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Subject: Response to Your Letter of April 2, 2013

Dear Chairman Hadley:

Thank you for your April 2, 2013, letter summarizing the most recent meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG). I will address your comments and recommendations below in the order they were presented.

Elections

Congratulations to you and Tom Stokely on your reelection as Chair and election as Vice Chair, respectively. We look forward to working with you in those capacities.

Executive Director Report and Meeting Logistics

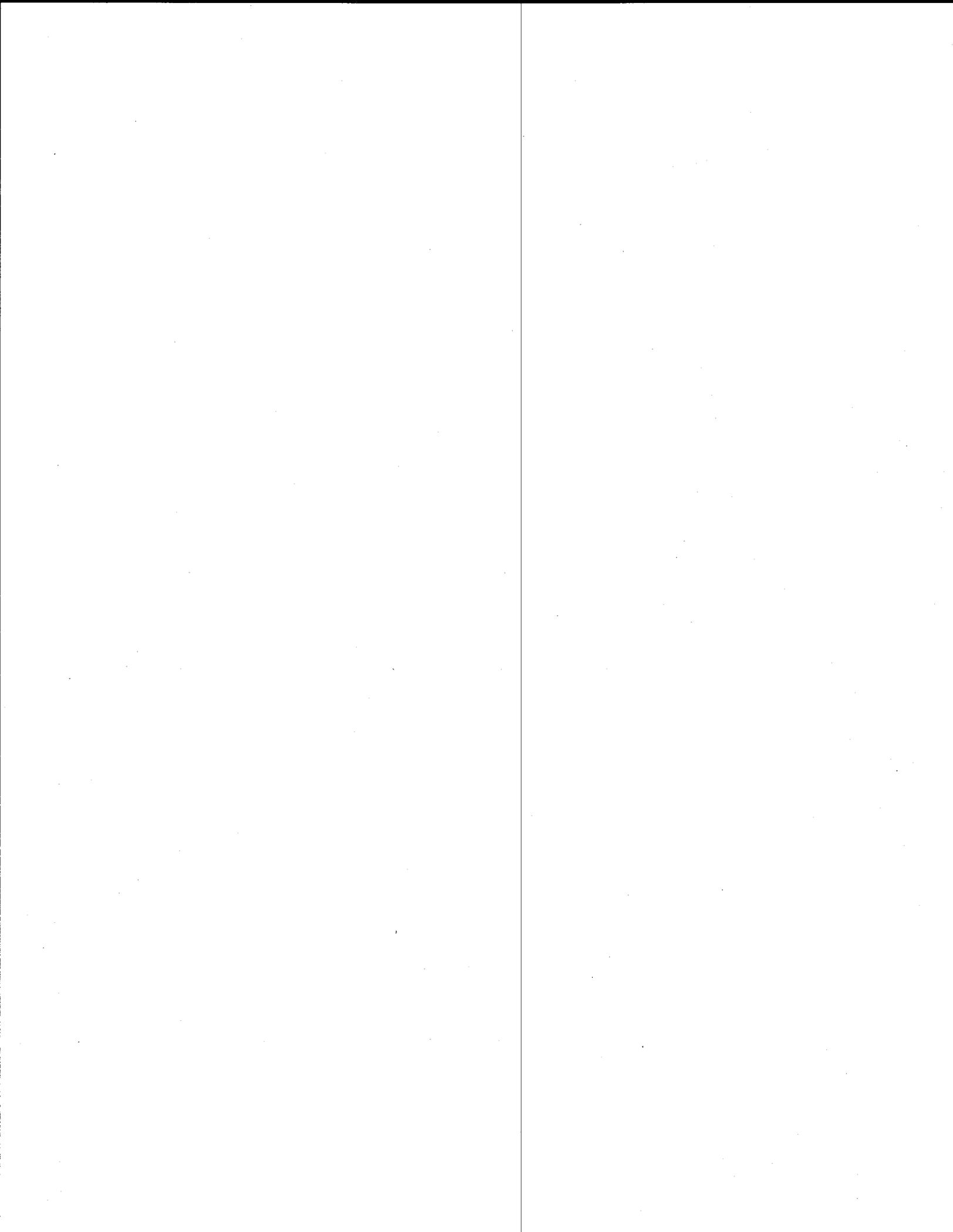
We appreciate efforts by the TAMWG to comply with travel restrictions imposed by the federal budget sequestration, and acknowledge the resulting inconvenience to TAMWG members. I will provide updates as information becomes available on the sequestration and other actions affecting the budget.

Water Year Type Determination and Restoration Flow Regime

As you projected, the water year type determination based on the April 1 forecast has been officially designated as "dry." Similar to their presentation at the TAMWG meeting, representatives of the Flow Work Group also presented the results of their flow schedule deliberations, along with their recommended flow schedule (Dry Alternative 3) at the April 3, 2013 Trinity Management Council (TMC) meeting. Trinity River Restoration Program (Program) staff assessed the projected efficacy of the prolonged bench on the rising limb, and determined it would meet the stated objectives. The TMC approved the recommended alternative.

