

**Technical Leadership Group (TLG)
Conference Call Summary Notes
December 5, 2013**

Attendees:

Bill Adams (EPA)
Randy Connelly (Spokane Tribe)
Sandra Raskell (CDA Tribe, Chair)
Rebecca Stevens (CDA Tribe)
Sandy Treccani (WA Dept. of Ecology)
Glory Carlile (BEIPC, note taker)

ROUND TABLE Updates:

Randy Connelly:

He reported on the Midnight mine: 60% design is due December 16 and apparently is on schedule. Still wrestling with getting permit for the Spokane River discharge and that is going to require more sampling. They probably won't have that done, and will have questions and answering, until next spring.

Bill Adams:

Working on planning and budgeting and just approved the budget for the Trust. They are in the process of budget developing work plan that is due at the end of the month. The work plan covers continuing the construction work at the Waste Consolidation Area (WCA) in Ninemile. They will be starting Interstate-Callahan and hauling that material to the WCA. They also will continue investigation for planning for other sites in Ninemile. They are starting design work for the Success Mine and continuing development to be ready for construction in 2016. They will start work at the Success site but will need to collect additional design data there. They will be lining the Rex channel and doing more work in the Rex site.

He reported that they are still evaluating Big Creek expansion and will be looking at the data and working on the design for what they will call the Big Creek area annex. They have completed the field work and if OK will look into purchasing with construction in the following year. He reported that the data recently collected has been favorable. They are getting that site ready for construction in the following year and will be installing a bridge there if that site is determined to be favorable.

Other updates included that the Lower Basin project will be at the Kahnderosa Campground which is more of a pilot project. Other ongoing work that will continue includes; Remedy Protection projects and Roads projects in the Basin. Other activities will be done through the State in the Box through their contract.

He added that they are working on various budgets and planning for the work next year, Lower Burke Canyon Repository is going into construction next summer and they are bringing in some limited waste toward end of summer if needed, noting that this repository will be reserved for waste within Canyon Creek primarily. They will not be doing any property remediation work in 2014 but rather focus on the CTP (Central Treatment Plant) design and groundwater design. The design will be completed in 2014.

Currently, The Trust is putting together a 1 year plan that is basically implementing the approved 1 year work plan of the Basin Commission.

Glory Carlile:

Nothing to report. Just plugging along.

Sandra Raskell:

Sandra reported that the St. Maries Creosote site is moving forward so construction should be starting between March and May of next year. She said that it has been 12 years in the making so this is very exciting that it is now pushing forward at a high rate. Will be a good project for our area and hopefully things will go smoothly.

Rebecca Stevens:

She shared that the Restoration Partnership is continuing to move forward with the draft plan component of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). She reported that it is pretty much in line with the timeline with where they thought it should be. In CdA there was a visioning summit to plan for the year 2030 and Laura Laumatia (Tribe) and Rebecca were there and participated. Out of 140 people in attendance, the number one vision idea under Environment and Recreation highlighted lake and river enhancement as a signature feature of the community. On behalf of the Lake Management Plan Coordinators, she mentioned that Laura and Jamie Brunner (DEQ) will have an update at the next meeting and/or conference call.

Sandy Trecanni:

Trecanni commented that when Dave George left they reshuffled some things. He used to be lead for all of the Spokane River beach clean-up sites and now she is working with Brendan Dowling on these. In late October/early November they completed a round of sampling of beaches to find out if there is recontamination or not. They will provide the information to Terry Harwood to include in the 2013 accomplishment report.

Announcement:

Sandra Raskell shared that Terry Harwood had asked for the 2013 accomplishment report sections to be submitted to him by January 3. She announced that the next conference call will be in February because in January it would be in the holiday week. She plans to send out a memo to cancel the January call.