TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY November 10, 2005

Participants:

Anne Dailey

Phillip Cernera (Chair)
Brian Spears (Vice Chair)
Mike Beckwith
Nick Zilka
Bill Adams

Rog Hardy Ron Roizen Lloyd Brewer

Jeri DeLange (Note Taker)

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: BEIPC Meeting Follow-up, 2006 One-Year Work Plan Update

Phillip Cernera reported that the 2006 work plan was approved at the BEIPC meeting with a few changes. The changes were exceptions to the language for two of the sections which included blood lead and the ICP. Cernera mentioned that the blood lead section will be revised with the comments made at the Basin Commission meeting by Ron Roizen.

Roizen suggested that it would be good to have PFT meetings to work on the revisions. Anne Dailey indicated that both sections would fall under the Human Health PFT and that Rob Hanson (IDEQ) is the chair. Cernera recommended that the sections be given to the Human Health PFT and after the language has been revised, it will come back to the TLG for review.

Brian Spears mentioned the time that the TLG spent on the process for the 2006 work plan; and brought up the issue of the minority report that was presented on the LMP section. He said that neither the TLG Chair nor Vice Chair saw the minority position until the day of the meeting and he believes that an explanation is justified on why protocol was not followed.

Cernera said that the schedule was laid out for the 2006 plan with the deadline being October 27. He commented that Terry Harwood sent out the work product two days before the deadline and that he may have used the wrong date. Cernera will check the notes. He also believes that people do not care about protocol because a motion for the minority position was made regardless. Cernera questioned going to meetings and working in a collaborative approach if people were going to wait until the last moment to present.

Spears suggested that the language "with stakeholder involvement" for the LMP section was general enough in nature to include all stakeholder groups in the discussion. He believes that the MOA's between the counties, State and Tribe potentially leave out other parties such as the USFWS. Spears indicated that Harwood did not include other stakeholders in the minority position and also did not follow protocol.

Ron Roizen mentioned that he supports Spears comments in that it is important to have protocol and follow rules, even though he was granted an exception. Roizen commended the TLG because it stood up and did not let itself be forced around. He said that sometimes well-meaning people make comments that bother people. Roizen indicated that the process got messed up and suggested publishing the schedule on the web in the future.

Rog Hardy discussed the practicality of the TLG structure with people reacting to the situations going on. He indicated that people felt left out of the process with the MOA's and he brought up the issue of not following protocol. Hardy mentioned that he appreciates Spears' frustration and feels that problems will continue to occur the way the TLG is functioning now. He commented that some of the representatives have the support and time to come to meetings, but expressed his concern that there is no financial support for the counties.

Spears indicated that he may have been ok with the minority position if he would have had an understanding upfront about it. Roizen asked if it would have been better if he had presented his own opinion, rather than the State's approach at the last minute. Mike Beckwith indicated this was what people were upset about. Roizen pointed out the need to make some shifts in the availability of the process and to make sure that leadership does not make last minute changes. Lloyd Brewer commented that the TLG should resolve this issue so that timelines are not violated in the future.

Roizen brought up the blood lead and ICP revisions and said there may be the same issues for what is produced. He suggested that all of the revisions come back to the TLG for review and final language. In regards to the ICP, he shared a previous suggestion made by Bill Rust to take a look at Kootenai county's site disturbance ordinance. Spears indicated that the ICP will be a much bigger issue.

Round Table:

Dailey: Reported on the Recreational PFT meeting on Monday, November 7 and said it was well attended. She gave a brief overview of presentations which included a recreational survey by Avista and a wildlife management survey by Idaho Fish & Game. Other updates included: the Rainy Hill boat launch work will start late next spring with the area being paved and graveled to prevent recontamination; and the Idaho Dept. of Transportation will start Hwy. 97 bridge replacement at low water next spring. Dailey also informed everyone that Mark Maserik (EPA) would be taking over leadership of the Recreational PFT.

Hardy: Mentioned that there should be a map of the lower Basin recreation areas and the trail should be in that as one "layer." He indicated that Kurtis Robinson said he could construct the map. Hardy also talked about the restroom that was illegally put in below their home that was not in any public plan. He explained that repeated requests for clarification as to where the restroom below Harrison would be; brought the response that one would be placed by Shingle Point. Hardy indicated that only one toilet was ever mentioned between Harrison and Heyburn State Park. He believes the "extra" toilet that was added illegally below their homesite needs to be moved to the Hwy. 3 trailhead, since there is no toilet there and having one would improve the area.

Zilka: Indicated that he sent an email to Rob Hanson that the Human Health PFT would like to meet soon. He also mentioned that INL had removed the apatite/gravel from the east barrier of the Success mine and replaced it with fresh apatite and plastic packing rings.

Adams: Discussed Golconda and Rex design and reported that some work at the Constitution may start depending upon the weather. He also mentioned that they are starting water treatment pilot studies and that he sent a data spreadsheet on Canyon Creek to the Water PFT. Adams indicated that he would be glad to send it out to anyone else who would like to see it.

Spears: Indicated that he would like to figure out the best course of action for TLG protocol.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 11/17/05.

Thank you for your participation.