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Dear Mr. Long,

As you no doubt remember, the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group met on June 13; this letter conveys the TAMWG's June 13th recommendations to the TMC, along with a request.

The meeting was primarily devoted to the proposed FY2006 TRRP budget. Members appreciate the one-page project descriptions, and offered suggestions for their ongoing development. Members seemed to approve of the progress that staff has made towards a program-driven budget. There is general TAMWG support for the attempt to allocate 50, 30, and 20% of budget resources respectively to RIG, TMAG, and Administrative functions this year, and for the plan to increase TMAG emphasis and decrease RIG emphasis in future budgets. By formal motions, the TAMWG recommends that the TMC:

- adopt the budget presented on June 13; and
- adopt a budget on June 22; and
- seek adequate funding for "full program" needs in future years; and
- seek a one-time appropriation of \$5 million to meet floodplain mitigation costs.

In addition, the TAMWG asked me to ask the Interior Secretary to expedite the appointment of a new TAMWG membership (letter attached), and TAMWG requests that the TMC make a similar appeal of its own.

At the TMC meeting on June 21-22, I'll be happy to try to provide any clarification or further information that may be needed.

Sincerely,

Arnold Whitridge, TAMWG Chair