Trinity Management Council

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Gravel Injection

As stated in your letter, the Physical Work Group initially recommended that 1,000 yd³ be placed at the Lowden site and 2,000 yd³ be placed at the Lewiston weir; however, that was based on a then-presumed "Normal" water year determination. Because hydrologic conditions deteriorated, and because the peak flow period was reduced from 5 days to 2 days, the Physical Work Group reached a consensus recommendation that 200 yd³ be placed at the weir during high flows. They could not reach consensus on placing gravel at the Sawmill site during low flows, however.

This matter was deferred until the April 22, 2013, TMC conference call, during which the TMC passed a motion approving the placement of 200 yd³ of gravel during high flows this year, and recommending that the TRRP continue efforts to refine the long-term course sediment management plan, which is to be presented at the December TMC meeting. The motion also recommended that the TRRP pursue efforts to place 1,500 yd³ at the Sawmill site during low flows, per the design presented to the Physical Work Group.

Decision Support System

We acknowledge the support expressed for the TMC moving forward with developing the Decision Support System (DSS) recommended by the Science Advisory Board. While there is a consensus among TMC members to support development of a DSS, some members strongly advocate an incremental approach. There will be continuing discussions throughout the Program regarding the DSS, and we will keep you apprized.

I note that the next TAMWG meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2013, and I will make every effort to attend. The TMC greatly appreciates your recommendations and your continued support of the Program.

Sincerely,

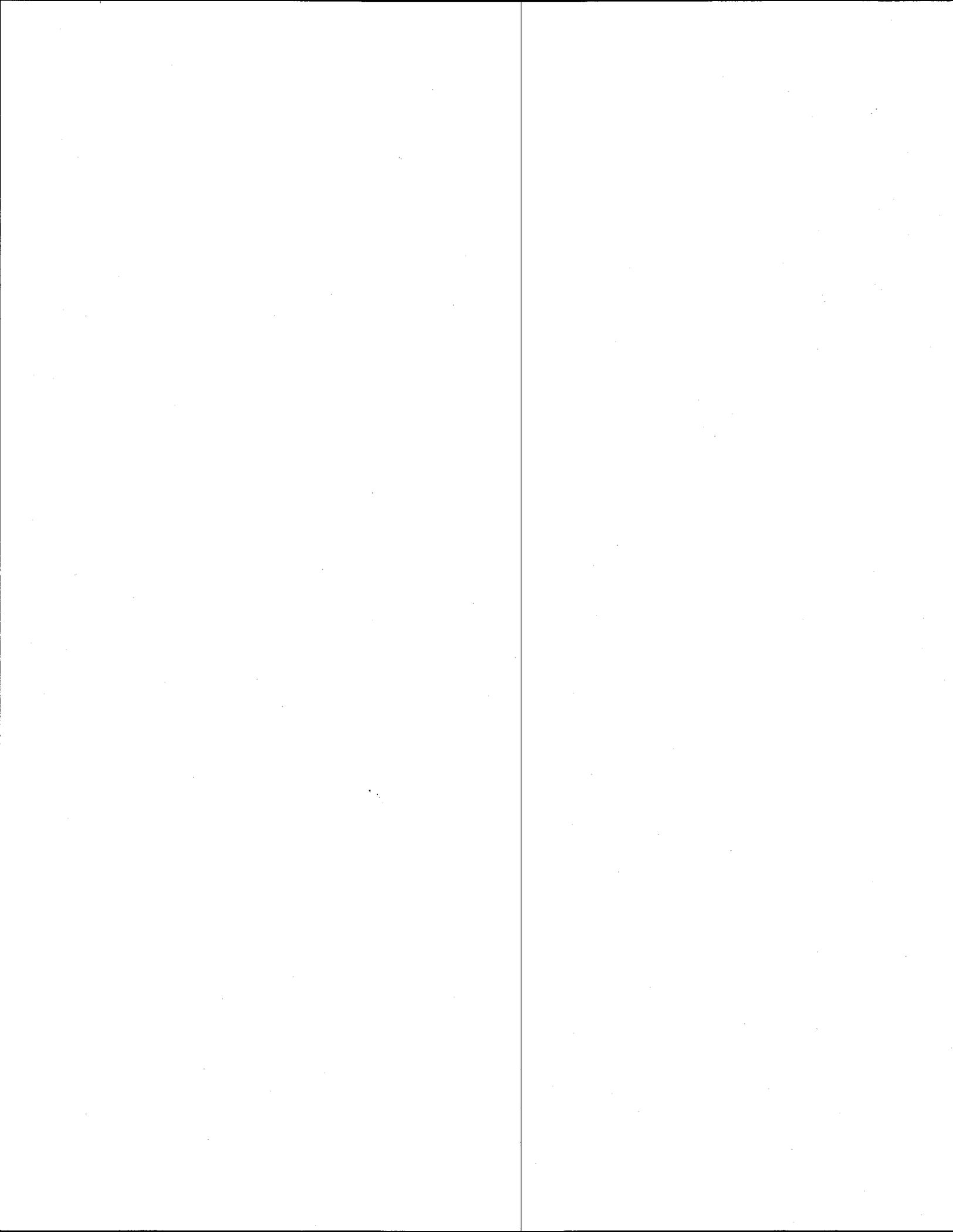


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