

BEIPC – TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP GROUP (TLG) MEETING SUMMARY NOTES

October 20, 2015 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Idaho Fish & Game Department, 2885 W/ Kathleen Ave., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Call to Order/Introductions:

Sandra Raskell, Chair of TLG called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

Attendees:

Bill Adams (EPA), Jerry Boyd (CCC Chair), Jamie Brunner (IDEQ), Glory Carlile (BEIPC note taker), Randy Connelly (Spokane Tribe), Craig Cooper (IDEQ), Rene Gilbert (EPA), Terry Harwood (BEIPC Executive Director), Andy Helkey (PHD), David Leptich (IDFG), Ed Moreen (EPA), Jan Olsen (IDEQ), Sandra Raskell (CDA Tribe), Rusty Shepard (Kootenai County), Rebecca Stevens (CDA Tribe), Mike Stevenson (BLM), and Sandra Trecanni (WA State).

Approval of Draft TLG Meeting Conference Call of April 28, 2015:

Motion to approve the minutes was deferred to the end of the meeting.

1 Year Work Plan Review and Discussion (Terry Harwood, BIEIPC)

A few minor edits were made as Terry Harwood reviewed the 2016 Annual Work Plan. Some of the comments included the following:

Harwood said that some of the local jurisdictions are continually trying to add to the strategy list for remediation but they have been told they cannot. However, the program has been successful. Remedy Protection projects are done. There has been some side drainage projects picked up.

Jan Olsen (IDEQ) added clarification about the Rosebud Gulch and the Rosebud Creek at Gene Day Park noting that it will spill out only at a 100 year flood.

It was noted that one of the problems with the recreational sites is that the use cannot be controlled. Hopefully, posting of signs will help to inform people to better understand some of the risks.

Regarding the Repository section: Big Creek is full but we now have the annex across Big Creek. East Mission Flats (EMF) is still there for about 30 years. LURs are being developed. Harwood said that waste management is the key.

Bill Adams (EPA) added a revision to what was evaluated in 2015 and options that have been developed to be considered. He will send the wording to Harwood of his revision regarding the Human Health section update.

Environmental groups have a main concern which is the waste and where it is being deposited in the Silver Valley. They want the waste taken completely out of the Basin.

Adams noted the planning and design for the Central Treatment Plant (CTP).

Jerry Boyd (CCC Chair) asked if anyone is looking into the relationship with zinc removal and the nutrients and if it could cause more issues.

Rusty Shepard (Citizen) commented that there has not been much coordination for discussing issues in the Lower Basin and there has not been a PFT meeting in a year and a half. Boyd then asked about the turnout of the PFT meeting. It was shared that they mostly had agency folks there. Stevens noted that they are still addressing issues in forums and will continue to do so as needed.

Shepard asked about the WAG monitoring wondering if this monitoring will help with the monitoring of what goes in the Spokane River. Brunner said that there will be sharing of information from each monitoring points in their report.

Section II:

Shepard said that Kootenai County is not happy with the LMP noting that on page 35 of the 2009 Implementation Plan under 4.5.1 c and d. He said that they have not received yearly monitoring report since 2011. Kootenai County will object and address this issue at the BEIPC meeting in November. Craig Cooper said it is currently in Management review and that TLG had received a draft report last year. Harwood suggested that they meet to talk about this. Stevens added that they have a limited amount of staff to gather the data and asks that he be patient. Harwood commented that nothing should be in the plan that is not actually going to be done. Jan Olsen added that there are many draft versions and it takes a lot of time to produce a final report.

Raskell gave a summary of what has happened and changes made that affected the plan of work and reports. Dave Leptich from Fish & Game made a motion to table the issue under discussion and Ed Moreen 2nd. **M/S/C**

Moreen moved and Trecanni 2nd to accept the BEIPC 1 year Work Plan as amended for recommendation to the Board for approval. M/S/C

Break

Bill Adams (EPA) said that the Trust will be responsible for O&M of their part.

Shepard commented that between the Trust and the EPA that their work plans are not available to the general public but Adams said that is not true because they are available to those that are impacted. If an individual is interested and wants to view a design or a particular document that they should contact Harwood and he will determine who they should get ahold of for information.

Shepard also asks that the pilot projects information is shared with the CCC for comment as had been done in the past. He wants to make sure the Lower Basin receives information before and not just after the project work with ample time for review and comments to ensure community involvement.

It was agreed that there will be a meeting with Kootenai County and LMP to review both the BEIPC 1 and 5 year plans.

Rebecca Stevens moved and Bill Adams 2nd to go forward with the work plans to be presented to the commissioners. **M/S/C**

Basin update:

Bill Adams gave a quick summary report of activity that had been planned in 2015 and updates and Harwood outlined the work done: In the Basin they completed a project on Mill St., a project in Silverton, S. 2nd St. in Mullan, 2 pipes in Ninemile, and in the Box IDEQ did a project in Jackass Creek, and 2 side drainage projects.

Adams said that the Road Paving has been a great success. Property Remediation program has been shifted over to the Trust. They developed 2 LURs that are expected to have a short term life. Adams noted that the Big Creek annex is completed. 5 year review should be available in mid-November.

Moreen reported that an award will be made in mid-January for the CTP project and they are working with Bunker Hill mine on the groundwater issue. Harwood asked for confirmation that the award will have contingencies for change orders etc.

He also reported that they are also busy with modeling efforts. The 2D model is ready to use. They are continuing to work on pilot projects in the Lower Basin and focusing on riverbeds, flood channels, and amendment options in the floodplain.

Adams said that all this activity has been with coordination with public outreach and information to get it out to the community.

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Stevens changed what she said regarding the fishery above in Mill Creek to clarify her comment. Boyd also corrected a comment.

Ed Moreen moved to accept the minutes with the 2 edits and Dave Leptich 2nd. **M/S/C**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15.