



## Trinity River Restoration Program

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Subject: Response to Your Letter of January 14, 2013

Dear Chairman Hadley:

Thank you for your letter summarizing the proceedings of the January 10-11, 2013, Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) meeting and offering several recommendations. It was my pleasure to join you for a portion of the meeting to provide a Trinity Management Council (TMC) update and answer several questions posed by TAMWG members.

In the interest of clarity, I will paraphrase below each of the recommendations presented in bold font in your letter, followed by our response.

1. *...request that the TMC develop a mechanism for including the TAMWG's input into the next draft of the Phase I Report.*

The TMC discussed this recommendation at length at its January 16-17 meeting, during which several members expressed the importance of receiving and integrating comments from the TAMWG to the extent practicable, with some provisos. They include: assuring that TAMWG members refrain from sharing draft Phase I Review documents with anyone outside the TAMWG; limiting comments to only those technical in nature; compiling and submitting comments to the TMC (and subsequently to the Science Advisory Board (SAB)) exclusively through you as Chair; and recognizing that the TMC and/or the SAB may not integrate or respond to all comments submitted.

2. *...TAMWG supports the design team's efforts to encourage and include stakeholder input into the design process.*

Similarly, TMC members expressed the importance of transparency to the public in the overall design process. We did also, however, engage in a lengthy discussion focused on assuring design objectives for

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each site are initially established by Program staff and the respective design team, in maintaining the foundational goals for restoring the river. A formal motion was unanimously approved, advising that design teams will: determine design objectives for a particular site; develop conceptual designs meeting those objectives; share those concepts with stakeholders for their review; and consider stakeholder recommendations to the extent their inclusion would not unduly compromise meeting the primary design objectives.

3. *...TAMWG unanimously approved that high-flow gravel injections for 2013 occur at the Lewiston Weir site only.*

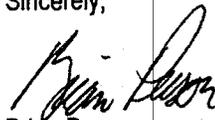
In deliberating this recommendation, TMC members cited information from the channel morphology presentation by Dave Gaeuman, which demonstrates that in virtually all sites studied, the influence of gravel injection on deep pools is quite localized. We also referenced the recommendation by the Physical Work Group, as well as the SAB comments on the importance of addressing the gravel deficit within the river corridor. Although the TMC thoroughly and carefully considered the TAMWG's recommendation, a motion was passed approving the Physical Work Group's recommendation to inject 2,000 cubic yards of gravel at the Lewiston Weir and 1,000 cubic yards at Lowden Ranch.

4. *...TAMWG recommends that the TMC consider accepting Mr. Wellock's claim for impact to his irrigation water system only, to help assure good public relations...and that the TMC develop a policy to ensure precedent is not set by looking at similar issues on a case-by-case basis.*

You'll recall from my presentation at the TAMWG meeting that since Mr. Wellock's Tort Claim was denied by the Office of the Solicitor, the Bureau of Reclamation is now considering Mr. Wellock's claim under a separate authority. The TMC recommended that no formal action be taken on the TAMWG motion until that process has reached an outcome, and will discuss Mr. Wellock's concern further then if it remains unresolved.

Again, thank you for your letter. We greatly appreciate the guidance and insights provided by the TAMWG.

Sincerely,



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