



## Trinity River Restoration Program

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** TMC and TAMWG Members

**FROM:** Robin Schrock, Executive Director  
 Trinity River Restoration Program

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

**DATE:** September 10, 2013

This report provides updates on all major Program activities since the June 2013 meeting. The most significant TRRP activities since June are completion of the in-channel construction activities at Lorenz Gulch and Douglas City. Final site contouring and revegetation will continue through the fall and winter.

**Budget Update** – another *tentative* FY 2014 proposed budget was developed under current guidelines (handout) and has been adjusted for a potential additional 3% reduction. Finalization of the program budget awaits congressional action that will determine the actual funding level.

#### Implementation Update (handout)

- Lorenz Gulch and Douglas City (portion below 299 bridge) In-Channel project features have all been implemented. Civil construction is 90% complete at both sites with only upland grading and vegetation components remaining.
- Sawmill Gravel Augmentation Bar in Lewiston is being implemented by the Yurok Tribe and will be completed by September 15th. Approximately 1500 cubic yards of gravel and 30 pieces of large wood will be constructed on the upstream river left existing gravel bar that was originally constructed in 2009.
- 2014/2015 project designs are currently at the 30% design stage. Bucktail and Lower Junction City are in progress toward the 50% design stage, with anticipated final designs by November 2013 timeframe. Updated metrics for the Juvenile Rearing and Riparian Function have been revised to support the 50% design development. The Dutch Creek project is currently on-hold at 30% design stage awaiting further input from the USFS NEPA process. The 2014/15 designs are being developed from the following groups: Junction City (Federal Design Group); Dutch Creek (State Design Group); Bucktail Re-design (Hoopa Valley Design Group).
- Value Engineering Study – External Peer Review took place in July for the projects listed above. The final report has been completed and distributed to the Design Team.
- Bucktail Bridge Design is 95% complete; final plans are expected by end of September 2013 and construction coordinated between CalTrans and Trinity County in 2015. Environmental compliance process for Bucktail Bridge is underway with a target completion by December 2013.

- Environmental compliance for Bucktail and Lower Junction City is being developed with an anticipated completion date of November 2013. An updated Biological Assessment (BA) task for the Trinity River has just been awarded to a consulting firm that will be revising the current BA over the next several months.
- The Well-Grant program has been completed for FY2013 with the following statistics:
  - 20 applications for well improvements – 2 ineligible, 2 did not complete paperwork.
  - 1 application for septic improvements was not completed.
  - 16 landowner reimbursements for a total of \$126,206.

### Science Update

- The peer review guidelines have been posted:  
<http://odp.trrp.net/Data/Documents/Details.aspx?document=2116>
- The workgroup manual has been posted:  
<http://odp.trrp.net/Data/Documents/Details.aspx?document=2117>
- TRRP staff responded to SAB comments on the Fiscal Year 2014 science work plan and incorporated recommended changes.
- The Flow workgroup is adapting the flow scheduling process. Change from the past few years include starting earlier to ensure alternatives are fully vetted, planning for multiple water year types, and including high-glow flow gravel options in flow planning.
- The SAB has circulated drafts of all Phase I Review appendices for TRRP input.
- National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Fisheries Ecology Division recently completed a review entitled Klamath-Trinity Basin fall run Chinook salmon scale age analysis evaluation.
- Two draft reports are undergoing peer review:
  - 2012 Sediment Budget Update, Trinity River, Lewiston Dam to Douglas City, California.
  - Juvenile Salmonid Monitoring on the Mainstem Trinity River, California, 2012.

**New Publications**      *New!* The [TRRP 2012 Annual Report](#) has been posted on the Online Data Portal.

### Organizational Updates

Access to TMC information has been updated on the TRRP website: <http://www.trrp.net>

Go to the [Calendar](#) to check the date, location and time of TMC meetings. These occur quarterly and we hope to have draft agendas approved by the TMC members about two weeks before the meetings. From the [Meeting Materials](#) link you are led to a list of all the TMC meetings, since 2001, for which materials are available. By selecting a meeting date, you are provided with files of the agenda, Executive Director's report, approved minutes when finalized, and the TMC Meetings Material file will have handouts and presentations in the order of the agenda.

### Save the Dates

TMC December Meeting – *tentatively* scheduled for December 11 – 12, 2013. Hoopa, CA.

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmon Festival – Saturday, October 12, 2013. 10 AM – 4 PM.  
Highland Arts Center Meadow, Weaverville, CA.