

## **Trinity River Restoration Program**

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Brian Person, Chair Trinity Management Council c/o Trinity River Restoration Program P. O. Box 1300 Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear Mr. Person:

The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) met on March 22, 2012. This letter serves to provide you with a summary of that meeting, along with our policy management recommendations and advice, as required by TAMWG's Bylaws.

This was the first meeting of the new 2012-2015 TAMWG Membership. Those in participation were recently appointed to serve three-year terms by the Secretary of the Interior and represent a variety of stakeholders with recreational, environmental, agricultural, water, electricity, and residential priorities. While we recognize that we are an advisory group to the Trinity Management Council (TMC), we remind you that each member has a vested interest in the effectiveness of the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP).

We began our meeting with an election, upon which I (the signatory to this letter) was elected to serve as the TAMWG Chair, and Gil Saliba was elected as the TAMWG Vice-Chair.

We heard from a variety of landowners who are concerned with the TRRP Projects, including from Mr. Dave Wellock. As we were unable to take action on any of these concerns due to the fact that they were provided to us during the public comment period, we suggest that Mr. Wellock's issue be considered as an agenda item for your next meeting (and we are also considering this for our next meeting), so that we can fully understand the nature of his complaint and the actions being taken by the TRRP.

We greatly appreciate the TMC providing us with a timely response to our group's previous letter and appreciate the consideration the TMC gave to our prior recommendations, specifically the motions passed during your last TMC Meeting, which closely mirrored our recommendations. Of interest to you, we have asked that the TRRP provide us with a revised timeline for the Phase 1 review.

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The Flow Scheduling Workgroup provided us with an overview on the status of the current water year, as well as their proposed flow recommendations for both a dry and critically dry year. Given this information, the TAMWG unanimously passed the following motion:

The TAMWG recommends that the TMC adopt the flow schedule as recommended by the TRRP Flow Workgroup (i.e., Record of Decision [ROD] flows in the case of a dry or critically dry year).

Finally, we welcome the idea of another joint meeting between the TMC and TAMWG Members. Given that we have a few new faces within our group, we encourage that such a meeting be held sooner rather than later, to inspire a cooperative working relationship in our efforts to restore the Trinity River.

On behalf of the TAMWG, I thank you for your consideration of our recommendations, and am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

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