

## Dissent Discussion of Motion by TAMWG to Recommend Maintaining Trinity Lake Reservoir level at One Million Acre Feet

While we share the TAMWG concerns over rising temperatures during certain times of the year in Trinity Lake Reservoir, we respectfully, and with no rancor, cannot join the majority vote to recommend that a specific level be maintained throughout the year.

Our concerns lie partly with the uncertainty of normal spring season rains in the northern Sacramento system due to a changing climate. Should late rains occur, keeping Trinity Lake at one million acre feet would present no problems in the northern Central Valley Project (CVP) system for irrigators. In recent years however, this occurrence has become far less predictable, causing concern in our minds that supplies to the CVP might be curtailed further than is already the case.

New operational provisions to provide water to the Delta come directly from the northern CVP. Should the weather type be as described in the paragraph above, curtailment of Trinity diversions and increases of Delta demands in the same water season could well cause cutbacks to Sacramento River water users. Until these demands are quantified, and sources are identified, uncertainty causes us to place our vote with the current operational criteria of the Trinity system and vote against the recommendation.

Potential cutbacks in electrical generation that might or might not be an issue, were Trinity Lake Reservoir to be maintained at a specific quantity, are yet another source of the uncertainty that precludes our vote in favor of the above cited motion.

We do agree however, with the premise that we need to continue to watch and analyze these issues and strive for the ability in the future to create and somehow maintain cooler water temperatures in the Trinity Lake Reservoir for the benefit of the ecosystem both at the lake and in the river downstream of the lake. Management of the Trinity system and its relationship to the Sacramento system needs to remain truly adaptive to

all needs wherever possible, and not set in stone by the selection of an arbitrary number regardless of conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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