



Trinity River Restoration Program

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Ms. Elizabeth Hadley, Chair
Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group
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Subject: Response to your August and September 2015 letters

Dear Chairwoman Hadley,

Thank you for the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group's (TAMWG) August 27 and September 16, 2015 letters to the Trinity Management Council (TMC). The recommendations from your letters are paraphrased below in italics, followed by our response:

1. *...recommends to the TMC that for the 2016 budget, an additional \$1-2 million be transferred from mainstem work to watershed restoration work.*

The TMC shares the TAMWG's desire to restore watersheds of the Trinity River and ensure tributary streams are productive spawning and rearing areas for salmon and steelhead. However, the TMC feels that prioritization of mainstem Trinity River restoration sites is prudent, because directing \$1-2 million towards watershed work would significantly delay the schedule for completing remaining mainstem restoration sites. TMC members are concerned that the pace of construction of mainstem restoration sites (approximately 1-3 sites per year) is not fast enough for timely restoration of river processes and salmonid habitat. To help increase the pace of mainstem restoration, the TMC has developed an Efficiencies Subcommittee, which will look for ways to reduce costs, expedite the permitting process, and other measures aimed at making the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) more efficient.

The 2016 budget passed at the September TMC meeting includes \$500,000 for watershed restoration. In addition, some TMC member organizations are pursuing watershed restoration using non-TRRP funding sources. The TMC also understands the importance of ensuring money directed to watershed restoration by the TMC is actually being spent on watershed restoration, and that successful applicants for these funds can easily obtain them. This topic will be covered by the TMC in detail at our December meeting.

2. ...unanimously recommend[s] that the [Efficiencies] Subcommittee include the TAMWG Chair and participation by the public.

The TMC agrees that the Efficiencies subcommittee should include the TAMWG Chair-thank you for participating in recent meetings of the subcommittee. Insights and perspectives from the TAMWG are valued by the TMC and help make the TRRP and the TMC more effective. If members of the public wish to contribute to the Efficiencies Subcommittee, we recommend they provide their recommendations and ideas to the TAMWG, who can then pass them on to the subcommittee.

I hope that TAMWG members will be able to join the December TMC meeting for those portions that are of interest to them. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you and other TAMWG members at your meeting on December 10th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth Naman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Seth Naman, Chair
Trinity Management Council