



# Trinity River Restoration Program

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September 26, 2010

Brian Person, Chair  
Trinity Management Council  
C/o Trinity River Restoration Program office  
P.O. Box 1300, Weaverville CA 96093  
By Hand and e-mail

Dear Mr. Person and TMC members,

On September 13th, the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group met and developed the following recommendations and messages to the Trinity Management Council.

The TAMWG membership applications request and TAMWG charter extension, which expires January 2011, have been processed by Randy Brown, the Designated Federal Official. **TAMWG recommends the TMC write a letter to the Secretary of Interior requesting that the Department of Interior expedite the decisions on TAMWG membership and extension of the charter.**

TAMWG noted that TMC minutes do not state which TMC entities voted aye or nay. **TAMWG requested future TMC minutes specify TMC member votes and positions.** TAMWG notes that in rare instances where TAMWG has a non-consensus vote (opposition or abstention) they encourage dissenting opinions to be provided as an attachment to the minutes.

A modification to the October ramp-down rate is being proposed by the flow work group. **TAMWG unanimously recommends that proposed ramp-down be accepted as a trial to determine its feasibility for annual utilization.**

TAMWG did not make a new motion on the fall pulse flows but noted the documentation and process of developing the work group recommendation was well done and future utility of the final result was beneficial.

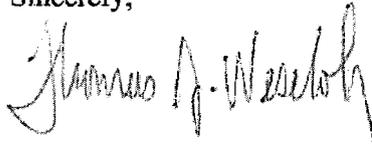
TAMWG tentatively scheduled the next meeting for December 13-14, 2010.

I was asked to highlight several previous TAMWG recommendations that members think require further TMC attention:

- **We ask again that TAMWG recommendations receive written TMC responses.** Arnold Whitridge reported to TAMWG after more than one TMC meeting that regular written responses were forthcoming. It is critical to build the trust of TAMWG members by ensuring written responses actually happen. At our meeting Brian Person stated his commitment as chair of the TMC to respond to the TAMWG in writing regarding ongoing requests and recommendations made by the TAMWG.
- **We ask again that all TMC and TRRP communications include all TAMWG members.**
- TAMWG members are discouraged by the discontinuation of the hatchery practices evaluation led by the Department of Fish and Game. **We ask again that the TMC renew its inquiry about hatchery management authority and encourage the hatchery ad-hoc and technical advisory groups to resume their work developing recommendations for hatchery management improvements.** If the process is moved to USFWS jurisdiction we request that TAMWG and Ad Hoc recommendations be included in discussions and deliberations.
- TAMWG members would like to see a response from CVO to the TMC letter.

I'll be happy to discuss TAMWG's views on these matters at the September 22-23 TMC meeting. TAMWG members appreciated the attendance of some TMC members on June 9; it may be that they can offer additional perspectives on stakeholder sentiments.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Weseloh, TAMWG vice-chair