# TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY March 10, 2005

## **Participants:**

Ron Roizen

Bill Adams

Rob Spafford

**Brian Spears** 

Nick Zilka

Rob Hanson

Lloyd Brewer

Anne Dailey

This summary provides the salient issues. These notes were taken by Anne Dailey and are intended to capture key topics, conclusions, and next steps and not the nuances of the discussion.

### **Agenda Items:**

- 1) Brian Spear's thoughts re TLG and interactions between TLG and the Commission (note I tried to capture the essence of the remarks below but you really had to be on the call to get the full essence of the discussion; I apologize if I have mis-captured anybody's remarks....
- Brian reminded participants of John Tracy's presentation at the last BIF meeting about the successful Lake Tahoe situation in comparison to the CDA Basin Commission; similarly controversial situation but all players want to protect Lake Tahoe
- Seems like politics are fighting the science at the same time the science is fighting the politics Rather than fighting the politics, may work better to embrace the politics through a revised deliberation process
- Maybe there needs to be a change in timing in recommendations to the Commission Brian suggested as a possibility: TLG makes recommendations to Commission, some opportunity for public input on public TLG recommendations, if TLG has an opportunity to review public comments prior to providing a recommendation to the TLG
- Ron Roizen raised comment that the sociology of the past two TLG meetings is striking as representatives from different entities seem to have a different perception of reality
- Nick Z commented that we do try get the local community input through the CCC
- Bill A do try to get community input but sometimes difficult to tell if the community members who provide input are representative of the entire community
- Anne D echoed Nick's comments and noted that the intent was for the technical work to take place in the PFTs, and then get the TLG and CCC input prior to recommendations that go the Basin

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Commission and noted that the purpose of the Commission, TLG and CCC is implement the ROD; this is not the forum to rehash whether there should a Superfund site or a ROD

- Lloyd B – noted that TLG may have failed to bring in community opinion but we would all benefit if members did all that we could to further the communication within the TLG

#### **Round Table:**

Ron Roizen – talking to Mullan School District about switching the heating system for the Mullan Athletic Pavilion from gas to "biomass" (boiler run by wood chips, very clean)

Bill Adams – met with Nick Z, Mark S and representatives from Parametrix regarding accelerated designs for several of the mine/mill sites complete action at Sisters and an interim action at Golconda; planning to implement the remedial actions during summer 2005 using State of Idaho remedial action monies; incremental design products will be available on an ftp site and messages will go out the mine/mill site PFT members alerting them to the availability of the documents/drawings, etc.

Rob Spafford – nothing to report

Brian Spears – nothing to report

Nick Zilka – nothing to report

Marc Stromberg – nothing to report

Rob Hanson – nothing to report

Lloyd Brewer – nothing to report

Anne Dailey - nothing to report (note to Rog Hardy re his question from 3/3/05 about the status of the CDA TAS – I checked with the EPA people working on this issue and they are continuing their legal review of the application; contact is Rich McAllister at 206-553-1814)

#### **Schedule:**

Next TLG call – March 17, 2005, 8 AM PST (206-553-4557)

Next TLG meeting scheduled 4/5/05 from 9AM – 4PM (Idaho Transportation Department)

Thank you for your participation.

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