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Revised TRRP Staff Proposal
For Additional Trinity River Funding Made Available in the
Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008

1. What are the steps needed to obligate these funds?

- Confirm availability of these funds from the Regional Director's Office – January 7, 2008 (per Becky Newman)
- Confirm RD's willingness to approve carry over unobligated funds for implementation of R8 rehab sites in FY2009 – January 8, 2008 (per Brian Person)
- Present background information and initial proposal to TMC (Jan. 9) and TAMWG (Jan. 22)
- Receive comments from TMC and TAMWG on initial proposal and any specific recommendations by January 25, 2008 (conference call)
- Complete revised CVPIA Restoration Fund Workplan based on comments/direction received from TMC by January 31
- Present Workplan to Restoration Roundtable in March
- Initiate requisitions needed to obligate these funds

2. What are the TRRP Staff recommendations for these funds? (Revised 1/11, 1/16)

a. Fully fund current (FY2008) implementation (RIG) needs	\$750,000
b. Free up A30 funds for TMAG by using H37 for already approved RIG tasks	\$500,000
c. Fund additional watershed restoration projects (TBD) ready for 2008	\$500,000
d. Fund "Remaining 8" rehab projects in FY2009 (reduce "bow wave") (Request RD approval of H37 carryover for Remaining 8 in FY2009)	\$1,250,000
Total	\$3,000,000

a. Fully fund current RIG implementation needs (not to exceed \$750,000):

- Balance of Lewiston/Dark Gulch FY08 construction contract obligations	\$550,000
- Dark Gulch feasibility study (R-3, Alt. 1)	\$100,000
- Rehab site reveg support by Trinity County RCD (multi-year)	\$100,000

b. Free up A30 funds for TMAG by using H37 for approved RIG tasks (\$500,000):

- Hoopa Valley Tribe AFA Mod 1 rehab site design	\$215,000
- DWR rehab site design/survey	\$125,000
- Willows (BOR) construction contract inspection	\$110,000
- Yurok Tribe AFA Mod 2 spring high flow gravel injection	\$50,000

Fund TMAG tasks with freed-up A30 funds from RIG (not to exceed \$500,000):

- IAP support for completion of Part 2	\$80,000
- Fry survival study	\$130,000
- Bathymetry (method TBD)	\$225,000
- Vegetation mapping	\$40,000
- Wildlife monitoring	\$25,000

c. Fund watershed projects recommended by Watershed Council (not to exceed \$500,000):

- "Ready to go" USFS projects via Interagency Agreement (TBD)
- "Ready to go" BLM projects via Interagency Agreement (TBD)
- "Ready to go" projects (other) via Mod to existing Trinity County grant (TBD)

3. How much additional funding has been made available?

According to the following report language associated with the 2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, \$3 million has been added from the CVP Restoration Fund, for a total of \$4 million from the RF.

House Committee on Rules
http://www.rules.house.gov/110_fy08_omni.htm

Text of the House Amendments to Senate Amendment to H.R. 2764 – State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008)

Consolidated Appropriations Amendment; Joint Explanatory Statement to Accompany Consolidated Appropriations Amendment; Division C--Energy and Water

CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT RESTORATION FUND

The amended bill provides \$59,122,000 for the Central Valley Project Restoration fund as proposed by House instead of \$51,622,000 as proposed by the Senate. Legislation for the San Joaquin River Restoration fund was not enacted by Congress; therefore, the Appropriations Committees direct the \$7,500,000 in assumed transferred receipts to be expended as follows: Sacramento River Fish Screens, \$2,952,000; Trinity River Restoration, \$3,000,000; Anadromous Fish Screen Program, \$1,548,000.

The funds provided are intended to support the following activities, as delineated below:

Trinity River restoration program.....4,000,000 (total)

4. What types of projects can be implemented with Restoration Funds (H37)?

Central Valley Project Restoration Fund

(taken from FY2008 budget documents)

The Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Restoration Fund (Fund) was authorized in the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustments Act of 1992 (Act), Title XXXIV of P.L. 102-575, October 30, 1992. This Fund was established to provide funding from project beneficiaries for habitat restoration, improvement and acquisition, and other fish and wildlife restoration activities in the Central Valley Project (CVP) area of California. Revenues are derived from payments by project beneficiaries and from donations. Extensive coordination and cooperation between the Fish and Wildlife Service and Reclamation, in conjunction with the Restoration Fund Roundtable, continues to help ensure efficient and effective implementation of the Act. The Restoration Fund Roundtable includes Central Valley water users, hydropower representatives, and interested groups. The FY 2008 request, which includes \$1,334,000 in State cost-share funds, will provide funding to assist in the protection, restoration and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and associated habitats in the CVP area of California.

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE INTEGRATION: This project is aligned with the following *Department of the Interior's Strategic Plan* end outcome goal(s): Deliver Water. This project contributes to the following performance goals: natural production of anadromous fish; flows for fish habitat; construction of structural fish restoration actions; refuge water supplies; wildlife and associated habitat restoration; Trinity River Restoration; and data gathering and analysis to support all programs.