



## Trinity River Restoration Program

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** TAMWG Chair and Members

**FROM:** Jennifer Faler, Acting Executive Director  
 Trinity River Restoration Program

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

**DATE:** September 13, 2010

This report discusses the major activities that have occurred in the Program since the June 2010 meeting.

#### Organizational Refinement

- Department of Interior agencies have developed a proposal for Program roles and responsibilities and are in the process of meeting with tribes for input. Proposal to be vetted at the Science Retreat next week.
- Memorandum of Understanding between Reclamation and the Service being finalized. It is anticipated that the MOU will lead to better collaboration and leadership from Interior agencies.
- The Executive Director position interviews scheduled for last week of September.

#### Budget Update and Process

- The 2012 budget process is being finalized and will also be vetted at the Science Retreat. It is anticipated that the 2012 Science Work Plan will be prepared by the Science Coordinator with input from the science work groups and that a 2012 Implementation Work Plan will be developed by the Implementation Branch Chief with input from the science and implementation work groups. The budget process includes outside review by the SAB, internal and external review panels, and a dispute resolution process. We hope to kick off the 2012 work plan development process immediately after the Science Retreat.

## **Annual Report**

- Progress has stalled. Handed off to Science Coordinator with new deadline of October.

## **Flow Scheduling and Temperature Management Work Group**

- Temperature management will be a separate work group. A work group charter is under development and will serve as an example for other work groups to follow. Reclamation planning staff is developing a proposal for an "appraisal-level" study to address temperature concerns in Trinity and Lewiston reservoirs. Trinity water quality and temperature will also be part of the Klamath Basin Watershed Study.
- Ramping rate adjustment proposal - Andreas

## **Program Operating Agreement or Plan**

- No formal action on developing a Program Operating Agreement. However, progress on organizational refinements and budget process could be memorialized in an operating agreement by the next Executive Director.

## **Implementation**

- After receiving recommendations from outside consultants, the design schedule for first group of phase 2 sites was extended. Consultants introduced concepts that the Design Team needs time to evaluate before implementing. Other work was pulled forward and Program is on track to have \$4-5 million of work ready to construct in 2011.
- Contractor to complete in-channel work by September 15. There may be a few days with noticeable turbidity beyond September 15<sup>th</sup> when off channel features are connected to mainstem. Program staff have worked closely with Contractor to minimize turbidity by implementing additional turbidity control measures.
- There have been numerous complaints about turbidity and about channel rehabilitation activities in general. Changes in the river caused by flows, gravel augmentation, and channel rehabilitation appear to be agitating local residents in Lewiston and Douglas City. Most of the complaints are about turbidity, erosion, and gravel accumulation.

## **Summary of Program Activities This Quarter**

The primary areas of activities for the TRRP office staff and partners during the past quarter have included:

1. Sediment Workshop in Weaverville.
2. Klamath Fall Flows recommendation completed.
3. TRRP hosted informational booths at Trinity County Fair and Sovereign's Days at Hoopa.
4. Tribal Trust training in Eureka hosted by FWS Arcata Field Office.

5. Numerous planning meeting to develop DOI roles and responsibilities and to prepare the Science Retreat.
6. Numerous planning meetings for TMC Workshop (Presentation by Clair Stalnaker per TAMWG request)

### **Recent Events and Meetings**

- May 10 thru 14 – Value Engineering Study of Phase 2 Site Designs
- May 11, 12 – IAP Steering Committee Proposal Review, Weaverville
- May 18 – Flow Schedule Conference Call
- May 20 – TMC Conference Call
- June 4 – DOI Integration Meeting
- June 9 – TAMWG Meeting
- June 14, 15, 16 – Design Team (Implementation WG) meeting
- June 23 – Physical Work Group meeting
- June 28 – Klamath Fall Flows meeting
- July 28 – Data Team meeting
- Aug 2, 3 – Sediment Workshop
- Aug 13 – Sovereign's Day at Hoopa
- Aug 19 – Tribal Trust training, Eureka
- Aug 23 – Flow /Temperature Work Group meeting
- Sep 8 – Data Team meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

- Sep 15, 16 – Reclamation's Commissioner visit to Weaverville
- Sep 20, 21 – Science Retreat, Eureka
- Sep 22, 23 – TMC Meeting/Workshop, Eureka
- Sep 28 – Design Team WebEx Meeting on 2011 Sites
- Sep 30 – Physical Work Group
- Oct 9 – Harvest Festival, Weaverville
- Oct 16 – Salmon Festival, Coleman Hatchery
- Oct 18, 19 – Design Team meeting
- Oct 20 – Trinity Fishing Guides meeting
- Dec 15, 16 – TMC Meeting, Redding

