

Final Notes for Joint Meeting of the
**TRINITY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL and TRINITY RIVER ADAPTIVE
 MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

Indian Creek Lodge, Douglas City, CA
 Tuesday, August 27, 2013

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Attending TMC Members

Member	Representative Seat
Brian Person	Bureau of Reclamation, Chair
Ann Garrett	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Fisheries
Joe Polos	Fish and Wildlife Service
George Kautsky ¹	Hoopa Valley Tribe
Tim Hayden ²	Yurok Tribe
Teresa Connor ³	Department of Water Resources
Bill Brock ⁴	Forest Service
Elizabeth Hadley ⁵	Trinity Adaptive Management Work Group
Robin Schrock ⁵	Trinity River Restoration Program, Executive Director

1) Alternate for Mike Orcutt; 2) alternater for Dave Hilliemier; 3) alternate for Curtis Milliron; 4) alternate for Sharon Heywood; 5) non-voting members.

Attending TAMWG Members

Member	Representative Seat
Elizabeth Hadley	Chair, City of Redding Electric Utility
Tom Stokely	Vice-chair, California Water Impact Network
Gil Saliba	Redwood Regional Audubon Society
Ed Duggan	Willow Cr. Comm. Srv. Dist., E. Humboldt Co., and small bus.
Kelli Gant	Trinity Lake Alliance
Richard Lorenz	Trinity County Resident
Joe McCarthy	Commercial Fishing Guide
David Steinhauer	Whitewater Outfitters and Guides
Liam Gogan	Trinity River Guides Association
Carrie Nicolls	National Resources Conservation Service

Other attendees: D.J. Bandrowski and Ernie Clarke (Trinity River Restoration Program); Vina Frye (Fish and Wildlife Service); Don Reck (Bureau of Reclamation); Alex Cousins and Jeff Morris (Trinity County Resource Conservation District); Carrie Nicolls (National Resources Conservation Service); Liam Gogan (Trinity River Guides Association); Mike Merigliano (Scientific Advisory Board); Justin P. Day (Redding Electric Utility).

1. Field Tour of the Junction City Site

D.J. Bandrowski gave an overview of the site. D.J. and James Lee, riparian ecologist, discussed post-implementation aspects of the project, focusing primarily on the diverse hydraulics and complexities related to riparian revegetation endeavors.

2. Field Tour of the Lorenz Gulch Site

D.J. Bandrowski gave an overview of the site. Aaron Martin, Yurok Tribal Fisheries Biologist, explained the intricacies of the fish habitat created by implementation in association with large wood, side channel and boulder placement.

3. Field Tour of the Douglas City Site

D.J. Bandrowski gave an overview of the site and the collaboration between TRRP program partners and private landowners, and the success realized through some of the design components, including the water infiltration gallery and the mid-channel island/forced meander.

Lunch at the Indian Creek Lodge Conference Room

4. Discussion of TMC/TAMWG Communication and What Can Be Done to Improve It

- o Communication is a lot better than it has been. There are large benefits from meeting together (it was recommended that a joint meeting be held more than once a year).
- o Concerns over technology failure preventing individuals from participating in a productive way.
- o Concerns about getting information from one group to another in a timely manner.

5. Phase I Update (Mike Merigilano)

Mike Merigilano of the Scientific Advisory Board presented results of the Phase I Review (see slides).

- o Next steps for DSS (Decision Support System) to be addressed at the next TAMWG meeting.

6. Fall Klamath River flows update (Brian Person)

In an order released late on August 22, 2013, the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of California rescinded the Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) enjoining releases from Lewiston Dam to augment flows in the lower Klamath River. Because advance notice is necessary and substantial flow increases are initiated during the early morning hours for public safety purposes, the actual increase was started at 8:00 a.m. on August 25, 2013, coinciding with the flow increase to support the Hoopa Valley Tribe Boat Dance Ceremony.

After considerable analysis and coordination with tribes and other partners in the Trinity and Klamath River Basins, Reclamation executed a final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on August 6, 2013, stating that flow augmentation would begin the morning of August 13, 2013 (accounting for the two-day water travel time from Lewiston Dam to the lower Klamath). Shortly after the EA/FONSI was released, Westlands Water District and the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority filed a complaint and request for a Preliminary Injunction with the District Court. They later filed for a TRO, which was granted by the court at mid-day on August 13. Accordingly, augmentation flows initiated at 8 a.m. that morning began ramping down to

the base flow rate of 450 cfs at 3:00 p.m. After a hearing to address the TRO was scheduled for August 21, 22, and 23, the TRO was extended through August 23. The hearing actually concluded at mid-day on August 22, leading to the rescission order described above. The balance of the complaint filed by the plaintiffs will be taken up by the court at a later date.

Because the augmentation start was delayed by the court action, and because actual accretions to the Klamath River are significantly higher than were forecast at the time the EA/FONSI were prepared, Reclamation now estimates that 20-24 KAF will be released from Trinity Reservoir via Lewiston Dam to sustain 2,800 cfs in the lower Klamath River through September 21, 2013.

3:30 pm - Adjourn