



## Trinity River Restoration Program

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Subject: Operating the Trinity River Division in Accordance with Water Rights  
 Order (WRO) 90-05 and Other Operational and Regulatory Objectives

Dear Mr. Milligan:

On April 2, 2009, Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) staff made a presentation to the Trinity Management Council (TMC) addressing two matters: (1) The 2009 recommended flow schedule for Trinity River releases; and (2) Both reservoir and in-river temperature modeling that was performed based on March 1 operating plan for 90 percent exceedance on Carr diversions and the 50 percent exceedance for Trinity River releases. The reservoir-temperature modeling performed by Russ Yaworsky of your staff was very helpful in demonstrating the options available to help meet regulatory temperature criteria for the Trinity River this year, in light of the predicted low lake levels. After the presentation, the TMC approved a motion that recommends to the Department of Interior that the "Dry Year" hydrograph, with a minor modification on the receding limb to provide bench flows for data gathering purposes, be adopted for 2009. In addition, the TMC approved a motion requesting that this letter be sent to you asking for clarification on the Bureau of Reclamation policy for operating the Trinity River Division to meet "basin of origin" temperature objectives for the Trinity River.

The TMC appreciates the Central Valley Operations Office's continuing assistance toward analyzing the impacts of the current hydrologic and operational conditions we are facing. Given that these conditions have not been experienced since the Record of Decision, the TMC requested that Mr. Mike Hamman, TRRP Executive Director, continue to facilitate the development of a technical working group that looks specifically at Trinity operations. In response, an ad-hoc group has met to analyze 2009 objectives,

Trinity Management Council

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