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Dear Mr. Person:

The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) held an in person meeting on September 10, 2012, with a follow-up conference call on October 17, 2012. This letter serves to provide you with a summary of those meetings, along with our resulting policy management recommendations, as required by the TAMWG's Bylaws.

During the meeting on September 10, 2012, many comments were made in support of the TAMWG/Trinity Management Council (TMC) joint meeting that was held this past August. The TAMWG believes that the joint meeting was a worthwhile effort, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in order to facilitate optimal communication between our committees.

We learned that the Trinity County Resource Conservation District is developing a "TMC Response Matrix" we believe will serve as a useful tool for monitoring the TMC's responses to the TAMWG's recommendations. In addition, to ensure we thoroughly understand the reasoning behind these responses, **we are requesting that the TMC Chair (or his/her designee) walk through the TMC responses to the TAMWG's recommendations during the "TMC Chair Update" at each TAMWG meeting.**

We received a presentation from the Office of the Solicitor on the structure and parameters associated with a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) Committee, such as TAMWG. We thoroughly appreciated this overview, given our many new members, to ensure we are following the FACA's rules and requirements.

We received an update and status report from each of the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) workgroups and the 2012 water year. TRRP Executive Director, Robin Schrock, provided us with a presentation of the fiscal year (FY) 2012's accomplishments; the TAMWG is very pleased with these accomplishments and believes that Ms. Schrock has done an excellent job in carrying out the TMC's directives.

Brian Person, Chair-TMC

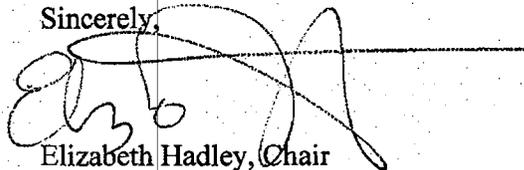
Given the FY 2013 budget was not available during our September meeting, the TAMWG convened a conference call on October 17, 2012, at which time Ms. Schrock presented us with the draft FY 2013 budget for our review. The TAMWG has three recommendations for the TMC, concerning the Draft FY 2013 budget:

1. **If additional funding is available, the TAMWG recommends that the TMC add at least \$500,000 to the Watershed Planning and Implementation Budget for FY 13;**
2. **The TAMWG requests that the Science Advisory Board review the efficacy of the "Lower Trinity River Sport Harvest Survey" given the limited public access; and**
3. **The TAMWG recommends the TMC approve the priorities as presented in the FY 13 Budget, with the caveat of the previous two recommendations, above (*please note the attached minority opinion corresponding to this recommendation*).**

Lastly, during our September 10, 2012, meeting the TAMWG received a presentation from the California Department of Water Resources and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on how the water year designations are surveyed and determined. In an effort to ensure the most accurate data is being collected and calculated, the TAMWG requested DWR and NOAA to develop a list of helpful tools or opportunities for the removal of barriers that could aid in their ability to perform snow surveys. The TAMWG received a letter from DWR and discussed a response during our October 17, 2012, conference call. As a result of that discussion, **the TAMWG recommends that the TMC receive the October 9, 2012, letter from DWR to the TAMWG (attached), and take into consideration the issues presented in the letter with regards to the snow surveys.**

We greatly appreciated the TMC's acknowledgement to our June 18, 2012, letter and look forward to your response to the TAMWG's recommendations included herein. On behalf of the TAMWG, I am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



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