To: Rueda, Helen[Rueda.Helen@epa.gov]
From: Opalski, Dan
Sent: Thur 4/17/2014 6:38:06 PM
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

My own sense is that if we have Heather and Jim B., Ecology probably has adequate coverage, but I suppose a quick check with Melissa would be prudent. However, if she can't make it, I'll be interested in her/Ecology's read on whether that means we reschedule for her or move ahead. Thanks.

From: Rueda, Helen
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 11:24 AM
To: Opalski, Dan
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

Ok Dan

Should I check whether Melissa is available for the 30th first, or set it up?

From: Opalski, Dan
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 11:22 AM
To: Rueda, Helen
Cc: Croxton, Dave
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

Helen – I talked with Heather yesterday. At least at this point she is more comfortable with direct interaction than with a facilitator.

If we have the principals lined up for 4/30, I think we should proceed. This has been out there as a next step for too long to accommodate others who are not necessarily central to the conversation at the potential cost of another couple of months. I don't mean to sound harsh, but the flipping of the pages of the calendar really has become a factor here and I'd rather not contribute further in that direction without strong cause.

Thx, DanO.

From: Rueda, Helen
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 11:16 AM
To: Opalski, Dan
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

Thanks Dan. At this point the only date that works for all the principals is April 30th. Melissa has not yet responded. Neither have Jim Keating and Jim Curtin. I am thinking of resending the poll with dates in June added.

From: Opalski, Dan
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 9:46 AM
To: Rueda, Helen
Cc: Croxton, Dave
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

Thanks for the update. I'll talk to Heather Bartlett to assess Ecology's level of interest/anxiety a bit further.

From: Rueda, Helen
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 8:57 AM
To: Opalski, Dan
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

Hi Dan

Neither Judy nor Laurie is available so it looks like you will be facilitating, assuming Ecology is OK with that. I talked to Deb Robinson and she suggested Cindy Grafe or Tracy Chellis as possible facilitators. I haven't approached them yet. Let me know if you want me to explore those options.

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From: Opalski, Dan
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 9:37 PM
To: Rueda, Helen
Cc: Croxton, Dave; Owens, Kim
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

Actually, Helen, what I was meaning to indicate is that while I am willing to go to a certain length to honor Ecology's request, neither Dean nor I are particularly convinced that a facilitator will be helpful for the kind of conversation we need to have. So I really was meaning that a "lite" approach could be fine, or if we can't find anyone whose workable internatlly, I'd be inclined to go back to Ecology with a commitment that I'll actively facilitate, given that we are in several respects in the middle already. I think either Judy or Laurie could be fine. I understand that Ecology could have some concern with Laurie, so I wouldn't push that approach if they raised an objection.

From: Rueda, Helen
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 3:07 PM
To: Opalski, Dan
Cc: Croxton, Dave; Owens, Kim
Subject: RE: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

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From: Rueda, Helen
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 4:31:52 PM
To: Goodin, John; Monschein, Eric
Cc: Croxton, Dave; Furtak, Sarah; Keating, Jim; Opalski, Dan; Owens, Kim
Subject: Pend Oreille TMDL - Facilitor

Hello John and Eric,

On our call last week with Washington State Ecology the state requested that the next Pend Oreille meeting, which will include the Kalispel Tribe, have a facilitator. Our region has disinvested in its facilitation program because of budget constraints, so our resources are limited. Are there sources of funding that HQ could point us to which could be used for an outside facilitator for this meeting?

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