



**SML Sedimentation Task Force**  
**Monday, July 28, 2025, 3:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

**Core Team Members Present:**

Keri Green  
Randy Hodges  
Rick Lester  
Daphne Jamison  
Chris Kebler

Chekka Lash  
Kristina Sage, Staff  
Joel Reger  
Lorie Smith

**Members Absent:**

David Byrd, Consultative Team  
Jennifer Serafin, Consultative Team  
Barb Ferrell, Core Team  
Dave Johnson, Core Team  
Liz McKercher, Consultative Team

Bob Pohlada, Core Team  
Rob Sanders, Core Team  
Robert Weld, Consultative Team  
Keith Wrenn, Consultative Team

**Guests Present:**

John Cooper

Gus Monroig

Randy Hodges called the meeting to order at 3PM, and all in attendance introduced themselves.

June 28, 2025 minutes were approved by a motion by Rick Lester and seconded by Joel Reger. The meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Chris Kebler reviewed revision 4 of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Sedimentation Management Feasibility Study. Minor changes were discussed, and consensus was met to refine the document. Some concerns addressed included identifying the significance of sedimentation in Smith Mountain Lake, not limiting potential methodologies to address the issue, and the lifespan of remediation. For Section IV Daphne Jamison clarified that the riparian buffers offered to landowners by the Blue Ridge Soil and Water Conservation District have an approximate lifespan of 10-25 years depending upon the project. Randy Hodges noted that the increase in storm frequencies and severity impact the lifespan of remediation methods.

Lorie Smith directed TLAC to contact APCO to request a meeting to discuss the RFP prior to issuing it for bids. If meeting in person poses too much of a challenge, Lorie agreed that we may conduct a review of the draft RFP with APCO decision makers via Teams meeting. Lorie also emphasized the need for a decision maker from APCO to assume Neil Holthousers prior seat on the Sedimentation Task Force.

Lorie Smith proposed a stakeholder analysis piece be developed. Chris Kebler and Lorie Smith agreed that the executive committee of the TLAC board of directors should review the RFP prior to its presentation to the full board. Keri Green noted that cost estimates should be included under separate cover to not color perceptions of the technical proposals.

An important next step is for the task force to determine where the RFP should be issued.

John Cooper, resident and prior presenter of sedimentation concerns, and Gus Monroig who has worked with John on sedimentation concerns local to their neighborhood, offered to assist to review proposals upon receipt. A sub-committee will be established for the initial review of those proposals received. The RFP review will progress from:

- Sub-committee review
- Full Task Force review
- TLAC Executive Committee review (with Chris Kebler, Barb Ferrell, Randy Hodges and others)
- Proposal development
- Full Board presentation and review

The task force revisited discussion of the need for potential grant applications. Daphne suggested the Virginia Environmental Endowment may be a source of funding. Also the Tobacco Commission and Planning District Commissions were suggested.

Potential vendors were discussed from the list provided by Barb Ferrell. Keri Green offered to forward contact information for Stantec Environmental which is a national firm with a Roanoke office.

Joel Reger provided the task force with a reference tool of copies of a Smith Mountain Lake map on which he outlined the prioritized areas of concern.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11PM.