



# Trinity River Restoration Program

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** TAMWG Chair and Members

**FROM:** Jennifer Faler, Acting Executive Director  
Trinity River Restoration Program

**SUBJECT:** Director's Report

**DATE:** June 7, 2010

This report discusses the major activities that have occurred in the Program since the March 2010 meeting.

### Organizational Refinement

- The current focus of the organizational refinement is the integration of the DOI agencies and incorporation of input from Nancy Finley and Ernie Clarke. Nancy Finley's initial observation of the Program is that a common vision needs to be established, then the monitoring and assessment plan should be adjusted, if necessary, to reflect that vision. It is difficult to make decisions on staffing, especially new hires until the aforementioned is complete. It is anticipated that this can be accomplished at the science retreat. Nancy and Ernie are a welcome addition to the Program.
- Due to the increased volume of construction activities and the greater role of the Program office in the construction process, filling a Construction Manager position is a priority (refer to Attachment 1 – Functional Organization Chart).
- The Executive Director position advertisement period was extended for a second time. The application period closed on June 1st and a list of qualified applicants has been received by Brian Person.

### Budget Update and Process

- The 2011 budget formulation process included a proposal process which served to increase transparency and improve coordination amongst Program partner staff. While there were a few difficulties encountered, overall the process was beneficial.

- The TMC requested that the Acting Executive Director provide an update to the TAMWG on the actions taken to address the conflict of interest that exists in the Program.
  - The TMC discussed the issue at length at the December 2008 retreat;
  - A team is in the process of drafting a paper on the issue;
  - Mike Hamman formulated a plan including:
    - 5-year budget development process;
    - limited RFP process in 2011;
    - multi-year (base funding) agreements with tribal partners; and
    - more competitive RFP process in 2012.
  - Progress has been made on Mike Hamman's plan since the March TAMWG meeting.

### **Annual Report**

- Anticipate having a draft version of the report out for TAMWG, et al review by the end of June.
- Will also use the SAB and the USGS to review and comment on a good draft with the goal of finalizing the report for publication in August 2010.

### **Flow Scheduling and Temperature Management Workgroup**

- The 2010 water year flow schedule is being implemented. A problem with the USGS gage in Lewiston, caused by our gravel additions, has led to variations in the flow schedule. Refer to Attachment 2 for a planned versus actual comparison of the flow releases.
- ED is in the process of scheduling the next Flow Schedule and Temperature Management Workgroup Meeting.
- TMC was unable to pass a motion to draft a letter to Reclamation requesting a minimum pool of 1 million acre feet. Instead a letter requesting that CVO work with TRRP's Flow Schedule and Temperature Management Work Group to analyze temperature management options and develop recommendations to meet these objectives.

### **Program Operating Agreement or Plan**

- The TMC has demonstrated full support for the ED to pursue the development of an operating agreement or a plan to improve working relationships, the science program as a whole and become a more efficient program. As identified within the 2004 Subcommittee Report and the CDR Situation Assessment, this activity has been identified as perhaps the most important work that needs to be accomplished. Additional progress has occurred here with the two DOI agencies continuing to interact and further refining their respective degrees of responsibilities and oversight of Program activities. The Science Coordinator has met with most of the Program partners and during this important outreach activity has received organizational input from Program partners.
- The work planning process continues to evolve in a positive direction with the 2011 proposal process and science work plan forming the basis for establishing a consistent and transparent process for developing annual work plans and projects and the commensurate budgets.

## **Implementation**

- Conceptual designs and Implementation Work Group (Design Team) review completed for first 10 Phase 2 sites. The designs are currently undergoing a Value Engineering review. Costs for the first 10 out of the 23 Phase 2 sites are estimated at \$20+ million. Implementation Branch Chief will prepare a draft plan to complete all 23 Phase 2 sites for review by TAMWG and TMC.
- Preparing to mobilize contractor for ARRA sites. Erick Amman was awarded the Lowden Ranch Area and Reading Creek Rehabilitation Sites contracts. Construction is scheduled from June – December 2010. Public meeting was held in Lewiston to inform the community about pending construction activities. Meeting was well attended by members of the public.
- Gravel augmentation during high flows was completed in May. Approximately 1,500 CY at the Weir Hole-Diversion Pool and 1,500 CY were injected into the river at Lowden Ranch. No known fishing impacts from this year's gravel augmentation activities, but Program is working with USGS to resolve the gage problem.

