and monitoring metals and the particle size. After finding and identifying hot spots the next step is to decide what to do about them. Ongoing work is continuing at Lake Marsh and they have expanded the area for their science work. They are focusing on the channel and working internally with other agencies.

Sediment Transport Model is in its final legs. There are plans for a model development report in the middle of next year.

Jerry Boyd suggested an EPA report on the Lower Basin in July 2018.

Dave Leptich reported on the Restoration Partnership announcing that the EIS comment period on the Restoration Plan will be extended till mid-April.

A motion was made to adjourn at noon and 2nd M/S/C