



Trinity River Restoration Program

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Brian Person, Chair
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Dear Mr. Person:

The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) met on December 9 and 10, 2013. This letter serves to provide you with a summary of that meeting with our resulting policy management recommendations, as required by TAMWG's bylaws.

We received an update from our Designated Federal Officer which included the progress of the action-decisions/activities tracker spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will be available in draft form on the TAMWG website. We also received information on the program's public information requirements and public openness of program work groups.

We continue to appreciate your TMC update, in person, which provides us with the opportunity to ask questions.

The Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) Executive Director and staff provided program status and updates. Among the updates was a presentation from the Watershed Workgroup which resulted in our **recommendation that the TMC ask the Science Advisory Board to determine whether or not there is a causal linkage between watershed restoration throughout the entire basin below the dams and the construction and operation of the Trinity River Division.**

An update on fish projections was presented and there was an overall concern at the way the Pacific Fishery Management Council determines their annual projections. Additionally, there was a presentation from the Trinity County Weed Management Area which resulted in our **recommendation that the TMC make funding available to noxious weed mitigation on the main stem restoration projects and that the TRRP coordinate with the Trinity County Weed Management Area.**

TRRP staff reported on the current flow scheduling proposals for the 2014 water year. As it appears that we are likely entering another dry year, **TAMWG recommends that the TMC direct the Flow Workgroup to consider in their proposal for Normal, Dry, and Critically Dry years a reservation of water for Fall Flows to protect fish, like what has been done over the last two years.** The vote passed seven to three with the minority offering the following

opinion:

“TAMWG members Tom Stokely, Ed Duggan, and David Steinhauser voted no on this motion because they are concerned that the motion might imply that the TAMWG is in favor of recommending to subsume Klamath augmentation flows into Trinity ROD flows, and that this might send a message to the federal courts that the TAMWG believes that Klamath augmentation flows should be part of Trinity ROD flows, and that no authorization exists for Reclamation to release those flows in addition to the Trinity ROD flows.”

The last part of the meeting included a discussion of the SAB Phase I Review. I will consolidate the TAMWG’s comments on this review and provide them to you by the end of the year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Elizabeth Hadley, Chair
Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group