

TLG CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY

April 1, 2004, 2004

Participants:

Bill Rust	Randy Connolly	John Roland
Bill Adams	Rusty Sheppard	Dan Audet
Paul Woods	Lloyd Brewer	
Rob Spafford	Anne Dailey	

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 Items:

Highlights of Basin Commission Meeting March 29: The Basin Commission met in Wallace on Monday, March 29. Key points provided primarily by Anne Dailey, Bill Rust, and Randy Connolly were these:

- The office location for the executive director is to be in Shoshone County. Space will be made available in IDEQ's Coeur d'Alene offices if the ED needs it.
- The ED will report to and be supervised by the Commission, regardless of who pays the ED salary.
- The Commission approved the INEEL Canyon Creek project proposal.
- The Commission discussed using 75 percent of the next round of CWA projects for work in the Upper Basin.
- Comments that Shoshone County residents were uncomfortable with the locations of the projects in the current CWA grant application were passed on to the Commission.
- The Commission entertained a question as to whether the 30-year clean up is going to be 10 years of study followed by 20 years of work.
- Rog Hardy discussed the UPRR and recent sampling.
- Mike Schlep expressed concern over apparently conflicting agency requirements for stream bank stabilization work.
- Additional concerns were voiced about who pays to fix failed projects.
- Regarding the two previous items, IDL was not present at the Commission meeting (or on this call) to provide that agency's perspective.
- Tom Bourke discussed Pinehurst's problems with flooding and drainage.

Round Table:

Bill Rust: Nothing except that he is preparing for the NAS event.

Bill Adams: He is setting up a Water Treatment PFT meeting. Tentative date is the afternoon of April 22, following the morning TLG meeting that day.

Rob Spafford: Nothing.

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Paul Woods: Flows increased over the recent warm weather. He sent crews to sample yesterday, today, and will send them out again early next week. The next Lake sampling event will be the week of April 12, with involvement by the USGS and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Planning is underway for the Australians for Lake experiments set for the last week of May and the First week of June. Water data for WY 2002 and 2003 is available. See it at <http://id.water.usgs.gov/public/h2odata.html>

The upcoming Lake sampling will initiate biological sampling for the USFWS.

Randy Connolly: Nothing.

Rusty Sheppard: Nothing.

Lloyd Brewer: Nothing.

Anne Dailey: Anne is preparing for the NAS event. The Hunan Health Recreation Areas field trip was well attended. The first stop was the Anderson Lake Boat Launch and bridge replacement site. Good coordination was achieved with the ITD. Anne will provide ITD the mailing list for the PFT. They will use it to keep the PFT up to date on their plans for replacing the bridge. The group stopped at the Thompson Lake Boat Launch site that the EPA improved in 1999 to see if there was any further work warranted there. The group felt there was not. The PFT previously made a proposal to install nine signs at dispersed recreation sites along the river. Anne will move to get these installed. Work at the East-of-Rose-Lake and Highway 3 sites is going well. Planting is underway, and paving should occur early in May.

John Roland: Nothing.

Dan Audet: The northward waterfowl migration is in full swing. There has been mortality. The peak is yet to come.

Thank you for your participation.