



Trinity River Restoration Program

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Dear Mr. Person and TMC members,

At Robin Schrock's request, on September 12th TAMWG members discussed the rigidity of TAMWG's recommendation that a 20:30:50 ratio be maintained between TRRP budget allocations for administration, science, and implementation activities. Judgments differ, but the prevailing view seems to be that the 20:30:50 ratio can, at least during the Phase I review period, be regarded as an important but flexible guideline. I believe members are unanimous in thinking that explicit justification should be provided for any substantial variance from the recommended ratio, either in the budget or in actual expenditures.

Also on September 12, TAMWG members expressed appreciation for TRRP staff's attention to public concerns, and for staff's determination to improve TRRP's inter-disciplinary coordination. Members are pleased that a satisfactory Phase I review process is finally under way, and both pleased and impressed with the draft System Status Report summarized by Nina Hemphill. Members support the effort to distill ~10 "Big Questions" to guide TRRP decisionmaking.

TAMWG recommends that TRRP assess the advantages, disadvantages, and budget effects of marking 100% of hatchery fish with the marking trailer.

TAMWG renews its encouragement for timely TMC response to correspondence. We suggest that the TMC respond to the March 14 letter from the Trinity River Guide Association with minimal further delay.

Arnold Whitridge
TAMWG chair