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Mike Long, Chair
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Dear Mr. Long,

Here are recommendations from the March 19-20 TAMWG meeting.

2007 flow schedule: The TAMWG supports the use of the ROD hydrograph. The TAMWG recommends against allocating ROD volume for possible extra late summer releases. If provision for extra late summer releases seems desirable, we recommend that the Bureau of Reclamation be asked to secure additional water beyond the ROD volume. The TAMWG suggests that the TMC seek the ability to "bank" ROD water between years.

Regarding the IAP, the TAMWG recommends that the TMC resolve all outstanding policy issues. The TAMWG accepts Part 1 and recommends that the efforts of the writing group now be directed to preparation of Part 2 on the proposed schedule. The TAMWG appreciates the work of Curtis Anderson, Rod Wittler, ESSA, and the rest of the writing group in developing Part 1.

2008 budget: The TAMWG recommends that the TMC pursue "full program funding" for 2008 and 2009. Our collective judgment is that the valuable work-group deliberations and the synthesis by TRRP staff have produced a reasonable budget for the unsatisfactory funding understood to be available. The TAMWG supports completion of the Dark Gulch and Lewiston 4 projects in 2008, though a motion to recommend transferring 2008 funding from the TMAG to the RIG to facilitate this was unsuccessful. We agree that coded wire tagging operations are important but suggest that the TMC seek funding ($348,000 total) for them under hatchery O & M rather than through the TRRP budget. We recommend that the full program cost of watershed work be identified as $2 million per year, as specified in the ROD.

The TAMWG recommends that the TMC approve a TRRP budget in March.

Sincerely,

Arnold Whitridge

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