

# **Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force**

## **DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

Facilitated by Kelsey Gray, Chris Page & Aubri Denevan

June 26, 2013 | 9:00am – 12:30pm

Department of Ecology

4601 North Monroe Street | Spokane, WA 99205

### **Attendees**

#### *Voting Members and Alternates*

Galen Buterbaugh\* – Lake Spokane Association

Bud Leber\* – Kaiser Aluminum

Doug Krapas\* – Inland Empire

David Moss – Spokane County

Mike Peterson\* – Lands Council

Mike LaScuola\*, Sandy Phillips – Spokane Regional Health District

Bart Mihailovich\*, Rick Eichstaedt, Stu Cassel – Spokane Riverkeeper

Dale Arnold\*, Raylene Gennett, Rick Romero, Marlene Feist – City of Spokane

\*Denotes Voting Member

#### *Advisors*

Adriane Borgias, Dave Knight, Jim Bellatty – WA Dept. of Ecology

Kevin Booth, Bryce Robbert (on phone) – Avista

Ben Jarvis (on phone) – IDEQ

#### *Public*

Greg Lahti – WA Dept. of Transportation

Lisa Dally Wilson – Dally Environmental

### **Introductions: Get Started & Review Agenda**

Kelsey Gray welcomed everyone and ran through the meeting agenda. She discussed future Task Force meetings schedule and proposed that all future meetings be held at the Water Resource Center and Liberty Lake solely, taking the Department of Ecology out of the rotation. The Task Force agreed to the change. Doug also offered Inland Empire and Dale offered the City of Spokane as alternative meeting venues as needed. Next Kelsey suggested changing the meeting dates for November and December from the fourth Wednesday to the third Wednesday due to holiday conflicts. The group also decided to cancel the July 3, 2013 work group meetings. The August work group meeting will be TTWG, September will be the funding work group.

Kelsey also proposed that the work groups merge into one work group to save time. The group reviewed the members on each work group to see who was on both, and if there was specific people that had a particular skill set. Adriane suggested the work groups meet on opposite months. The Task Force members agreed that the work groups meeting separately on opposing months. The Task Force

decided to keep the morning hours for the work group meetings, at Ecology, the first Wednesday of the month.

Kelsey introduced Chris Page from the Ruckelshaus Center and turned the meeting facilitation over to him for the remainder of the meeting.

DECISION: July 3, 2013 Work Group meetings are CANCELLED.

DECISION: Task Force meetings to be held at the Liberty Lake and Water Resource Center facilities, trading off every other month.

DECISION: Task Force meetings dates changed to November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>.

DECISION: Work Group meetings will alternate months beginning in August. (Upcoming meetings – August 7 Tech Track 10am - 12pm at Ecology, September 4 Funding 10am - 12pm at Ecology, October 2 Tech Track 10am – 12pm at Ecology, etc.)

### **Update on Limno Tech work**

Bud reported that tasks 1-5 assigned to Limno Tech have been completed or are on schedule to be completed on time.

Task 1 - Work Plan: complete/approved by SRRTTF

Task 2 - Data Request memo: complete/approved by SRRTTF

Task 3 - Review of Standard Operating Procedures: complete/approved by SRRTTF

Task 4 - Collection of Existing Data: To be completed on June 28

Task 5 - Review of Existing Data: On schedule to be 50% complete by June 28.

ACTION ITEM: Bud Leber to request LimnoTech to issue a final memo for Task 4 and status report for Task 5, per the deliverables. (Complete)

### **Delegation Meeting: Maia Bellon, Governor's Office, and Legislators**

Mike Peterson talked about the recent trip to Olympia to meet with the Legislature, Maia Bellon, and the Governor's Office. He thanked Doug Krapas for setting it up and Melissa Gremboski for being their host. The capital was fairly empty that day. They did talk to Sen. John Smith and Sen. Mike Padden. Meet with Inslee's staff. It was a good briefing; they talked about fish consumption issues and explained what the Task Force is working toward.

Doug felt like there was tremendous support for this process. They could potentially see this as a model for other groups around the state. Doug talked about the trust in the room. We should follow up with thank you notes to those that met with this group.

ACTION ITEM: Doug will prepare thank you notes, send them to the other members that attended to sign, and make sure they are mailed.

### **EPA Visit Washington DC, June 2013**

#### *Meeting with EPA*

Adriane Borgias and Lisa Rodenburg from Rutgers University met with the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) at EPA on June 17, 2013. EPA would not discuss the details of the advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) from July 10, 2013 because it is pre-decisional. EPA expects to have a proposed rule by July or August of 2014. EPA commented that economic impacts are considered during

rulemaking. TSCA rules emphasize economic risk, while most environmental rules use a health risk assessment model.

When asked about enforcement of the current TSCA rules for manufacture and imports, EPA stated that the manufacturers and importers certify that their products meet the requirements. But there is no active enforcement on this particular industry segment.

#### *Green Chemistry Symposium*

Professor Christie, a pigment expert from Scotland, talked about yellow pigment being problematic: it doesn't have a replacement, which could make finding a reasonable alternative difficult. He stated that data suggest that enforcement of the current regulations would be worthwhile. There are international companies that don't adhere to current 25/50 ppm limits under TSCA. The Task Force could recommend to EPA that they undertake targeted enforcement.

Next steps in the TSCA strategy: First, a letter requesting enforcement. Second, sit down and strategize on the TSCA rulemaking reform. Third, establish a relationship with the pigment manufacturers, possibly BASF. Fourth, communicate the economic impact. What does a TSCA economic analysis look like?

