

Lead Education and Assistance Program

Advisory Meeting Minutes

December 17th, 2014

City Hall

East Helena, MT 59635

Present:

Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent of East Helena Schools

Greg Hayes, PWT

Daryl Reed, MTDEQ

Betsy Burns, USEPA

Debb Tillo, LEAP

Jan Williams, LEAP

Jan called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.. Under Public Comment, Ron Whitmoyer stated that the East Helena School District (EHSD) made an offer on 50 acres located on the Dartman Property. The EHSD's offer was for \$3,500.00 an acre or \$175,000.00. The District also made an offer for property located in the East Fields, closest to Prickly Pear Creek (PPC). Ron went on to talk about the area in the East Fields could be developed as an Outdoor Class room and that 50 acres have been scraped off during the realignment of PPC and could be used with little or no action to the property.

Betsy had a correction in the first sentence in the first paragraph; American Chemet is not under a Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO), but Draft UAO. With that correction Betsy motioned for the minutes to be approved, Daryl seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.

Program Reports:

Greg reported that the East Helena City Council liked that PWT was offering to replace the road aprons (ra) scheduled for remediation with existing material, ie grass with grass, or road mix in

place of grass. Property owners cannot request to have their ra's change from road mix to grass, though. Greg stated that there are 25 ra's scheduled or remediation, and that roughly half of them have some type of grass/sod in them. The 25 ra's and 1 residential property would be bid out as a package. There are 2 properties that have refused remediation this year; LF01 (505 Clark St) and GJ04 (219 Riggs St). Greg went on to say that PWT has received all the sampling results for properties sampled in 2014. Of those sampled, the property at 508 Manlove qualifies for remediation, but the area that qualifies lies within in the Wilson Ditch (WD). EPA is currently characterizing WD downstream, and that the 0-1" is still the depth that would be used for qualifying a property.

Greg also stated that a Field Sampling Plan for properties in the Continuous Monitoring Program is being written by PWT. Greg also stated that an Operation and Management Manual is being created for the East Fields Repository. Geo Probe Sampling might be conducted in the Repository to better characterize the area. PWT looked at the 1990's Focus Feasibility Study that was written under the Comprehensive Environmental Response and Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) program.

Betsy reminded everyone that there was going to be a Public Meeting for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) activities for the sites which include; the 90% Design of the Prickly Pear Creek Realignment Project. Betsy also stated that the Interim Measures Work Plan for 2015 and 2016, would be out and that public comments could be made after January 20, 2015. Betsy also stated that EPA was working on finalizing the METG budget requests for 2015 and 2016.

Betsy stated that under the CERCLA and RCRA programs; EPA and the Trust were looking to better characterize the fields south of Wilson Ditch. Betsy also talked about the Stormwater collection unit of the WD and that it needs to be addressed in the future before anything will be done in the WD. Betsy also stated that the Railroad right a ways were going to be characterized in 2015. EPA is now requiring American Chemet to conduct a full metal sweep of the soils they placed in the East Fields from the BN removal action they did in 2014.

Debb told the group that the Christmas Stroll was very successful and that the LEAP gave out 6 gallons of hot apple cider and 300 cookies. Debb gave an update on the Soils Regulation:

66 (811 locates)

13 certifications

10 soils permits.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 Next meeting is January 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

