

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY September 6, 2012

Rebecca Stevens (Chair)
Bill Adams
Dave George
Don Carpenter

Terry Harwood
Randy Connolly
Lynn Daniels
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:

Don Carpenter - Nothing to report.

Randy Connolly - Provided an update on the Superfund cleanup at the Midnite mine site. EPA is working on the 30% design and it should be completed by December.

Dave George - Gave an update on the Spokane River beach cleanup projects. Terry Harwood suggested that he provide some information about the Spokane River cleanup for the annual BEIPC accomplishment report.

Terry Harwood - Spoke about: 1) the special planning meeting for the BEIPC on October 5th. The half-day meeting will be held at Templin's in Post Falls as the Basin Commissioners wanted to have a planning meeting before the regularly scheduled November 7th BEIPC meeting; 2) the gravel road pilot project; 3) paved roads policy; 4) Craig Cameron is the lead person for EPA for the roads program; 5) the Roads Board has been established with Craig Cameron representing EPA and Bruce Schuld representing IDEQ. They will hire a transportation expert to review, approve and accept work for the roads program. It will be a temp position not to exceed 900 hour per year. There is \$24 million available in the Basin and \$30 million in the Box for road project work; 6) he is working with Anne McCauley (EPA) on remedy protection projects. She asked him to help with coordinating the easements for the various projects. They are getting good cooperation from the cities of Wardner, Smeltonville and Pinehurst. For the Grouse Creek project in Smeltonville, the City of Smeltonville is accepting responsibility to maintain the channel after the work is completed; and 7) he will need everyone's help to develop the Basin Commission's 2013 annual and 2013-2017 five-year work plans.

Bill Adams - Reported on the following: 1) the ROD Amendment document is being published. Copies will be released next week and it will be posted on EPA's website; 2) roads program; 3) remedy protection; 4) Basin Property Remediation Program (BPRP); 4) Central Treatment Plant (CTP) upgrades; 5) drain design for the Central Impoundment Area (CIA); and 6) the CDA Work Trust is done with field work for the season.

Adams brought up the BEIPC's one-year work plan for 2013 and EPA's draft Implementation Plan (IP). EPA has not yet identified what level of funding they will spend for work next year.

He thinks that the EPA is getting closer to sharing the draft version of the IP and would like the TLG to review the draft and provide comments for a quick turnaround before October 5th. The IP will contain a lot of adaptive management priorities and estimates to update the one and five-year work plans. EPA also plans to release the draft IP for a broader response. He noted that the cleanup work for the Hercules mine/mill hillside area will be starting on September 17th.

Lynn Daniels - Said that Rod Zion (ACOE) will be out for a few weeks.

Jeri DeLange - Provided updates on upcoming meetings.

Rebecca Stevens - Announced that the CDA Tribe and IDEQ will be sponsoring a water quality science workshop on September 11th in Plummer. She will send the information to the TLG for anyone interested. The proposed date for the next TLG meeting is October 17th.

Schedule: The next TLG conference call will be scheduled 10/4/12.