

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
TRINITY RIVER ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

CHARTER

1. Official Designation: Trinity River Adaptive Management Working Group (Working Group).

2. Scope and Objectives: The purpose of the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) is to restore the Trinity River basin's fish and wildlife populations to those that existed prior to construction of the Trinity River Division of the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project, and to implement measures to restore fish and wildlife habitat in the basin. The Implementation Plan for the Preferred Alternative of the Trinity River Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report established an Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management (AEAM) organization to design and direct monitoring and restoration activities in the Trinity River basin and to provide recommendations for flow modifications, if necessary. As part of the AEAM organization, the Working Group provides an opportunity for stakeholders to give policy and management input about restoration efforts to the TRRP through the Trinity Management Council (TMC). The Working Group will review and make recommendations to the TMC on policy matters, technical issues, annual flow schedules, and Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for implementation activities. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to submit alternative hypotheses (alternative methods and strategies) and/or alternative restoration actions to the TMC for consideration.

3. Duration: We expect the need for the Working Group to exist for the duration of the Trinity River Restoration Program. Its continuation is, however, subject to rechartering every 2 years. The Workgroup will take no action unless the filing requirements of section 9 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) have been complied with.

4. Agency or Official to Whom the Working Group Reports: The Working Group reports to the TMC. The TMC reports to the Secretary through the Mid-Pacific Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation and the California/Nevada Operations Manager for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

5. Bureau Responsible for Providing Necessary Support: The Fish and Wildlife Service will provide administrative and logistical support for the Working Group, in close coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation.

6. Estimated Annual Operating Costs: The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Working Group's functions are estimated to be \$100,000, including all direct and indirect expenses and one FTE required to support activities.

7. Description of Duties: The Working Group will:

a. Provide policy and management recommendations and advice to the TMC on (1) effectiveness of management actions in achieving restoration goals and alternative hypotheses (methods and strategies) for study, (2) the priority for restoration projects, (3) funding priorities, and (4) other components of the Trinity River Restoration Program.

b. Develop and submit alternative hypotheses (strategies and methods) for consideration by the TMC and potential analysis by the AEAM Technical Modeling and Analysis Group and the Rehabilitation Implementation Group.

c. Recommend management actions and studies for RFP development and implementation.

8. Allowances for Working Group Members: Members will serve without compensation for their services on the Working Group. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5703, non-Federal members will be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred while performing official business of the Working Group. When an alternate attends a meeting in place of a Working Group member, the alternate is eligible for reimbursement of travel and per diem expenses. However, only one reimbursement claim per Working Group meeting can be submitted; either by the Working Group member or by the alternate member, but not both.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: We expect the Working Group to meet at least twice per year.

10. Membership:

a. The Working Group will consist of up to 20 members and alternates appointed by the Secretary for 3-year terms. However, if the Working Group terminates prior to the end of the term, the terms will terminate with the Working Group. Alternates may vote and otherwise function as a member in the absence of his or her primary member.

b. Members will represent stakeholders, agencies, and tribes with an interest in and a commitment to the implementation of the Trinity River Restoration Program. Members will be selected from, but not limited to, the following groups:

- (1) Trinity County residents.
- (2) Recreational and commercial fishermen.
- (3) Recreational and commercial boaters.
- (4) Power/utility companies.
- (5) Agricultural water users.
- (6) Private and commercial timber producers.
- (7) Ranchers and people with grazing rights/permits.
- (8) Tribes.
- (9) Environmental organizations.
- (10) Local, State, or Federal agencies with responsibilities in the Trinity River Basin.

These members will be senior representatives of their respective constituent groups with knowledge of the Trinity River Restoration Program including the Adaptive Environmental Assessment and Management Program.

c. A majority of the Working Group membership will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Working Group will not take positions on issues or offer advice or recommendations with less than a majority of its members in attendance.

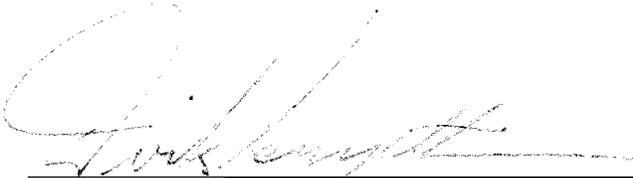
11. Designated Federal Officer: The Designated Federal Officer is the Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, or an appropriate designee appointed by the CNO manager.

12. Ethics Responsibilities of Members: No Working Group or subcommittee member may participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest.

13. Termination Date: The Working Group is subject to the provisions of the FACA, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, and will take no action unless the charter filing requirements of section 9 of the FACA have been met. The Working Group is subject to biennial renewal and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that time, the charter is renewed in accordance with section 14 of the FACA.

14. Subgroups: The Working Group may establish technical advisory subcommittees as it deems necessary for the purposes of compiling information and conducting research. Such subcommittees may not conduct business without the direction of the Working Group as a whole and must report to the full Working Group for its full consideration and deliberation.

15. Authorities: This Working Group is renewed pursuant to the Secretary's authority to manage the fish and wildlife resources of the Trinity River basin. These authorities include Pub. L. 84-386, the Act of August 12, 1955 (original authorization for construction of Trinity River Division, Central Valley Project); Pub. L. 96-335, Trinity River Stream Rectification Act; Pub. L. 98-541 and Pub. L. 104-143, Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act of 1984; and Pub. L. 102-575, The Central Valley Project Improvement Act.



Secretary of the Interior

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