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MEMORANDUM

TO: TMC and TAMWG Members

FROM: Robin Schrock, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

DATE: December 15, 2014

This report provides updates on all major Program activities since the September 2014 Trinity Management Council meeting. Five scientific reports and two remote sensing products were completed and posted on the Online Data Portal. Completion of the Lower Junction City site civil construction was directed by the Yurok Tribe. Revegetation of the construction site was completed with plans for revegetation of river left at in the vicinity of Hocker Flat for early 2015. Significant public outreach occurred with a public river float to various sites along the river where TRRP staff from across the partnership provided science briefs specific to the location. Detailed work group updates are included in the attached quarterly work group reports.

Budget Update

The TRRP FY2015 budget projection has changed since the June 2015 proposed budget. Restoration funding is limited this year across the Mid-Pacific Region, however, $980,000 was secured to fund the planned Limekiln project. A combination of very late assurance of 2014 Restoration Funds (RF) in April, and late award of the Douglas City civil construction contract resulted the need to separately fund the revegetation and irrigation components in 2015. A request was made for the balance of the 2014 funding to cover this effort.

A request for information regarding the use of Restoration Funds for activities beyond rehabilitation site construction was made to the RF Program Manager. RF are used to address adverse effects of the Central Valley Project. TRRP requests would have to outweigh other potential uses and justify why existing resources cannot address the need.

Public Outreach

- Science along the River: The Collaborative Adaptive Management Network (CAMNet) and local host the Trinity River Restoration Program convened the sixth Rendezvous in Weaverville, California October 6-8, 2014. The event was made possible with support from the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, ESSA Technologies Ltd., the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Science and Technology Program, and participant registration fees. Participants came from British Columbia, California, Colorado, Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, and Utah, and included adaptive management and collaboration practitioners, scientists, academics, students, natural resource managers, and policy makers from state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, universities, and the private sector. The river science float on October 7 was closely coordinated with a public float sponsored by the TRRP and organized by the RCD on October 7. Short technical presentations by technical experts conducting scientific monitoring and restoration implementation for the program were held at relevant locations along the river.
- http://adaptivemanagement.net/content/camnet-rendezvous-2014

- Middle School Field Day: TRRP technical staff from the Yurok Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe and Reclamation instructed middle school students from Douglas City School in restoration methods used for river channel, fish and wildlife, and riparian habitat enhancement during a field day at the newly completed Lower Junction City restoration site.

- Channel Rehabilitation Workshop: Trinity Management Council partners, their technical staff and the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (FACA committee) participated in a public workshop to review the current status of channel rehabilitation project planning, design and implementation. Workshop sessions include a review of Record of Decision tenets, how habitat assessments inform design, how and why design concepts have changed over time, and riparian corridor responses to changing revegetation methods. The workshop ended with next steps in implementation of the Scientific Advisory Board recommendations for development of the Fish Production Model as the keystone of the TRRP Decision Support System.