

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY
May 3, 2012

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Terry Harwood
Bill Adams
Mike Stevenson (Vice-Chair)
Ed Moreen

Dave George
Don Carpenter
Jan Olsen
Randy Connolly
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: None.

Round Table:

Terry Harwood - Provided updates on the: 1) May 2nd Lower Basin Collaborative (LBC) meeting that was held yesterday at the Medimont Grange and he noted that Ed Moreen did a good job making a presentation about the basics for Lower Basin cleanup; 2) roads program which he has been working on with Bill Ryan (EPA) and Rob Hanson (IDEQ); 3) property remediation completion project; and 4) remedy protection projects in the Box and Basin.

For the paved roads program, Harwood said that there will need to be an agreement set up with the local jurisdictions. A transportation engineer will be hired to help manage the program and a Roads Board will be set up to review and approve each proposal. Estimated cost is about \$54 million for this project.

Ed Moreen - Gave an update about the LBC meeting last night. About 25 people attended and there were good questions and dialogue. EPA provided an overview of environmental issues in the Lower Basin. There will be another session scheduled later.

Bill Adams - Said that EPA is moving forward on the ROD Amendment. It's currently under review by EPA headquarters. The State of WA (Dept. of Ecology), State of Idaho (IDEQ), and the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Tribes are also reviewing the document. He anticipates that pre-signature will occur about the third week of June and final signature a few weeks later.

EPA's Job Training Initiative (JTI) program has held 4 meetings in the Silver Valley. 130 people attended the first meeting and 85 have continued through the screening process so far.

Don Carpenter - Provided a repository update. The State is transitioning work to the CDA Trust on repository design and they hope to have a design for Lower Burke Canyon in 2013. (The Osburn repository design has been put on hold). There was a repository open house on April 25th at the Wallace Inn. About 15 citizens attended and they received good feedback. The repository open house was sponsored by the BEIPC's Citizens Coordinating Council (CCC). At the East Mission Flats (EMF) repository, he noted that there was a recent protest which resulted in some television interviews and news articles.

Mike Stevenson - Commented that the repository open house went well. He brought up the potential transfer of BLM property at the Lower Burke Canyon repository site and gave a brief update.

Dave George - Nothing to report.

Jan Olsen - Mentioned that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) completed sampling at Gene Day Pond. She said that Tina Elayer (IDEQ, Boise) has been working with various agencies on a project to rehabilitate this recreational area into a potential fishery, but her involvement is being cut back. The agencies will regroup to see if they can develop a plan.

Olsen will be working on noxious weed spraying at the Central Impoundment Area (CIA) dependent upon the weather.

Randy Connolly - Spoke about arranging a meeting with the Spokane Tribal Council and EPA on the Basin.

Rebecca Stevens - Said that she would like to schedule a Lower Basin PFT meeting sometime this summer, possibly in June. She brought up sediment sampling at recreation sites along the Coeur d'Alene River due to contamination issues from flooding and asked how to manage any cleanup with the various jurisdictions, so that the work is coordinated.

Harwood answered that he worked on this last year and talked to Jerry Cobb (PHD) about this issue. He and Cobb will keep an eye on this, but there needs to be some funding for any cleanup work needed. At the Rose Lake boat ramp, Harwood noted that the sediment sampling results were over 5,000 ppm lead. Stevenson replied that at the Killarney Lake boat ramp, they scrape the sediment off first and then hose it off. Harwood said that they do need to clean up the sediment from flooding, but they lost the opportunity to monitor it this year.

Jeri DeLange - Reported that: 1) the BEIPC board packet information has been sent out and she will get the information posted to the website; 2) Glen Rothrock (IDEQ) and Laura Laumatia (CDA Tribe) will be making a presentation on the CDA Lake Management Plan (LMP) at the Hayden Rotary Club meeting on May 10th.

Rebecca Stevens - Said that the Natural Resource Restoration Team has been busy working on some foundational work within the team as restoration planning has started. Phillip Cernera will give an update at the May 16th BEIPC meeting on who the Natural Resource Trustees are and where they are at in the planning process.

Ed Moreen - Provided a brief update about the recent Coeur d'Alene River flooding events and Lower Basin sampling. At the Cataldo gage, there were two peaks a week apart that measured 28,000 and 33,000 cfs. They also had a couple of boats getting real time samples in the river and at Dudley, so they will have lots of data to analyze. He indicated that it will be interesting to see the results.

Carpenter added that IDEQ is sampling groundwater at EMF.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be 6/7/12.