

Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force Meeting/Conference Call

Meeting Notes

Facilitated by White Bluffs Consulting (Ben and Lara Floyd)

Friday, April 9, 2019 | 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Documents: <http://srrttf.org/?p=10617>

Attendees:

Voting Members and Alternates (*Denotes Voting Member)

BiJay Adams* - Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District

Rob Lindsay* - Spokane County

Vikki Barthels* – Spokane Regional Health District

Bud Leber* – Kaiser

Mike Zagar* - Kootenai Environmental Alliance

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 discuss the recommendation by the Tech Track Work Group to the Task Force for the Ecology contract with ACE for the 2019-2021 state biennium.

Ben Floyd and Bud Leber shared some background information on how the scope of work was developed. It was developed in July by Bud with input from a subgroup of the Tech Track Work Group. Scope elements were discussed on two conference calls of the subgroup and then by the Tech Track group in late July.

After discussion and concerns expressed by Ecology during the subgroup calls, some items were removed from the scope as it was felt these were not ready for approval, and needed further discussion, as described in the recommendation.

Parallel with the Tech Track process for developing the recommended work scope, the Administrative Contracting Entity (ACE) board met and had concerns about how the scope was coming together and the proposed changes by Ecology. Timing with lining up the contract to supplement the field work was too quick to be able to have the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) addendum for the sampling approved by the Task Force, the contracts in place with Gravity and the laboratory that would conduct the analysis of the samples. Bud felt the options didn't meet the intent the TF had given us and there was uncertainty on which scope would be covered under the ECY contract. So, the ACE board approved a resolution stating they would not go forward with approving a contract with Ecology until after the process was discussed with the full Task Force at the August 2019 meeting. Bud wants to discuss for the future confirming there is a timeframe that is executable with opportunity for all parties to weigh in on the scope and funding needs to be in place. One of the challenges was that ACE is low on funds and was being

asked to assume higher than normal risk for this contract, with all the expenses that would have been incurred ahead of the contract actually being signed.

Comments:

- Joel asked if the intent at the TF meeting is to discuss the current scope or expand it? Ben said it is wide open right now as to what we do. With not as much of a time crunch, we can be more deliberate.
- Bud said there are elements that are straight forward such as LimnoTech, facilitation, and the Education and Outreach components, but beyond that it is wide open. ACE needs clear direction on what the scopes are and what funding mechanism will be used.
- Ben mentioned Dr. Rodenburg's Phase 2 PMF analysis and having those results could be beneficial and would be factored in.
- Lisa suggested going back to the previous scope so everyone can participate in the discussion of why things were taken off. Ben agreed and said If anyone has concerns on the process send them to us at least one week before the TF meeting.

The EPA hearing is now on the morning of August 28 so there was a discussion on moving the Task Force meeting to the afternoon of August 27, and everyone agreed to change it.

The next SRRTTF meeting is August 27 from 1:30 - 5:00 pm at Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District.