



## Trinity River Restoration Program

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Subject: Response to Your Letter of March 27, 2012

Dear Chairperson Hadley: *Elizabeth-*

Members of the Trinity Management Council (TMC) offer our sincere congratulations to you and Mr. Gil Saliba following your elections as chair and vice chair, respectively. We very much look forward to continue working with you and other members of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) to further enhance our working relationship. We rely greatly on the advice and guidance provided by TAMWG members, so we are gratified to note that members have been approved for a three-year term.

The TMC has also heard from Mr. David Wellock regarding the impact to his property, which he believes was caused by gravel augmentation and construction of the Trinity House Gulch restoration site. We are aware that Trinity River Restoration Program (Program) staff has met with Mr. Wellock on several occasions in an effort to address his concerns, but to limited avail. Mr. Wellock has sought assistance from Congressman Wally Herger's office, and he has filed a tort claim with the Bureau of Reclamation as well. We will continue to urge the Office of the Solicitor and Reclamation to work within the limits of their authority to address Mr. Wellock's concerns. More broadly, we remain concerned about eroding support for in-river restoration project construction among other landowners, fishing guides, and some members of the public. The Program has expanded its public outreach efforts in recent months, which the TMC regards as critically important to our overall success. Just as the TMC relies on TAMWG members to relay critical input from the various public you represent, we believe you can be very successful in promoting the Program by conveying accurate information regarding the Program's objectives, accomplishments, and limitations and assistance towards that end would be a helpful.

We acknowledge that you have sought a revised timeline for the Phase One Review, presently underway by the Science Advisory Board (SAB). The schedule remains unchanged and will

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allow for incorporation of review findings into future channel-rehabilitation designs. The preliminary draft report will be available for Program partner review beginning July 1, 2012. The draft document will be provided to an external review panel on August 1, 2012. The final document is scheduled for release in November and will include a public presentation by SAB members. We look forward to the technical guidance the Phase One Review will provide to improve the effectiveness of Program activities, and we are considering how to combine the findings with other stakeholder considerations as we develop a plan for the remaining channel-rehabilitation sites.

Thank for your formal recommendation of the proposed 2012 flow schedule as developed by the Flow Work Group. Thankfully, the inflow forecast improved markedly in the days following your recommendation and was increased to 1,025,000 acre-feet (af) based on the April 1, 2012, forecast, prompting the TMC to approve the recommended "Normal" hydrograph. The May 1, 2012 revised inflow forecast increased to 1,125,000 af. We regret that no TAMWG member was available to participate in the May 17, 2012, teleconference during which the TMC discussed and approved the revised hydrograph; however, the possibility was briefly discussed during your March 22, 2012, meeting and the TMC did not believe its decision to be inconsistent with that dialogue.

Finally, TMC members universally support holding another joint meeting between the TAMWG and TMC to discuss various topics of mutual interest and, perhaps most importantly, foster a more cooperative working relationship. I will contact you by telephone to discuss dates and potential agenda items.

Sincerely,



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