## **Summary of Program Activities This Quarter**

The primary areas of activities for the TRRP office staff and partners during the past quarter have included:

1. FY2011 proposal process led by the IAP Steering Committee.
2. Final review of the 2011 Budget by the B Team.
3. FY2010 grants, agreements, contracts being pushed through system and FY2011 initial AFA's almost complete.
4. 2010 flow schedule being implemented.
5. Public outreach meeting held in Lewiston to inform community about upcoming construction activities.
6. High flow gravel augmentation completed in May.
7. 2010 field activities are well underway including rehabilitation site design and IHAP work.
8. Second draft of the Annual Report was completed in June

## **Recent Events and Meetings**

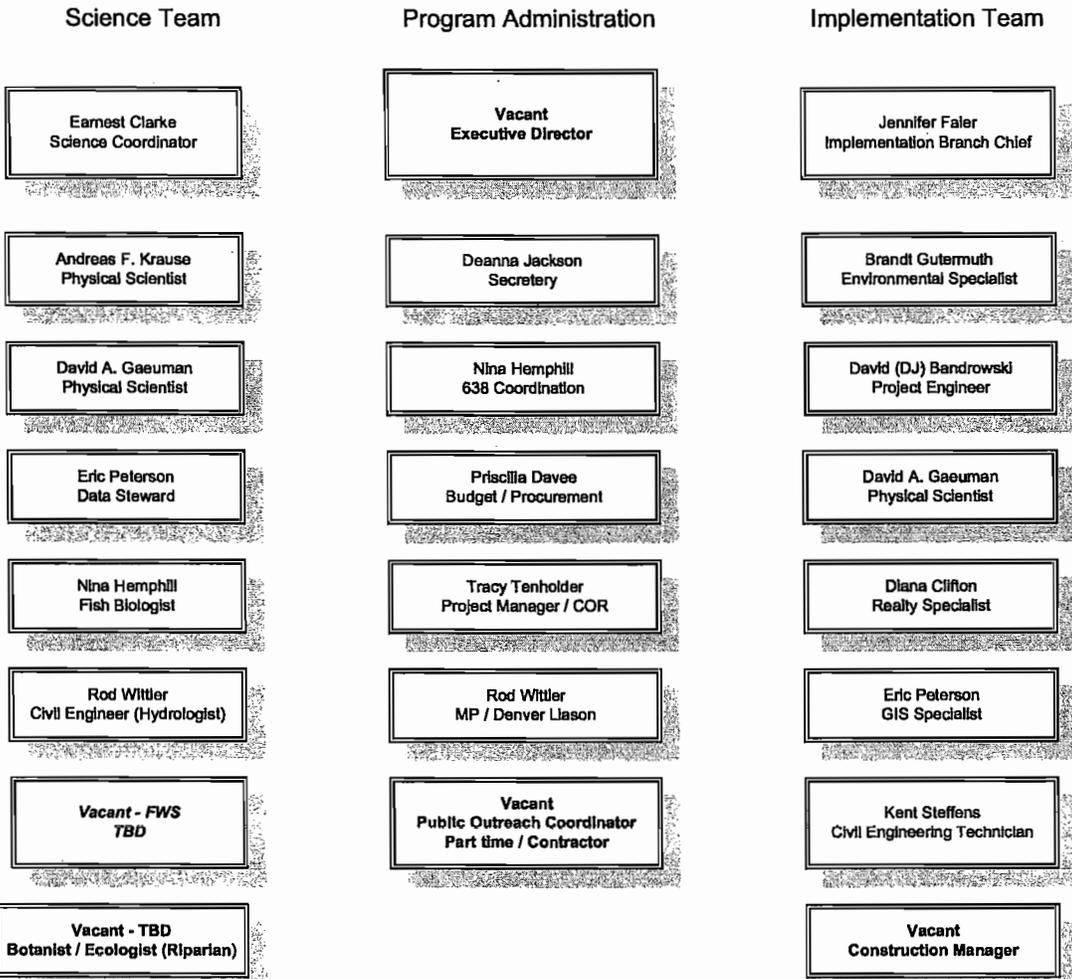
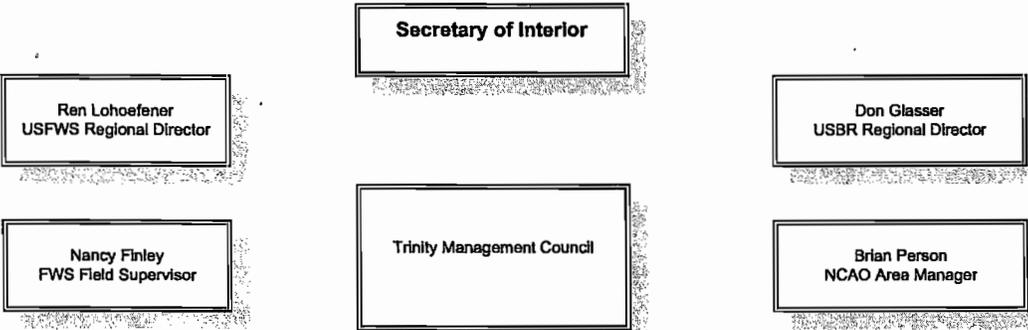
- Jan. 12 – SAB meets to discuss their 2010/2011 involvement and to tour the Upper Trinity
- Jan. 13,14 - TRRP Science Symposium
- Jan. 19,20 - Design Team meeting
- Jan. 25 – Flow Scheduling and Temp. Management Work Group meeting, Weaverville
- Feb. 1,5 – Klamath Basin Science Conference
- Feb. 11 – TMC Conference Call
- Feb. 18,19: DOI staff and HVT Fisheries staff retreat in Redding
- Feb. 24 – Flow Scheduling and Temp. Management Work Group meeting, Weaverville
- Mar. 15 - B Team meeting, 2011 budget, Weaverville
- Mar. 16 – Flow Scheduling and Temp. Management Work Group meeting, Arcata
- Mar. 17 – Physical and Riparian Work Group meeting , Arcata
- Mar. 18 – TMC Conference Call
- Mar. 19 – Mike Hamman's last day
- Mar. 22 – Fish and Riverine Ecology work group meeting, Weaverville