ACTION ITEM: Adriane Borgias to discuss with Ken Zarker the concept of working collaboratively with BASF.

ACTION ITEM: Technical Work Group to begin discussion about TSCA Rulemaking and economic impact evaluation.

ACTION ITEM: Technical Work Group to prepare letter requesting the EPA enforce the TSCA with respect to the import and use of pigments potentially containing PCB.

#### **City of Spokane Annual Report**

Raylene Jennett from the City of Spokane presented "An Adaptive Management Plan for PCBs in Stormwater and Sediments – 2013 Annual Reports" to the Task Force. The presentation has been posted on the SRRTTF.org website at (<http://srrttf.org/?p=1750>).

#### **Integrated Approach to Planning, City of Spokane**

Rick Romero presented the City of Spokane's integrated approach to planning. He explained this is new territory for City of Spokane. There are a few cities are doing this already, but Spokane is the first without a consent decree. Their objectives: 1) Cleaner River Faster; 2) Implement cost-effective and innovative technologies; and 3) Holistic integration with other critical infrastructure. The City of Spokane believes in focusing on the grey solutions, that is, finding ways to eliminate stormwater discharges to the river and reuse the wastewater. This plan can be done by 2017.

The presentation has been posted on the SRRTTF.org website at (<http://srrttf.org/?p=1750>).

#### **SRRTTF Funding Strategy Plan**

Adriane Borgias passed out the funding strategy document the funding work group has been putting together. The Funding Work Group has requested the Task Force to approve the first three pages (pg. 3, 4, 5). With a slight change to the vision statement the first three pages were approved by the Task Force with the rest of the document being a working document.

DECISION: SRRTTF Funding Strategies Document was accepted with working Appendices, subject to change as Task Force needs change. This final document has been posted to the website at:

<http://srrttf.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Funding-concepts-Rev-061213-FINAL.pdf>

ACTION ITEM: Adriane Borgias to review the Funding Strategies Document and identify potential funding opportunities from Washington State.

### *Funding Work Group Outreach Planning Calendar*

Adriane Borgias put together an outreach calendar of dates and audiences to roll out the Task Force PPT presentation. The calendar is still in draft form. Adriane recommended members of the Task Force help fill in potential speaking opportunities and beginning plan outreach activities. Valleyfest, the Board of Health, the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, PNW Industrial Conference were also suggested.

There was discussion that other events, like Homebuilders and Home & Garden Shows in different communities, would be better suited for a table with flyers. Task Force representatives could be on hand to answer questions rather than give a presentation. Mike LaScuola suggested coordinating outreach with other groups similar to the Task Force, like the City of Spokane integrated plan.

ACTION ITEM: Adriane Borgias will revise calendar with comments. The Funding Work Group will discuss the calendar at the next meeting and identify outreach opportunities.

### **KYRS Interview**

On June 13, 2013, Adriane Borgias, Mike LaScuola, and Tom Agnew were interviewed on a KYRS radio show. They gave an overview of the issues, what the SRRTTF is doing, and why they are doing it. Unfortunately, the interview wasn't recorded. The participants felt it was a good test run and practice for future speaking opportunities.

### **Public Comment**

No comments. No press release needed. Doug Krapas suggested writing a press release whenever the Task Force receives grant funding.

ACTION ITEM: Mike LaScuola asked that Ecology submit a press release if the Task Force receives funding from the state.

### **June 26 Agenda Items**

Chris brought up the possibility of posting the draft agenda for comment prior to the 7 day posting. We will be sending this out to the entire listserv a week in advance of the posting date. The Task Force supported this idea. Agenda topics for the July meeting include:

- Presentation and discussion by Limno Tech
- Editorial Board Meeting
- TSCA Rule Change Campaign
- Columbia River Task Force Report
- Storm Water Chemistry Class oriented around BMP's for PCB clean up

Action Item (Complete): Meeting schedules were revised as follows:

- 1) Work Group meetings to be held on first Wednesdays, 10 am, Department of Ecology with alternate months for the Technical Track and Funding Work Groups
  - a. The next TTWG will be August 7.
  - b. The next FWG will be September 4.
- 2) Draft Task Force Agenda to be posted on second Wednesday of the month.
- 3) Final Task Force Agenda to be posted on third Wednesday of the month.
- 4) Task Force meetings to be held the fourth Wednesday of the month.

ACTION ITEM: Cancel the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Work Group meetings (Complete)

ACTION ITEM: Move November Task Force meeting to November 20 and December Task Force meeting to December 18 to accommodate holidays. (Complete)

ACTION ITEM: Schedule Task Force meetings, alternating months between Liberty Lake and the Water Resources Center (Complete)

ACTION ITEM: Include Outreach Calendar in the July 24<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting

### **Executive Session: Facilitation for 2013-14**

DECISION: SRRTTF approved the Ruckelshaus Center revised scope of work, as presented, with the following changes:

- Item 1 under services to read: up to **24** TF and WG meetings, with up to **12** being held in person.
- Item 2 under services to read: up to **24** TF and WG meetings, with up to **12** being held in person.

DECISION: Contract to remain with Ecology for year 2. Ecology to establish an agreement with ACE for funding under year 2.

DECISION: Total budget amount of \$66,100 is acceptable

DECISION: Chris Page as project manager and facilitator is acceptable.

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**The next SRRTTF Task Force meeting is July 24, 2013 at the Department of Ecology.**

The next Technical Work Group meeting is August 7, 2013 from 10am – 12pm and the next Funding Work Group meeting is September 4, 2013 from 10am – 12pm at the Department of Ecology.

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