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Chairman,

Please find the notes from our monthly conference call held today. Thanks to Dante for bringing our communications back quickly so we may share.

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OU8: Dante, update on fluid transfers and precipitates, Pond A precipitates sank and lifted about 6" of fluids, can let it evaporate. Dietrick, what about pumping it out? Dante, very high TDS could upset balance in B and C ponds. Dietrick, ARC still is not reporting pond information in weekly reports like we had asked and Dietrick had raised earlier. Dante, will check out the correspondence and see how they responded.

OU7: Dante, field work started and CBI will do two field visits and take splits. Sarah, plans to go out there too. Dante, go ahead and coordinate directly with McMillan to be there at same time.

OU4: Dave, approved modifications to sample locations, supposed to achieve lower selenium levels, lysimeter installation procedures agreed too, will be follow-up round after this round of sampling, had sent letter out this morning.

OU3: Chris, will send them HHRA tech memo #2 today, just received from ARC, for tribe review and comment, COPCs, geo-statistical methods proposed, 3-4 weeks for review. Meeting summary from Jack, received last week, few wording tweaks then will send to tribes, can show his edits, ask tribes to focus on geo-statistical methods. Dietrick, will do, Earl Dixon of his staff

has that experience. Chris, ARC and SPS working on covenant to restrict property use, it is mentioned in tech memos. Dietrick, BLM property? Chris, that issue is being discussed. Harry, there are mechanisms to include restrictions in management plans for federal lands.

OU1: Dave, working on comments on RAO tech memo, ARC meant it to initiate discussion, Acree and Levine have reviewed, EPA will submit written comments, comments from YPT? Dietrick, had generated comments, Jan 7. Dave didn't think he had received. Ginny had sent it, will lookup date, will re-send. Dave, spring tech meeting to discuss. Sarah, is any public meeting planned? Dave, not yet. Dietrick, thank you for setting up call with Acree, very helpful. Dave, data interpretations very between Ford and ARC.

Sitewide: Harry, been hard to do public meetings while EPA and governor have been communicating, uncertainty about path forward, response from governor by March 29 requested from Jared (RA), governor asked for April 29. Jared, Enrique and Harry met with Ginny, Walker River Tribe too Wednesday, reported progress in meeting with Peri and local officials, Ginny and Cynthia have that information, cautiously optimistic for change in positions of locals, softening of positions, they have to figure out how to explain change and unwind their positions, we want to give them room over next several weeks to unwind their positions, hopefully nothing will get in the way between now and when governor responds to Jared, be mindful of getting ahead of the story, hopeful. Dietrick, good that EPA came out to talk with people, did NDEP or governor ask for anything if it get listed? Harry, no they hadn't, NDEP/governor didn't want to force it upon the local government and industry, if we were successful in convincing those groups, governor will (go along). Circumstances and moving parts coming together, copper price, ARC backing down on responsibility, NDEP efforts in exploring private funding options, all led to current state. Dietrick, has spoken to some local government, they see it as inevitable. Cynthia, at their meeting, thinking about strategies as Yerington folks digest, Walker River thinking about getting more support from intertribal council but don't want to be premature, nor want to be remiss in having that support, know how powerful Yerington folks are, but tribe wants voice heard, appreciated EPA officials coming to them, send message that they are paying attention to them, encourage everyone to keep in the loop and not miss opportunities to respond as governor response comes along. What about YPT council? Ginny, few talks and presentations, new chairman and manager, what they think, sticking to resolution supporting listing. Harry, Peri's concerns with media and stigma, not opposed to clean-up, concerns about moving forward with progress if it gets listed, Jared assured of confidence that our funding request would score highly. Dietrick, positive EPA outreach could go long way in changing perceptions. Harry, NDEP, Greg and tech people have been very consistent about technical issues, costs, etc, and very little daylight (variation) with EPA positions. Dietrick, if EPA could do more with deadlines it would be helpful. Harry, if goes to NPL would give us more strength in enforcing schedules. Dietrick, if could give status of each OU in couple sentences it would be helpful.

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