- Mar. 24 – TAMWG Meeting, Weaverville
- Mar. 31, April 1 – TMC Meeting in Hoopa
- Apr. 13 - Contingency Flow Scheduling Work Group
- Apr. 14,15 – Design Team Meeting
- Apr. 15 – TMC Conference Call
- Apr. 16 – DOI Integration Meeting, Arcata
- Apr. 20 – Riparian Revegetation Regulatory Meeting, Weaverville
- Apr. 27 – Physical Work Group Proposal Review Meeting, Arcata
- May 10 thru 14 – Value Engineering Study of Phase 2 Site Designs
- May 11, 12 – IAP Steering Committee Proposal Review, Weaverville
- May 18 – Flow Schedule Conference Call
- May 20 – TMC Conference Call
- June 4 – DOI Integration Meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

- June 9 – TAMWG Meeting, Weaverville
- June 14 thru16 - Design Team Meeting
- June 16 and 17 – TMC Meeting, Weaverville
- June 23 – Physical Work Group Meeting
- July 15 – TMC Conference Call
- July 22 – TMC Trinity River Float
- July or August – Science Retreat
- Aug 2, 3 – Sediment Workshop
- Aug 19 – TMC Conference Call

**Trinity River Restoration Program Office  
DRAFT Functional Diagram  
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# 2010 High Flow Releases - Scheduled vs. Gaged

