

Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force Meeting/Conference Call

DRAFT Meeting Notes

Facilitated by White Bluffs Consulting (Ben and Lara Floyd)

Friday, April 5, 2019 | 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Documents: <http://srtrtf.org/?p=10144>

Attendees:

Voting Members and Alternates (*Denotes Voting Member)

Tom Agnew* - Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District

Rob Lindsay* - Spokane County

Mike Anderson* – City of Coeur d’Alene

Doug Krapas* – Inland Empire Paper (IEP)

Vikki Barthels – Spokane Regional Health District

Bud Leber* – Kaiser

Cadie Olsen* – City of Spokane

Mike Petersen* – Lands Council

Galen Buterbaugh* – Lake Spokane Association

Chris Donley* - WA Department of Fish & Wildlife

Advisors

Karl Rains – Department of Ecology

Joel Breems - Avista

Interested Parties

Dave Dilks – LimnoTech

Lisa Dally Wilson – Dally Environmental and SRSP

The purpose of the call was to approve the LimnoTech scope of work for preparation of the Data Synthesis Workshop on May 30 and 31.

Status on Public Participation Grant (PPG) for Data Synthesis Workshop and Education &

Outreach Spring Media Campaign: The \$30,000 grant has been approved with \$15,000 for the workshop and \$15,000 for the spring media campaign and the agreement is in place to use the funds by June 30, 2019.

Status on ACE Funding: Bud Leber gave an update. ACE has \$104,000 of potential expenditures planned in the near future but the Ecology PPG grant will cover \$30,000 of these. With Ecology and SRSP revenues expected to come in and projected expenses, ACE has estimated it will have \$65,000 - \$70,000 in uncommitted budget by the end of June. Karl said on Monday he will follow up to see the status of the Ecology payment.

Overview of core team work preparation for Data Synthesis Workshop/Recommendation:

Bud shared that the Tech Track work group took a look at all data collected before moving forward. The TF has water quality data, fish, sediment and biofilm, and aerial deposition data. As a group the core team developed management questions to determine what data analysis made sense. Dave Dilks came back with a list of recommended activities. The core team went through all of the recommendations and a few updates were made. The cost for preparing for

the proposed workshop is around \$48,000. The workshop will help determine what technical steps the TF should take next.

Comments:

- How was the composition of the core team established? *At a Tech Track meeting the 2019 work plan was discussed and the group realized they did not have a common level of what the data was saying. As the lead for the work group, Bud felt a smaller group would be more effective in working with Dave Dilks. The group includes representation of many of the agencies and interests on the larger work group, and this group identified management questions, and Dave responded with a list of suggested analyses to answer those questions. The core team for the workshop is a temporary subgroup of the Tech Track work group.*
- Doug asked about the scope and the dates of the workshop and wondered if Dave would have time to put together all of the information by then? *Dave said as long as he can start soon, he can be ready, and this was the reason for not waiting until the next TF meeting for approval.*
- Karl asked if anything on the list would require a QAPP or QAPP addendum? *Dave said a QAPP specifies the purpose and objectives involved. Since they are not collecting new data but are using existing studies he did not believe a QAPP is necessary. Dave said he will be talking to Adriane later today about it. Karl said if we are using existing data in a different way then maybe an addendum will be necessary? Dave will follow up with Adriane and share the outcome of the discussion.*
- Lisa asked whether additional budget might be needed if Dave and Adriane determine a QAPP/addendum is necessary? *Dave hopes they agree on a QAPP light that can fit within the estimated budget but if not it may need to be modified at the next TF meeting.*

Bud recapped the recommendation as a list of activities of what analyses would be made and a budget for each activity for a total of \$48,000. ACE will add a task to their existing LimnoTech contract to do the preparation work for the workshop and help conduct the workshop.

ACTION: The Task Force approved the LimnoTech preparation work for the data synthesis workshop and the budget of \$48,000.

The next SRRTTF meeting is April 24, 2019 at Liberty Lake Sewer & Water district, 8:30 am – noon