



Trinity River Restoration Program

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Dear Mr. Person:

The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) met on September 10, 2013. This letter serves to provide you with a summary of that meeting along with our resulting policy management recommendations, as required by TAMWG's bylaws.

We received an update from our Designated Federal Officer. Based on that update **the TAMWG recommends that the Trinity Management Council (TMC) send a letter to the Fish & Wildlife Service requesting that TAMWG members be reimbursed for their travel to TAMWG meetings.** To better track TAMWG actions, such as requested actions to TMC, an action-decisions/activities spreadsheet has been developed and will likely be available via the TAMWG web portal maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

We appreciated your TMC update and hope that the discussion regarding our June motion requesting that the Department of the Interior provide us with a presentation on conflict of interest issues was helpful in clarifying our concerns. As we discussed, I will be working with you and the Trinity River Restoration Project (TRRP) staff to develop a plan for such a presentation for our next meeting on December 5, 2013.

The TRRP Executive Director and staff provided us with the status of the various TRRP workgroups. We are supportive of the current workgroup reorganization efforts as it appears they will streamline the TRRP's efforts. We walked through the proposed budget and **recommend to the TMC that the FY 14 budget allocations conform to an approximate 50-30-20 split** between Rehabilitation Implementation, Science, and Program Administration, respectively. We debated the need to prioritize FY 14 Rehabilitation Implementation funding for new projects versus re-designing/re-visiting existing sites, but did not agree on any recommendation for the TMC.

Finally, we discussed the current status of the Phase 1 review and **reaffirm our support for the implementation of a Decision Support System (DSS), as suggested by the Science Advisory Board in their September 4, 2013 letter.**

On behalf of the TAMWG, I am available to answer any questions.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Hadley, Chair
Chair, Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

